

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 — 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 14: 19-31

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35

INTRODUCTION

In today's reading from the book of Exodus we hear more of the story of the Hebrews' journey to freedom. God acted to liberate the Hebrew people, and they responded with joyful celebration. They saw God's saving work, and believed. Then, as now, God hears the cries of oppressed people and responds. This God is worthy of trust and loyalty. The gift of such compassion strengthens faith for the lifelong journey toward living in freedom in God's reign. The storyteller shows that God is responsible for the freedom of the Hebrews. God's action frees and saves. The people see and believe. God's actions serve to continue the formation of the people of Israel, who grow in understanding that faith in God is well-placed.

For Jesus, the road to freedom was forgiveness. Jesus' story in **Matthew's Gospel** lifts up the essence of God's law as God's gracious, extravagant, unlimited compassion. Paul, in the letter to the **Romans**, calls Christians to be accountable to Jesus' standards and example of forgiveness, while living with confidence that we are God's.

Jesus' disciples today continue to journey toward the freedom of God's reign, striving to live in ways that honour God. God continues to save, and we are called to faith in such freedom. What signs of God's freeing and reconciling love have you witnessed? What does it mean to join others in celebrating such liberation?

Sentence

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Psalm 130:3-4

Collect

**God of infinite mercy
grant that we who know your pity
may rejoice in your forgiveness
and gladly forgive others
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Notices

AAW Festival Service: Calling all Christian women in the Diocese of Christchurch to a Festival Service to be held by the Association of Anglican Women **at the Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street, Christchurch, on Sunday, 13 September at 2pm with choral accompaniment of the Grammar School Girl Choristers.** Preacher: The Reverend Dr Anne Shave, Cathedral Curate; Presider: The Reverend Jan Brodie, AAW Chaplain.

The Women's Coffee Group meets on **Thursday 17th September** at 2pm in the Eastgate Mall food court. All welcome. Contact Carole on 021 0504 811.

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.

Vestry – Next Sunday 20th September 11.45 am in the Oswald lounge.

Quiz night and silent auction — 6.30pm - 8.45pm on Thursday, 15th October at Brighton Beach House Café, 16A Beach Road, North New Brighton for Sister Eveleen Retreat House.

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) 3 rd 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
<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
<u>Next Week's Bible Readings — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> Exodus 16: 2-15 Philippians 1: 21-30 Matthew 20: 1-16		

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

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