

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 — 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 12: 1-14

Romans 13: 8-14

Matthew 18: 15-20

INTRODUCTION

Bishop Peter writes:

This coming **Sunday, 6 September 2026 is Ordinary 23** (or may be celebrated as the new Feast of Creation, per a note **in e-Life**).

The Gospel is **Matthew 18:15-20**. This passage teaches about the gathering together of followers of Jesus, that is, about the church as an organised body of believers in Jesus. It deals with how we might deal with conflict among us, the importance of the decisions we make, and the encouragement we have that Jesus is always with us, "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them".

In this week's e-Life it was noted that yesterday and the day before, Synod held its business sessions which took place at St. Christopher's Church, Avonhead. Papers for the Synod are publicly available online at:

<https://www.anglicanlife.org.nz/christchurch-diocesan-synod/>.

Sentence

'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'I am there among them.'

Matthew 18:20

Collect

**Creator God,
you have made us
not in one mould, but in many:
so deepen our unity in Christ
that we may rejoice in our diversity.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Notices

Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday 12th September 8.30am at St Chad's. Our speaker is our own Ryan Hodgkinson, talking briefly of his life and about being in a glider crash on a training course with the ATC, and his recovery since that traumatic day. Please remember we do ask for a small \$3+ Koha to help with the expenses. Enquiries to Max [0274 345 781](tel:0274345781)

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.

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.

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 — 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 14: 19-31

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35

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Donations to the Parish may be made to our bank account which is:

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

Add your name and "donation" as references.

Notices (Con't)

The **new Feast of Creation in Christ**: celebrates the mystery of God creating and sustaining the universe *through* Jesus Christ.

While **Christ the King Sunday**: celebrates the ultimate fulfilment, judgment, and restoration of that same created order under Christ's eternal sovereignty at the end of time.

Ecumenical momentum keeps growing and the Holy Spirit keeps blowing, with many church bodies deepening their participation in the Feast of Creation celebrations. This year, it will have the special ingredient of its enhanced format as a new liturgical feast in the official calendars of many churches, following the Assisi dialogues of recent years. A historic step. The website www.FeastOfCreation.com

has been updated with new resources to support the celebrations. In particular, it's worth noting that new hubs of resources have been published for the main groupings of churches, tailored to their diverse liturgical/worship modalities, as per our "unity in diversity".