

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 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Romans 10: 5-15

Matthew 14: 22-33

INTRODUCTION

Bishop Peter writes:

Today **Sunday, 9 August 2026 is Ordinary 19** and the Gospel is **Matthew 14:22-33**.

Matthew has 'form' when it comes to stories involving the combination of Jesus, water, storm, disciples and faith. Here, uniquely, Matthew reports to us that in one such storm, Peter attempted to walk on water, with predictable results. The lesson Jesus wanted him (and us) to learn is about faith. Peter was doing fine (29) and then not (30). What changed? A reasonable, and popular suggestion is that he took his eyes off Jesus and looked at the strong wind. His response to Jesus had been to have faith, his response to the wind was to be afraid (30). When we are afraid of something, let's fix our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2).

Sentence

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Matthew 14:26–27

Collect

**Jesus, Saviour in storm,
when the waters of the deep are broken up,
when the landmarks are washed away or drowned,
come to us across the water;
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Notices

Thank you for praying for the next meeting of **General Synod – Te Hīnota Whānui** (GSTHW) for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia which is in Tonga from Saturday 15 August to Thursday 20 August, and for a prior meeting of Pakeha representatives of the seven New Zealand dioceses in Auckland on Friday 14 August. Our representatives are **Bishop Peter**, Clergy: **Toby Behan, Kofe Havea, Ben Truman**; Lay: **Jo Bean, Toupili (Billy) Pamatangi, Jack Hollis, Vivienne Jackson**.

Foot Clinic – Menna advises that there are spaces available if anyone wants to take advantage of this outreach activity – please contact her for details of dates, times and cost.

Heads up – we are holding a Spring Market, on Saturday 19th September 10 am to 2.00pm at St Chads site. Put the date in your diaries now.

On Thursday 30 July 2026, the second annual Ōtautahi Prayer Breakfast was held at One Stadium. Over 260 people came to pray, break-fast, sing and worship together with a bit of networking in the mix. Dean Ben Trueman was one of the prayer leaders at the breakfast and a couple of his prayers (see page 4) would have been appropriate for the 170th anniversary celebrations, which were held at Christ's College on Friday 31st July, of Christchurch becoming a city and the creation of the (See) Diocese of Christchurch.

Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop		
Day	Activity	Time
<i>(A) = St Ambrose site</i>		<i>(C) = St Chad's site</i>
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	<i>(A)</i> 9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	<i>(A)</i> 10am to 12 Noon
	Handiscope	<i>(A)</i> 1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	<i>(C)</i> 2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
	Games Afternoon	<i>(C)</i> 3 rd Tues of the month – Contact Menna re time
Wednesday	Op Shop	<i>(C)</i> 9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	<i>(C)</i> 10am
	Chair Yoga (cost \$5)	<i>(C)</i> 1.30pm to 2.30pm
Thursday	Elder Care Group	<i>(A)</i> 10am to 12.30pm
Friday	Op Shop	<i>(C)</i> 9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	<i>(A)</i> 9.45am
	Food Bank, Café and Firewood	<i>(A)</i> 10am to 12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	<i>(C)</i> 11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	<i>(C)</i> 12 noon
Saturday	Messy Church	<i>(A)</i> 1st Saturday of the month — 3pm to 4.30pm
Sunday	Eucharist	<i>(C)</i> 10am
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.</i>		
Days open	Wednesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm

Next Week's Bible Readings — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 45: 1-15

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

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Name: Parish of Linwood — Aranui: No: 03-1700-0214522-00.

Add your name and "donation" as references.

Notices (con't)

God of Mission, your Son called and sent the first apostles
your Spirit continues to equip and send messengers of good news. We
thank you for that first wave of missionaries, Māori and Pākehā; for
Tamihana te Rauparaha, Mātene te Whiwhi, Bishop Harper, Bishop
Pompellier, James Wilson, Octavius Mathias, James Buller, and so many
others. For clergy, nuns, teachers, administrators, all whose faith shaped
the story of this city and lived out the motto 'founded in faith'.

Our physical foundation was shaken by the quakes.
Our moral foundation was shaken by the mosque attacks
But we have built on the spiritual rock that is Christ, not the sand of
secularisation. So, Lord, resurrect us. Fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit.
Revive us, we pray. May we look backward with gratitude at our
foundation in faith, and may we be restless and relentless in living out
our faith today.