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Add your name and "donation" as references.

## Humour



The famous question is asked for the first time.



### **PEW NEWS**

Sunday 17th August 2025

Living out the love of Christ in our worship and service to all people.

# Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone. We are glad you have joined us in this celebration of our life of faith in God. There is a special church area to help children feel at home here, and we hope you will join us for morning tea after the Service.

The Bible Readings for today - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5: 1-7 Hebrews 11: 29, - 12: 2, Luke 12: 49-56

#### INTRODUCTION

Isaiah 5:1-7 "The Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard" – This is an allegorical song from the beginning of the seventh century BC. God, who is like a gardener, looks lovingly at the vineyard. The vineyard is a metaphor for the house of Israel, and the vines are the people of Judah. Despite the efforts of the gardener the vines yield wild grapes. The gardener abandons the vineyard; the walls are broken down and the vineyard is left vulnerable to attack.

**Hebrews 11:29-12:2** "The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes" – This passage lists faithful people who persisted against great odds and motivated by *faith* did great things. We are to keep our eyes focused on the *faith* of Jesus 'the pioneer and perfecter of our *faith*' who endured great suffering but also experienced the sustaining power of God. We are invited to 'run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfector of our *faith*...' (Heb. 12:1-2).

Luke 12:49-56 "Jesus the Cause of Division; Interpreting the Time" – In Luke 2:34-35, when Jesus is taken to the temple as a tiny baby, it is prophesied that he will be a sign amongst the people of Israel that will create division, tension and opposition. As an adult Jesus' ministry confronts and disturbs and the promise of peace becomes the threat of division. In fact, Jesus warns his disciples that the good news, which is centred in his person and work, will bring division. He also speaks about the crisis events coming as one age concludes and a new age begins - the age of the Spirit, which is symbolized by Pentecostal fire, or the Church age.

## Sentence

'Is not my word like fire,' says the Lord, 'and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces!'

Jeremiah 23:29

## **Collect**

Come Holy Spirit,
to all baptised in your name
that we may turn to good
whatever lies ahead.
Give us passion, give us fire;
make us transform the world from what it is,
to what you have created it to be.
This we ask through Jeus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Notices**

**Vestry—meets today at 11.45 am** in the Parish lounge.

The Women's Coffee Group meets on Thursday 21st August at 2pm in the Eastgate Mall food court. All welcome. Contact Carole on 0210504811.

St Chads "SPRING MARKET": Saturday 13th September 10.00am - 2.00pm. Book this on your calendar. We will be holding a white elephant stall and plant stalls, so if you have anything you would like to donate, please let us know. We will need helpers on the day and if your keen to help out on the day, just let me know. More details will come closer to the day. Thank you. Julie (ph 027 451 7896).

Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop			
Day	Activity	Time	
(A) = St Ambrose site		(C) = St Chad's site	
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	(A)	9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	(A)	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	(A)	1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	(C)	2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
Wednesday	Op Shop	(C)	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	(C)	10am
	Parish Prayer Group		Temporarily in abeyance
Thursday	Elder Care Group	(A)	10am—12.30pm
Friday	Op Shop	(C)	9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	(A)	9.45 am
	Food Bank , Café and Firewood	(A)	10am—12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	(C)	11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	(C)	12 noon
Saturday	Messy Church	(A)	1st Saturday of the month  — 3pm to 4.30pm
Sunday	Eucharist	(C)	10am
At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.			
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)		Tuesday 10am to 4pm

# <u>Next Week's Bible Readings — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Hebrews 12: 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17