

**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:**



*Anglican Parish of  
Linwood - Aranui*



**PEW NEWS Sunday 11th December 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 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35: 1-10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

**INTRODUCTION**

Today, many Christians may ask similar questions to John the Baptist: if Jesus is really the one who brings in God's Kingdom, why is our world still marked by exploitation, injustice, and violence? How long must we wait? Will Jesus really come to redeem those who suffer, or should we look for another? The answer lies not in any academic study but in what we make of the signs Jesus performs: do we believe that when the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them, that we are seeing God's power? How is God's power still evident today? Will we experience the good news as redemption or judgment?

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts

All: **as we await the coming of our Lord.**

Leader: Let us watch for the one who heard our cries

All: **and shouldered the suffering of our world.**

Leader: Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world

All: **with wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all.**

Leader: Let us wait in expectation for the day

All: **when God's glory is revealed in all its fullness.**

**Sentence:**

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.  
*Matthew 11:11*

**Collect:**

**Terror and doom, and wrath to come,  
 John your herald preached  
 to bring us to repentance;  
 open our eyes, almighty God,  
 show us our sin, and grant us forgiveness.  
 Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

**Notices:**

**We continue through Advent** with our season of prayer, and hope you are using our Parish Growth Prayer in your daily prayers. You are invited to join in the service of Evening Prayer on Tuesday at 7:30pm at St Ambrose.

**The Women's Coffee Group** is this Thursday (15th) at 2pm, meeting in the Eastgate Food Court. Contact Brenda if you have any questions.

**The next Twilight Market** is this Friday 16th December at St Ambrose from 5-8pm.

**'Messy Church' brings young families together** to celebrate the birthday of Jesus on Saturday 17th December, 3pm to 4.30pm, at St Ambrose. Contact Deacon Anne for details.

**The 10am service on Sunday 18th** at St Chad's will be a Service of Lessons and Carols (finishing with communion). There will be no 8:15am service that day.

**Bishop Peter has written to clergy** concerning the increasing number of Covid cases and has recommended that we encourage people to mask for services. Bearing in mind the health problems of many of our parishioners, we do recommend that people resume masking for services, but at this stage we are not making it compulsory.

**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	<b>None this week (18th)</b>
	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
	Evening Prayer for Advent	7.30pm
<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— 4th Sunday of Advent**

*At both sites, readings about the birth of Jesus.*