

## PARISH DIRECTORY for Linwood - Aranui

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| <b>Website:</b>          | <a href="http://www.linwood-aranuianglicanparish.com">www.linwood-aranuianglicanparish.com</a> |              |
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*St Chad's Church is at the corner of Carnarvon Street and Buckleys Road*

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*St Ambrose Church is at 309 Breezes Road, just off Pages Road*

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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.**



The fourth candle signifies "love".

Do I "love" to eat all that rich food during Christmas festivities, to say nothing about the amount of the food consumed. No, I don't! But I guess I will once again, all for the love of the season.



**PEW NEWS**

**Sunday 22nd December 2024**

*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**

Micah 5: 2-5a                      Hebrews 10: 5-10                      Luke 1: 39-45

### **INTRODUCTION**

Mary and Elizabeth. Two faith-filled women in the scriptures, one so young, one so old yet both rejoicing in their pregnancies. Both unexpected, and God-given. So we see the Holy Spirit in action in this Christmas story: in their conceptions, and in their delight and as Elizabeth voices her greeting when she meets Mary. She acknowledges that her baby reacted unexpectedly, guided by the Holy Spirit, to Mary's arrival and 'leapt in her womb'. Then Mary breaks into song and we receive her special song 'The Magnificat'. Here she sings praises to God, of what he had done for her, for all his people. She closed with acknowledging Elizabeth's expected child, the one to be John the Baptist, and cousin to Jesus. This is a lovely meeting of two women in such different circumstances yet so similar through God's grace.

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: When the world began

**All: God said yes.**

Leader: When Jesus came

**All: God said yes.**

Leader: When we were born

**All: God said yes.  
God said yes to life and loving.**

### Sentence

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. *Luke 1:45*

### Collect

**God, faithful and true,  
make us eager with expectation,  
as we look for the fulfilment of your promise  
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

### Notices

**The Women's Coffee Group** meets on **Thursday 19th December** at 2pm in the Eastgate Mall food court. This time however, if able a donation of \$5 would be appreciated so we can have some festive food to share. All welcome. Contact Carole on 0210504811.

### **The actual Christmas Services are:**

Christingle Service, - at 4.30pm on Monday 23rd  
Christmas Eve Service - at 7.00pm on Tuesday 24th  
Christmas Day Service - at 10.00am on Wednesday the 25th.

### **Next Week's Bible Readings — 1st Sunday of Christmas**

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26      Colossians 3: 12-17      Luke 2: 41-52

### Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

| Day   | Activity  | Time   |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <i>(A) = St Ambrose site</i>                |   | <i>(C) = St Chad's site</i>                  |   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                              | Morning Prayer  | <i>(A)</i>                                   | <i>Ceased 17/12/24—restarts 14/1/25</i>       |
|   | Food Bank and Cafe  | <i>(A)</i>                                   | <i>Ceased 17/12/24—restarts 14/1/25</i>       |
|   | Handiscope  | <i>(A)</i>                                   | <i>Ceased 3/12/24—restart 28/1/25</i>         |
|   | Foot Clinic   | <i>(C)</i>                                   | 2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time |
|   | Parish Prayer Group   | <i>(A)</i>                                   | Ceased until further notice                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                            | Op Shop   | <i>(C)</i>                                   | <i>Ceased 13/12/24—restarts 5/2/25</i>        |
|   | Eucharist   | <i>(C)</i>                                   | <i>Ceased 18/12/24—restarts 8/1/25</i>        |
| <b>Thursday</b>                             | Elder Care Group  | <i>(A)</i>                                   | <i>Ceased 19/12/24—restarts 16/1/25</i>       |
| <b>Friday</b>                               | Op Shop   | <i>(C)</i>                                   | <i>Ceased 13/12/24—restarts 31/1/25</i>       |
|   | Morning Prayer  | <i>(A)</i>                                   | <i>Ceased 13/12/24—restarts 17/1/25</i>       |
|   | Food Bank , Café and Fire-wood                                | <i>(A)</i>                                   | <i>Ceased 13/12/24—restarts 17/1/25</i>       |
|   | Te Reo Service  | <i>(C)</i>                                   | <i>Ceased 13/12/24—restarts 31/1/25</i>       |
|   | Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00                         | <i>(C)</i>                                   | <i>Ceased 13/12/24—restarts 31/1/25</i>       |
| <b>Saturday</b>                             | Messy Church  | <i>(A)</i>                                   | 1st Saturday of the month—but not in January  |
| <b>Sunday</b>                               | Eucharist   | <i>(C)</i>                                   | 10am  |
| <b><i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</i></b> |   |  |   |
| <b>Days open</b>                            | Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays) | Tuesday 10am to 4pm—then closed until 3/1/25 |   |