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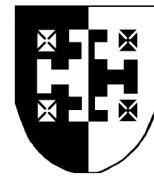
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*Anglican Parish of
Linwood - Aranui*



PEW NEWS Sunday 31st 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 - 1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 61: 10— 62: 3

Galatians 4: 4-7

Luke 2: 22-40

INTRODUCTION

In some cultures and faiths, and in our own in much earlier centuries, the wisdom of our elders and our ancestors was prized and held in high esteem. We might think of tribal matriarchs and patriarchs, or wise women and men. We might ask our own mothers or grandmothers for a favoured recipe or remedy, or seek help or advice from a favourite aunt or uncle.

A little over 2000 years ago in a very busy Temple in Jerusalem, which may have been thronging with parents presenting their newborns, two very old people spoke words that resonated with Mary, enough for her to hear and remember them. Words of wisdom and insight. At the end of the passage, we hear Jesus described as being filled with wisdom. And, in the following verses we see Jesus, when just 12, speaking in the Temple with wisdom and understanding. People much older than he was, sat and listened. He wasn't told to be quiet because they recognised he had something to say.

Do we sometimes refuse, to our detriment, to listen to nuggets of wisdom just because of the speaker's age – too young, or too old? Do we sometimes dismiss young people, thinking they can't possibly know much when they are yet to experience adult life? Do we dismiss older people, as if they didn't live their life as we are living ours? Or do we value and listen to generations other than our own, and give respect to what they have to say?

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.**

Notices

Today Sunday (31st December) is a joint worship service at St Ambrose and we rejoice with and welcome the families who are bringing their children for baptism today.

Thank you. Our special Christmas Services involve a number of people in preparing and support. Our grateful thanks to you all for your work in helping us celebrate this season with joy and prayer.

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.

Thought for the Week

Think about someone in a different generation to you, younger or older. Spend some time praying for them, their needs, their hopes and their contribution to your community. You might want to send them a card or a text to let them know you care and that you’re praying for them.

Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

Day	Activity	Time
At St Chad’s site		
Wednesday	Op Shop	Closed until 7 February
	Eucharist	Paused until 10 January
Friday	Op Shop	Closed until 2 February
	Te Reo Service	Paused until 2 February
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$4.00	Paused until 2 February
Sunday	Eucharist	Paused until 21 January
	Eucharist	10am
At St Ambrose’s site		
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	Paused until 9 January
	Food Bank Cafe	Closed until 9 January
	Handiscope	Restarts in February
	Parish Prayer Group	Paused until 16 January
Wednesday	Food Bank	Closed until 10 January
Thursday	Elder Care Group	Paused until 11 January
Friday	Food Bank Cafe	Closed until 12 January
Sunday	Communion Service	10am
At the Barnabas Bookshop site		
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm (also closed between Christmas and New Year)

Next Week’s Bible Readings — the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12