

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 – the 3rd Sunday of the Epiphany

Isaiah 9: 1-4

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Matthew 4: 12-23

INTRODUCTION

Bishop Peter writes:

Dear Friends, It is not possible to talk about a "Happy New Year" as **2026**, less than one month old, sees no cessation in conflict and oppression in Gaza and the West Bank, Syria, Sudan and Ukraine, news of Iranian citizens being slaughtered by soldiers, terrorists and police employed by their own government, the breakdown of international law and order via US intervention in Venezuela and Trump's obsession with owning Greenland, and flooding in parts of our islands as heavy rain falls in summer (once unknown but now a regular feature in our changed climate). **I ask that our intercessions in regular services and our foci in parish prayer meetings include a prayer that our God will deliver the world from evil, with a special focus on deliverance from the evil of killing people in the Middle East: Gaza, West Bank, Syria and Iran.** I also ask, as we perhaps have our attention taken up with the latest headlines, such as those about Iran, that in our prayers we continue to pray for all caught up in war, not forgetting enduring conflicts that now may not receive headline treatment. Evil is being visited on our world in these days. There is no cause in this world worth killing people for. I honour those who have given their lives in recent times for the simple cause of seeking to live free lives in a civil, just society.

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This **Sunday, 25 January 2026** is **Epiphany 3** and the Gospel reading is **Matthew 4:12-23**. The mission of Jesus is (a) for the whole world, for all peoples, irrespective of nationality or tribe; (b) centred on a simple message, paraphrasing, turn away from wrongdoing, live under the rule of God; (c) always personal because the mission involves calling individuals to follow Jesus.

Sentence

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matthew 4:23

Collect

**Almighty God,
your Son revealed in signs and wonders
the greatness of your saving love;
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Notices

The Men's Breakfast on Saturday 7th February 2026 at 8.30am.

Our speaker is the Rev André introducing himself to us, his life's steps through to his ordination as a Deacon. All the men of the Parish & their friends or relatives welcome. Please remember that we do ask for a Koha (suggested \$3). Any enquiries to Max 0274 345 781.

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) <i>Closed reopens 11/2/26</i>
	Foot Clinic	(C) 2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
Wednesday	Op Shop	(C) 9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	(C) <i>Restarts 4/2/26</i>
	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) <i>Restarts 1st Saturday in February 2026</i>
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	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	Tuesday 10am to 4pm

Next Week's Bible Readings — 4th Sunday of the Epiphany

Micah 6: 1-8

1 Corinthians 1: 18-end

Matthew 5: 1-12

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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

Adam and Eve were the first people to not read the Apple terms and conditions.

Now millions imitate them. Some things don't change!!