

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 – the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20	1 Corinthians 3: 1-9
Matthew 5: 21-37	

INTRODUCTION

From Bishop Peter:

This **Sunday, 15th February 2026** is **Epiphany 6**. The Gospel reading is **Matthew 5:21-37**. Being a disciple of Jesus is costly. Jesus calls us in passages such as this to live up to a very high calling. If we are challenged by this passage, let's pray for God's help through the Holy Spirit to live up to our high calling. If we are not challenged by this passage, let's take care not to be proud of our righteous state!

Bishop Peter's March 2026 Quiet Days: 9am to 3pm, with the morning spent in Bible study led by Bishop Peter, and the afternoon in prayer for the world and for the Diocese:

1. Saturday 7 March, All Saints, Hokitika (Gospel of John chapters 1-3 for the Bible study)
2. Saturday 14 March, Church of the Epiphany, Hanmer Springs (John chapters 4-6)
3. Saturday 21 March, The Anglican Centre, 95 Tuam Street, Christchurch (John chapters 7-10)
4. Saturday 28 March, St. Alban's, Pleasant Point (John chapters 11-13)

All are welcome to the quiet days. Please bring your own lunch or plan to go to a nearby eating place. Morning tea is provided.

Sentence

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Psalm 119:1

Collect

**God of Israel old and new,
write in our hearts the lesson of your law;
prepare our minds to receive the gospel
made visible in your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

Amen.

Notices

The Women's Coffee Group meets on **Thursday 19th February** at 2pm in the Eastgate Mall food court. All welcome. Contact Carole on 021 0504 811.

Can you spare a couple of hours once a month? If so, we have a need for people to help with the washing up at the Community Lunch on a Friday? You only need to do 1 Friday a month if that is all you can do. You would be needed between 12 noon and 1.30 pm. Please contact Menna at the office or on the office phone.

Lent, in the Christian church, is a period of spiritual preparation for Easter. In Western churches it begins on Ash Wednesday, six and a half weeks before Easter, and is a chance for the Church to reflect Jesus Christ's fasting in the wilderness before he began his public ministry.

We're changing up how we approach our work in 2026. This Lent we're asking for your financial support for one (or more) of our core work programmes. You can donate by credit card using the button on the Lenten Appeal 2026 page of the Anglican Missions Board website, or by a direct deposit using the following details (simply put the name of your desired programme ie. "water", "food", "climate" or "disasters") as the reference/code: our Bank Account details are: **Account: Anglican Missions Board**
Number: 02-0585-0001796-00

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)	9.45am
	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
<u>At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.</u>			
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	Tuesday 10am to 4pm	

<u>Next Week's Bible Readings — 1st Sunday in Lent</u>		
Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7		Romans 5: 12-19
	Matthew 4: 1-11	

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*If you want to make a donation to the Parish, our bank account is:
Name: Parish of Linwood — Aranui: No: 03-1700-0214522-00.*

Humour

As we get ready to go into the
season of Lent and with
apologies to “Star Wars”:

*A long time ago
in a Galilee
far far away ...*