

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 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 28: 10-19a

Romans 8: 12-25

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

INTRODUCTION

From Bishop Peter writes: Dear Friends, today the Gospel is **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**. What is the kingdom in view here? A strong clue seems to be in verse 38, 'the field is the world'. Jesus has the whole world in view here and the spread of the kingdom of heaven through it. More than church congregational life is being considered in this parable.

Life in the world, lived under the rule of God involves the children of the kingdom and the children of the evil one mixing together societally. The parable and its interpretation is a specific command for the kingdom children to refrain from attempting to carry out God's judgment.

What are children of the kingdom to do? The application of the passage is, in the end, plain for us: remain faithful to our calling as children of the kingdom, bearing grain (i.e. living fruitful lives for God), avoid becoming "weeds", refrain from playing the role of God as judge, and patiently endure the presence of evil people in the world.

Sentence

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalms 86:15*

Collect

God of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish in us all goodness,
and of your great mercy
keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

St Chad's feast day will be celebrated on 2nd August; we are having our regular lunch at the Richmond Club, (75 London Street, Richmond), please be seated by 12 noon for staff to take orders. Come along and celebrate our Feast Day. I need to confirm numbers the week before the lunch, so please get your names on the form at the back of the church, as soon as possible. Thank you. (Susanne Unwin)

We have just confirmed Brenda Sherstone's (a long standing parishioner) internment of ashes will be preceded by a short service of celebration and then ashes in the columbarium garden with her husband Victor. All parishioners and friends welcome to the service/internment on Sunday 26th July starting at 1.30pm at the St Chad's site.

Did You Know? **Members of the parish pastoral care team** are available to visit parishioners in their homes or in hospital at times of special need. This might be a friendly visit or to bring Holy Communion. Please contact the co-ordinator Deacon Anne for details 0274 366 828. All enquiries will be kept confidential.

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
<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 — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 29: 15-28

Romans 8: 26-39

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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

Add your name and "donation" as references.

Humour

Did you know God is a
good gardener?

Lettuce be kind,
Squash gossip and
Turnip for Church.