

## PARISH DIRECTORY for Linwood - Aranui

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*If you want to make a donation to the Parish, our bank account is:*

*Name : Anglican Diocese of Christchurch—Parish of Linwood-Aranui;  
No: 03-1700-0214522-00. Add your name and "donation" as references.*

Humour



"It's true that the meek were intended to inherit the Earth, Mr. Osgood, but we have you classified as 'apathetic.'"



PEW NEWS

Sunday 23rd February 2025

*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 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15      1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50      Luke 6: 27-38

## INTRODUCTION

**The Genesis** reading marks the climax of the Joseph story. In Genesis, Joseph has been betrayed by his brothers after being marked as his father's favourite. Joseph's family is no stranger to dysfunction: his lineage has included deception and stolen birthrights. At a tender young age, Joseph was sold into slavery and was believed to be dead. Joseph tells his brothers that God has worked the situation for the greater good.

**The Corinthians** reading is a passage in which Paul makes clear that God's plan for resurrection is nothing like our current world: what is weak is made strong, and what is considered shameful will be raised in glory. We may struggle with Paul's arguments, but it should be clear to us that the ultimate fulfilment of God's kingdom will surprise us with its inversion of our current systems.

**The Luke** reading is part two of our three-part series entitled "Jesus' Sermon on the Plain." What Jesus asks of us is not easy, and in fact, may seem impossible. We are to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. This is not about accepting abuse but rather refusing to participate in the human cycles of vengeance and retribution. God's economy is not transactional: love does not write checks and keep a ledger. In the abstract this sounds simple. However, in the real-world scenario of dog-eat-dog, this may not be as easy as it sounds. Jesus is clear, though: to be a Christian is to go against the grain. It is to step outside of our comfort zones into life in the kingdom of God.

### Call to Worship

Leader: Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.  
**All: Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him, and he will act.  
**All: He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

### Sentence

‘Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful’  
*Luke 6:35-36*

### Collect

**Grant us Jesus, that tender, indestructible love which asks forgiveness of its executioners and gives hope to the thief on the cross. Keep us compassionate when the way is hard, and gentle with those who oppose us; for the glory of your holy name. Amen**

### **Notices**

**Wanted Bread Run volunteer(s)** – on Friday mornings to pick up the bread from Fendalton New World 8.30 am and to bring it to St Chads for further distribution. It is roughly 4 bin bag loads. We do need a volunteer every week but the more volunteers we get the less they have to do. Please talk to Max, Martz or Menna if you’re available to volunteer.

**On Wednesday James cut the lawns** being the first time for 3 weeks. Because the lawns had plenty of growth in them we ended up with 9 bags of lawn clippings, 2 of which are sitting inside the Carnarvon St entrance. If you can assist by taking 1 home & putting it in you green CCC bin, please see Max who will assist getting it into your car. With thanks from the Team of Four (James, Carole, Royden & Max)

### 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	<b>(A)</b>	9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	<b>(A)</b>	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	<b>(A)</b>	1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	<b>(C)</b>	2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
	Parish Prayer Group	<b>(A)</b>	Ceased until further notice
<b>Wednesday</b>	Op Shop	<b>(C)</b>	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	<b>(C)</b>	10am
<b>Thursday</b>	Elder Care Group	<b>(A)</b>	10am—12.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Op Shop	<b>(C)</b>	9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	<b>(A)</b>	9.45 am
	Food Bank , Café and Fire-wood	<b>(A)</b>	10am—12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	<b>(C)</b>	11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	<b>(C)</b>	12 noon
<b>Saturday</b>	Messy Church	<b>(A)</b>	1st Saturday of the month—but not in January
<b>Sunday</b>	Eucharist	<b>(C)</b>	10am
<b>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</b>			
<b>Days open</b>	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)		Tuesday 10am to 4pm

### Next Week’s Bible Readings — 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27: 4-7                      1 Corinthians 15: 51-58                      Luke 6: 39-49