

**PARISH DIRECTORY for Linwood - Aranui**

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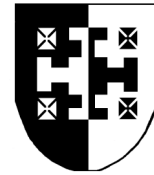
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**If you want to make a donation to the Parish, our bank account is:  
03-1700-0214522-00 Add your name and "donation" as references.**

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*Anglican Parish of  
Linwood - Aranui*



**PEW NEWS Sunday 10th 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 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 40: 1-11

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Mark 1: 1-8

**INTRODUCTION**

In today's gospel we hear and see the value of those who pave the way – the way to Jesus and the way to liberation in this present life. We are invited to reflect upon the contributions of those who made ways for us when there seemed to be no way. How might we better see them, support them, and appreciate them? Are there those among us who are blazing trails? May we pause in gratitude for their sacrifices and for the work they do in the wilderness.

**Call to Worship**

Leader: High on the mountains  
Someone is shouting

**All: Here comes God!**

Leader: Justice is marching  
Peace is following

**All: Here comes God!**

Leader: Help is near  
Shout for glory

**All: Here comes God!**

### Sentence

Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

*Luke 3:4; Isaiah 40:5a*

### Collect

**God for whom we wait and watch,  
you sent John the Baptist  
to prepare for the coming of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth  
even to the point of suffering.  
This we ask through Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

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### Notices

**At our 10am service on Christmas Eve Sunday** we will have a short version of Lessons and Carols. If you would like to read one of the Lessons please speak to Brenda.

**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.

**This week at our Wednesday 10am service** at St Chad's we will hear from the tax collector who was in Bethlehem on the night of Jesus' birth. As we continue to focus on some of the characters of the Christmas story.

**The last Women's Coffee Group** for the year will be on Thursday 21st December at 2pm in St Chad's lounge. Please note the change of venue from our usual one.

**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.

### Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

Day	Activity	Time
<b>At St Chad's site</b>		
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 \$4.00	12 noon
Sunday	Eucharist	8.15am
	Eucharist	10am
<b>At St Ambrose's site</b>		
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	9.45am
	Food Bank Cafe	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	1-3 pm
	Parish Prayer Group	6pm
Wednesday	Food Bank	10am—12 Noon
Thursday	Elder Care Group	10am—12.30pm
Friday	Food Bank Cafe	10am—12 Noon
Sunday	Communion Service	10am
<b>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</b>		
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm

### Next Week's Bible Readings — 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28