

**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.*

**Humour:**

**I just found the place  
where I'm building my  
next house**



*Anglican Parish of  
Linwood - Aranui*



**PEW NEWS Sunday 27th November 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 - 1st Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 36-44

**INTRODUCTION**

Jesus' disciples – and us Christians - know only that the coming of the 'Son of Humanity' is certain, but not when it will happen. This is a hard pill to swallow for modern control freaks in an era of data analytics, artificial intelligence, and long-range forecasting. We can, however, lift up the defeat of death in the cross and resurrection, which dramatically alters how we approach 'the end' of the biblical story: the defining moment is not Jesus' triumphal advent at the end of history, whenever that might be, but the moment of his revelation of God's true power on the cross. The point, for those who know this much, is to live in the light of this transformed reality.

**Call to Worship:**

- Leader: God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.  
**All: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who fills our lives with joy.**
- Leader: God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.  
**All: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who hears our words and silence.**
- Leader: God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.  
**All: We will sing a song of Advent to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.**

**Sentence:**

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. *Isaiah 2:3a*

**Collect:**

**Praise and honour to you living God;  
your coming will be like a thief in the night,  
like lightning flashing across the sky.  
Grant that we may be ready,  
and our hearts answer, Come Lord Jesus.  
Hear this prayer for your love’s sake. Amen.**

**Notices:**

**Today we begin the season of Advent** and we will give each person a copy of our Parish Growth Prayer and ask that you pray it every day. As part of our Prayers for Growth there will also be a service of Evening Prayer each Tuesday during Advent, beginning this week (29th) at 7:30pm at St Ambrose. All are welcome to come and join in this service.

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

**The singing group for the Lessons and Carols Service** on December 18th will have a practice after church on December 4 and December 11. Felicity will give you the music beforehand.

**AAW members, you have a Christmas luncheon** on Thursday 1st December, please talk to one of your committee members for details.

**Humour:**

A young artist exhibits his work for the first time, and a well known art critic is in attendance. The critic says to the young artist, "Would you like to hear my opinion of your work?" "Yes," the artist replies. "It's worthless," the critic says. "I know," says the artist, "but let's hear it anyway."

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

Day	Activity	Time
<i>At St Chad’s site</i>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning Prayer	10am
<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 \$3.00	12 noon
<b>Sunday</b>	Eucharist	8.15am
	Eucharist	10.00am
<i>At St Ambrose’s site</i>		
<b>Monday</b>	Mainly Music	<b>Not being held at present</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning Prayer	9:45am
	Food Bank Cafe	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	1-3 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Food Bank	10am—12 Noon
	Communion Service	<b>Not being held at present</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Elder Care Group	9:30am—1pm
<b>Friday</b>	Food Bank Cafe	10am—12 Noon
<b>Sunday</b>	Communion Service	10.00am
<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— 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12