

**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:**

**It's a toe truck**



*Anglican Parish of  
Linwood - Aranui*



**PEW NEWS Sunday 18th 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 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

Mary was afraid on hearing the greeting of the angel Gabriel. Joseph was afraid when he found that Mary was expecting a child. And the shepherds were afraid when the angel appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. All of us are touched by fear. What we have to do is move from fear to faith and trust is the thing that enables us to turn fear into faith. Somehow it's easier to trust in God at Christmas than at any other time, because we feel that God is very close to us as God comes to us in form of the child Jesus. Christmas challenges us to enter into an intimate relationship with God, trusting that we will receive love, and always more love.

## **Call to Worship:**

- Leader: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.  
**All: That sign is in the One to come--the One that God is sending.**
- Leader: We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.  
**All: And so we cry to the heavens in our distress. Our cries are heard! God is responding in love and hope.**
- Leader: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!  
**All: Let us be ready to receive the blessed gift of the Saviour.**

**Sentence:** (for 4th Sunday of Advent)

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us.  
*Matthew 1:23*

**Collect:** (for 4th Sunday of Advent)

**Living God, you called your people out of Egypt and gave them the covenant; prepare our hearts to hear your call, so that we may receive with joy the gospel of your Son and be your faithful people, now and for ever. Amen.**

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### Notices:

**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.

**Christmas Services:** Christmas Eve at 7pm at St Chad's and Christmas Day at 10am at St Ambrose. There is no 8.15 service on Christmas Day.

**If you are aware of a parishioner** who is unable to come to a Christmas service and who would like communion at home, please let one of the clergy know.

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

**Following on from our season of prayer**, the next step in our aim for parish growth is a workshop led by Mark Chamberlain (the Archdeacon for Regeneration and Mission). This will be on Saturday 21st January from 9am to noon and all are encouraged to come and contribute to the planning.

### Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

Day	Activity	Time
<i>At St Chad's site</i>		
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	10am
Wednesday	Op Shop	Closed, reopens 1st Feb 2023
	Eucharist	Closed, restarts 11th Jan 2023
Friday	Op Shop	Closed, reopens 1st Feb 2023
	Te Reo Service	Closed, restarts 3rd Feb 2023
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$3.00	Closed, restarts 3rd Feb 2023
Saturday	Christmas Eve Service—Eucharist	7.00pm
Sunday	Eucharist	<b>None this week (25th)</b>
	Eucharist— <i>at St Ambrose Site</i>	10.00am
<i>At St Ambrose's site</i>		
Monday	Mainly Music	<b>Not being held at present</b>
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	9:45am
	Food Bank Cafe	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	Closed until January
	Evening Prayer for Advent	7.30pm
Wednesday	Food Bank	Closed, reopens 10th Jan 2023
	Communion Service	<b>Not being held at present</b>
Thursday	Elder Care Group	Closed until January
Friday	Food Bank Cafe	Closed, reopens 10th Jan 2023
Sunday	Communion Service	10.00am
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</i>		
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive then closed until 4th January 2023	10am to 4pm

### Next Week's Bible Readings— Christmas Day

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