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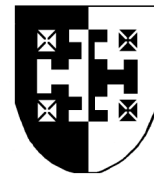
**If you want to make a donation to the Parish, our bank account is:
03-1700-0214522-00 Add your name and "donation" as references.**

Notices con't:

Miriam Allen-Sheen is celebrating her 50th birthday on Saturday 9th April and invites parishioners to help her celebrate at St Chad's between 3-5pm that day. Bringing a plate for afternoon tea is optional.

Humour:

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.



*Anglican Parish of
Linwood - Aranui*



PEW NEWS Sunday 27th March 2022

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 in Lent

Joshua 5: 9-12 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

INTRODUCTION

In the story of the Prodigal Son Jesus demonstrates that God cares about the sinners and rejoices when they repent. Jesus' critics act like the elder son who refuses to rejoice with God over the repentant sinner. God begs them to join the celebration like the prodigal father in the parable. God's prodigal grace and love reaches out to the sinners and outcasts, and God also does not leave out the Pharisees and the scribes. This parable should not be called the prodigal son but "God's prodigal love". Jesus deliberately has an open ended story. He wants his hearers to fit themselves into the story and act out the ending. The church needs to act out the ending of the story, as well. Is the church willing to welcome the sinners who respond to Christ's message? Or does the church refuse to join the party and celebrate with the repentant sinners?

Call to Worship:

Leader: Young and old, friends and strangers.

All: God welcomes us.

Leader: Lost and bewildered, found and rejoicing.

All: God welcomes us.

Leader: Proud of our success, afraid of our poverty.

All: God welcomes us.

Leader: This morning, this day, this night, for ever.

All: God welcomes us with a hug of love.

Sentence:

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5:18

Collect:

**God, faithful and loving,
 though we lose our way you seek us and call us back.
 Give us the courage to face our faults.
 Help us to repent, reconcile, and amend our ways that we may find our peace.
 Through Jesus Christ our Liberator,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Notices:

Now that we are in Phase 3 of the Traffic Light Red Covid response, we continue our services and activities as we have been doing. However if a number of people have to isolate due to having Covid or to being a close contact, some changes may occur, either cancellations or doing things differently. We will try to keep you informed of these changes through email, phone messages or notices on the church doors.

If you need to isolate please let one of the clergy know (phone numbers are on the back of this Pew News) so we can keep in contact with you. We can also either email or deliver a copy of the weekly Pew News and the Sunday sermon to you to keep you in touch with what is going on.

Vestry meets today at 11:45am at St Ambrose.

Our fourth Lenten study is on Tuesday at 1pm at St Chad's.

Daylight saving ends next weekend (at 2am on Sunday 3rd April) so put your clocks back.

AAW meeting, Thursday 7th April at 1.30pm at St Chads (in the St Oswald Lounge). Judith MacKenzie, our National President will be the speaker. Our Diocesan Chaplain, Rev Justine Tremewan, will also visit that day and she is our Link member, so it will be good to welcome her. All women in the parish are welcome, so come along and enjoy a time of friendship with others. There will be a sales table. Reminder: your subs are now due.

Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

Day	Activity	Time
<i>At St Chad's site</i>		
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	10am
Wednesday	Op Shop	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	10am
Friday	Op Shop	9am to 12 noon
	Te Reo Service	11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$3.00	12 noon
Sunday	Eucharist	8.15am
	Eucharist	10.00am
<i>At St Ambrose's site</i>		
Monday	Mainly Music	Not being held at present
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	9:45am
	Food Bank Cafe	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	1-3 pm
Wednesday	Food Bank	10am—12 Noon
	Communion Service	1.00pm
Thursday	Elder Care Group	9:30am—1pm
Friday	Food Bank Cafe	10am—12 Noon
Sunday	Communion Service	10.00am
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</i>		
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm

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

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8