

**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.**

**Notices (Con't)**

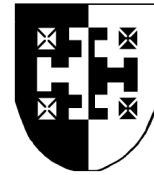
**The Press newspaper has launched a 'Reverse Advent Calendar',** encouraging people to put a grocery item in a box each day during Advent and then to donate the items to the City Mission. It has been suggested that parishioners might like to do the same and then donate the box of groceries to our Food Bank for the expected rush in January.

**With the upcoming retirement of the vicar** it is intended to make a presentation to her at that time. Anyone wanting to make a donation towards the presentation, please give the money to one of the wardens or place it in an envelope clearly marked "**Vicar's Presentation**" and put in the offertory plate one week. Thank you.

**Humour**

Why are Christmas trees so fond of the past? ..... Because the present's beneath them!

How do the elves clean Santa's sleigh on the day after Christmas? ..... They use Santa-tizer!



*Anglican Parish of  
Linwood - Aranui*



**PEW NEWS Sunday 24th December 2023**

*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 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

Various lessons in a lessons and carols service

**INTRODUCTION**

This advent season, may we sit with the assurance that God is with us. As we reflect on the past year may we receive the words of Gabriel to Mary as our own—God is with us. The same God who visited an unsuspecting young girl named Mary is the same God who visits us. May the ups and downs of life be viewed through this conviction—that God is with us. Even as a young girl by the name of Mary was impacted by the social realities of her day, we, too, are immersed in and squeezed by societal challenges. And God is with us.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: An ancient promise is coming true  
**All: God's love lasts for ever**

Leader: A secret mystery is being revealed  
**All: God's love lasts for ever**

Leader: A little child will soon be born  
**All: God's love lasts for ever**

### Sentence

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.  
*Luke 2:30–32*

### Collect

**Holy and eternal God,  
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
to learn from the simple trust of children;  
give us pure hearts and steadfast faith  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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### Notices

**We are updating the parish roll** and have sent an email to all those for whom we have an email address. If you didn't get an email from us and you have email, then we don't have your address. We will have a copy of the parish roll at both churches today, so please check we have your correct address, phone number(s) and email address.

**Thank you to all who supported our Christmas raffle**, which made just over \$200. There was one winner each from St Ambrose and St Chad's, 2 from the Community Lunch, and 4 from the Foot Clinic. We appreciate Gaynor Le Comte's dedication in making sure the raffle prizes got organised in time for the raffle, with the help of her friend Claudia.

### **A reminder of our Christmas Services:**

- Tonight at 7pm Christmas Service at St Chad's
- Tomorrow at 10am Christmas Service at St Ambrose

**Next Sunday (31st December) is a joint worship service** at St Ambrose when we will rejoice with the families who are bringing their children for baptism.

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### **Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b><i>At St Chad's site</i></b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Op Shop	Closed until 7 February
	Eucharist	Ceased until 10 January
<b>Friday</b>	Op Shop	Closed until 2 February
	Te Reo Service	Ceased until 2 February
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$4.00	Closed until 2 February
<b>Sunday</b>	Eucharist	None on the 31st December
	Eucharist & Baptisms - Joint Service	10am at St Ambrose
<b><i>At St Ambrose's site</i></b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Christmas Day Service—Joint Service</b>	10am
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning Prayer	Ceased until 9 January
	Food Bank Cafe	Closed until 9 January
	Handiscope	Closed—restarts in February
	Parish Prayer Group	Ceased until 16 January
<b>Wednesday</b>	Food Bank	Closed until 10 January
<b>Thursday</b>	Elder Care Group	Closed until 11 January
<b>Friday</b>	Food Bank Cafe	Closed until 12 January
<b>Sunday</b>	Communion Service & Baptisms—Joint Service	10am
<b><i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</i></b>		
<b>Days open</b>	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm (also closed between Christmas and New Year)

### **Next Week's Bible Readings — 1st Sunday of Christmas**

Isaiah 61: 10— 62: 3

Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 22-40