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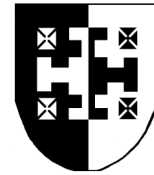
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**If you want to make a donation to the Parish, our bank account is:
03-1700-0214522-00 Add your name and "donation" as references.**

Notices (Con't)

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.

With the upcoming retirement of the vicar it is intended to make a presentation to her at that time. Anyone wanting to make a donation towards the presentation, please give the money to one of the wardens or place it in an envelope clearly marked "Vicar's Presentation" and put in the offertory plate one week. Thank you.



*Anglican Parish of
Linwood - Aranui*



PEW NEWS Sunday 17th 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 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 John 1: 6-8, 19-28

INTRODUCTION

John's testimony of Jesus reverberates across time as we look forward in this Advent season. We are reminded to thoughtfully consider our testimonies of word and deed—do our lives witness to the light of God within? In the midst of darkness, disappointments, and dreary outlooks, God sent Light into the world. Trying times have the possibility to yield tremendous witness to the loving presence and actions of God. May we be among those who bear witness that the Light is come and is now here.

Call to Worship

Leader: God has called us
**All: To bring good news to the poor
To live with integrity**

Leader: God has called us
**All: To heal the broken-hearted
To bring justice to the hungry**

Leader: God has called us
**All: To hold on to what is good
To avoid every form of evil**

Leader: The Spirit of God is in us
All: We are the people of God

Sentence

Bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, the day of vengeance of our God.
Isaiah 61:1-2

Collect

**Almighty God,
you sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare the way for the coming of your Son;
grant that those who proclaim your word
may so guide our feet into the way of peace,
that we may stand with confidence before him
when he comes in his glorious kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer. Amen.**

Notices

At our 10am service on Christmas Eve Sunday we will have a short version of Lessons and Carols. If you would like to read one of the Lessons please speak to Brenda.

This week at our Wednesday (20th) 10am service at St Chad's we will hear from the shepherd who was in Bethlehem on the night of Jesus' birth, as we continue to focus on some of the characters of the Christmas story.

The last Women's Coffee Group for the year is this week (21st December) at 2pm in St Chad's lounge. Please note the change of venue from our usual one.

We are updating the parish roll and have sent an email to all those for whom we have an email address. If you didn't get an email from us and you have email, then we don't have your address. We will have a copy of the parish roll at both churches today so please check we have your correct address, phone number(s) and email address.

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Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

Day	Activity	Time
At St Chad's site		
Wednesday	Op Shop	Closed until 7 February
	Eucharist	10am on 20th - then Ceased until 10 January
Friday	Op Shop	Closed until 2 February
	Te Reo Service	Ceased until 2 February
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$4.00	Closed until 2 February
Sunday	Eucharist	None on the 24th December
	Lessons and Carols - Joint Service	10am
	First Service of Christmas—Joint Service	7pm
At St Ambrose's site		
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	9.45am - then Ceased until 9 January
	Food Bank Cafe	10am—12 Noon—then Closed until 9 January
	Handiscope	Closed—restarts in February
	Parish Prayer Group	6pm
Wednesday	Food Bank	Closed until 10 January
Thursday	Elder Care Group	Closed until 11 January
Friday	Food Bank Cafe	Closed until 12 January
Sunday	Service—Joint Service	10am at St Chads
At the Barnabas Bookshop site		
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm (also closed between Christmas and New Year)

Next Week's Bible Readings — 4th Sunday of Advent—7pm Service

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Titus 2: 11-14

Luke 2: 1-20