

PARISH DIRECTORY for Linwood - Aranui

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**If you want to make a donation to the Parish, our bank account is:
03-1700-0214522-00 Add your name and "donation" as references.**



PEW NEWS

Sunday 12th January 2025

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 - Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

INTRODUCTION

January can be a difficult month. Christmas is past and coming challenges loom large. The year ahead can seem like a mountain to climb, or a river to cross. What challenges might this congregation face in the coming months?

Today, we will hear about a time when Jesus faced a new challenge. He was in his thirties and had a settled job in the building trade, but he felt called to give all that up and start a new career as a travelling preacher, healer, prophet and much more. So, what did he do to launch this 'new start'? He got baptized. Baptism was his new start. Today we reflect on how Jesus is with us as we enter the waters of a new year.

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, 'Come to me all you who are weary and burdened'.

All: **We come before God and put ourselves in his strong arms.**

Leader: We come to stand with God and with each other.

All: **We come so that he can lower us into the waters of new life, raise us, cleansed and refreshed.**

Leader: We come humbly before the God who created the world, who gave us Jesus, who poured out the Holy Spirit upon us.

All: **Humbly we come and here we worship. Amen.**

Humour



Sentence

The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'
Luke 3:22

Collect

**Almighty God,
you anointed Jesus at his baptism
with the Holy Spirit,
and revealed him as your own beloved Son;
grant that we who are baptised into his name
may give our lives to your service,
and be found worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices

The Women's Coffee Group meets on **Thursday 16th January** at 2pm in the Eastgate Mall food court. All welcome. Contact Carole on 0210504811.

Gaynor's helper Claudia now lives in Amberley and therefore won't be able to bring Gaynor to church on a Sunday. It would be lovely if we can build up a group of people to phone Gaynor on a Saturday night to see if she would like to come to our Sunday service and then pick her and her wheelchair up if she does. Perhaps going on the 1st or 2nd Sunday etc might work. If interested, please talk to Susanne Unwin (ph 02108088719) and Susanne can discuss this idea further with Gaynor.

Next Week's Bible Readings — 2nd Sunday of the Epiphany

Isaiah 62: 1-5

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

John 2: 1-11

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>Ceased 3/12/24—restarts 28/1/25</i>
	Foot Clinic	(C)	2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
	Parish Prayer Group	(A)	Ceased until further notice
Wednesday	Op Shop	(C)	<i>Ceased 13/12/24—restarts 5/2/25</i>
	Eucharist	(C)	10am
Thursday	Elder Care Group	(A)	10am—12.30pm
Friday	Op Shop	(C)	<i>Ceased 13/12/24—restarts 31/1/25</i>
	Morning Prayer	(A)	9.45 am
	Food Bank , Café and Fire-wood	(A)	10am—12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	(C)	<i>Ceased 13/12/24—restarts 31/1/25</i>
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	(C)	<i>Ceased 13/12/24—restarts 31/1/25</i>
Saturday	Messy Church	(A)	1st Saturday of the month—but not in January
Sunday	Eucharist	(C)	10am
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</i>			
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	Tuesday 10am to 4pm	