

## **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.***

### **History of Mothering Sunday**

Most Sundays in the year churchgoers in England worship at their nearest parish or 'daughter church'.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. (It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old.)

And most historians think that it was the return to the 'Mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family.

As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

*Found on the BBC website on a page titled 'Religion'*



**PEW NEWS**  
**Sunday 10th March 2024**

*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 - Mothering Sunday**

Exodus 2: 1-10

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Luke 2: 33-35

### **INTRODUCTION**

Mothering Sunday is traditionally a day when the church gives thanks for mothers. It stands out as a day of joy and celebration in Lent which is a season of austerity. In this context, the gospel reading for today, with its prophecy of suffering to come for both Jesus and his mother, seems both harsh and out of place. Mothers, though, may think differently. The experience of bearing and bringing up children is not all sweetness and light. It involves mental as well as physical pain. There is a cost to caring which this gospel highlights, and which today's feast invites us to consider. Furthermore the image of the Church as a mother can help us to see beyond the human organisation which too easily becomes an end in itself. The Church is the means by which Christ supports and nourishes us in our faith.

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

**All: Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

Leader: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**All: Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

Leader: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

**All: Blessed are they who dwell in your house.  
They will always be praising you.**

### Sentence

'As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem,' says the Lord. *Isaiah 66:13*

### Collect

**Everloving God,  
your care for us is greater  
even than a mother's love for her child;  
teach us to value a mother's love  
and see in it an expression of your grace,  
that we may ever feel more deeply your love for us  
in Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

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### **IMPORTANT CONSULTATION NOTICE**

**On 17th March 12.00 noon**, after the 10am Eucharist, we will all gather together at St Chad's to start the process of advertising for a new Vicar. This will be a chance to look at where we are going as a parish and who would best lead us. Next Sunday 3rd March we will distribute a document "Parish Consultation Questions" for your reading, consideration, and prayers to prepare for our discussion on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please note this date on your calendar. Max & Linda, your Wardens

**Remember we are having another Repair Cafe** on the Saturday 23rd March, from 10am - 12noon at St Chads. If you have any questions about it please ring Patty at the office, ph 389 5833. Thank you.

**Messy Church** was held last Saturday with another Baptism. Please continue to support these families with your prayer. Helpers for the meal are always welcome.

**Thank you** to all those who continue to bring along food for the Food Bank at St Ambrose. This is very much appreciated as we continue to have families in need coming to us: your support helps us to help them.

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

<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
<i>At St Chad's site</i>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Op Shop	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	10am
<b>Friday</b>	Op Shop	9am to 12 noon
	Te Reo Service	11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	12 noon
<b>Sunday</b>	Eucharist followed by the Consultation	10am
<i>At St Ambrose's site</i>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning Prayer	9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	1-3 pm
	Parish Prayer Group	6pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Food Bank	10am—12 Noon
<b>Thursday</b>	Elder Care Group	10am—12.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Food Bank and Cafe	10am—12 Noon
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>All Sunday Services now at St Chads site</b>	
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</i>		
<b>Days open</b>	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm

### **Next Week's Bible Readings — 5th Sunday in Lent**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20-33