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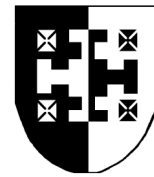
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*Anglican Parish of  
Linwood - Aranui*



**PEW NEWS Sunday 3rd 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 - 1st Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64: 1-9

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Matthew 13: 24-37

**INTRODUCTION**

As we begin the Advent season we are reminded in no uncertain terms that this time of preparation is not just a pre-Christmas stage when we get ready to mark the birth of the baby Jesus, but it is also a time when we are also reminded of the need to prepare for the return of our King in the here and now. We are not merely planning for a cute little baby to be born in a manger, but also for the recreation of this world when that baby returns full-grown. What preparation do we need to do for that?

**Call to Worship**

Leader: As stars to the maker  
All: **We are the work of God's hands**

Leader: As plants to the gardener  
All: **We are the work of God's hands**

Leader: As clay to the potter  
All: **We are the work of God's hands.**

### Sentence

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

Mark 13:31

### Collect

**God of hope,  
When Christ your Son appears  
may he not find us asleep or idle,  
but active in his service and ready;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

### Notices

**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.

**Thank you to all** who supported the bottle raffle at our pot luck meal last Sunday. There was a lot of fun as people unwrapped their bottles to see what they had won, and \$86 was raised for the Anglican Missions project for Gaza.

**This week at our Wednesday 10am service** at St Chad's we will hear from Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, as we continue to focus on some of the characters of the Christmas story.

**AAW lunch on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**, the lunch is at 'Under the Red Verandah' at 12 noon. Talk to Elizabeth or Linda if you need further details.

**Christmas Twilight Market - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 5-8 pm, at St Ambrose Church, 309 Breezes Rd.** Will have '25 plus' wonderful assorted stalls with amazing items all in time for Christmas and we have Live music by Anna and Emma from Wildflowers (the ladies who sang at St Chads Market). So please join us for a wonderful evening together, relaxing in a lovely atmosphere. Meet our lovely stall holders and listen to the music. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Men's Breakfast on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, the breakfast is to be at Eastgate Mall. Talk to Max if you need further details.

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

### Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

Day	Activity	Time
<i>At St Chad's site</i>		
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
<i>At St Ambrose's site</i>		
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
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</i>		
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm

### Next Week's Bible Readings — 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40: 1-11

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Mark 1: 1-8