Anglican Church of Linwood and Aranui

PEW NEWS

Sunday 25th October 2026

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

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 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Matthew 22: 34-46

Deacon Anne Writes: Over past Sundays the Gospel has led us through the ongoing drama between Jesus and some of the religious leaders of his time. The Pharisees raise the issue of taxes, then the Sadducees challenge Jesus about resurrection. Today we hear the Pharisees again: "hey, Jesus, which is the most important commandment, the most important rule?"

Now this is important to the Pharisees because from their point of view, if everyone just kept all the rules that were written in **their** books then Israel would be restored to its rightful place as a political power in its own right. And their Messiah would come to lead them just as promised by God through the prophets. So the Pharisees ask Jesus (to test him, of course): "which is the most important rule?"

And of course, Jesus has an answer for them. It's all about love. He holds up before them the very essence of **all** their rules: love God, love others. All the law and prophets hang on these two: love God, love others. Surely the Pharisees will hear this and see that all Jesus' radical work of healing and teaching now make sense? Sadly, no. For them it's much easier to simply live by rules. It's really hard to instead examine what loving God, and loving others might look like in our everyday life. It's much harder to live into the reality of this kind of love.

What will we choose? The way of rules? Or Jesus' way of love?

Sentence

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. *Matthew 22:37–40*

Collect

Almighty God,
you teach us in your word
that love is the fulfilment of the law:
grant that we may love you with all our heart
and our neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Our lovely Christmas Market will be on Saturday 28th Nov, 10-2 pm at St Ambrose. Looking for Christmas items, small gifts or food to help build up some raffles. Will be greatly appreciated, thank you. Also, if anyone would like to help on the day, please let me know. A great festive time with people coming together. For more info, please contact Julie W 027 451 8796.

Lights and Lollies is a whānau fun event! This takes place on "Halloween": **Saturday 31 October 4pm-7pm** at the **Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street**. Come with your whānau between 4pm-7pm for fun, food, games, great vibes, and lollies! Free registration! Be quick to register as there will be a limited number of complimentary kids' meals provided by Empire Chicken. Free hot chocolates and soda water available. Register via **https://events.humanitix.com/lights-and-lollies-at-the-cardboard-cathedral**

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 to 12 Noon
	Handiscope	***(A)***	1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	***(C)***	2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
	Games Afternoon	***(C)***	3rd Tues of the month – Contact Menna re time
Wednesday	Op Shop	***(C)***	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	***(C)***	10am
	Chair Yoga (cost $5)	***(C)***	1.30pm to 2.30pm
Thursday	Elder Care Group	***(A)***	10am to 12.30pm
Friday	Op Shop	***(C)***	9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	***(A)***	9.45am
	Food Bank, Café and Firewood	***(A)***	10am to 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	Wednesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)		10am to 4pm

Next Week's Bible Readings — All Saints' Day

Revelation 7: 9-17 1 John 3: 1-3 Matthew 5: 1-12

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St Ambrose Church is at 309 Breezes Road, just off Pages Road

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Donations to the Parish may be made to our bank account which is:
Name: Parish of Linwood — Aranui: No: 03-1700-0214522-00.
Add your name and "donation" as references.

Humour

Church sign:

Trouble sleeping, come listen to one of our sermons!