

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



"Even if you do always volunteer to bring the meat dish to church potlucks, you can't claim the congregation as dependents."



PEW NEWS
Sunday 28th April 2024

Living out the love of Christ in our worship and service to all people.

Welcome—Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

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 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 26-40 1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8

INTRODUCTION

In the Reading from Acts we hear about Philip on the road to Gaza, meeting an Ethiopian court official who was reading the prophet Isaiah – the passage that begins, 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter'. Prompted by the Spirit, Philip asks the man whether he understands what he is reading. The man says he needs a guide, and Philip uses this as an opportunity to speak about Jesus and the man immediately asks to be baptized. Philip turns back towards Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news everywhere he goes.

Stepping out of your front door can be an adventure (as Bilbo discovered in *The Hobbit*). But encountering somebody on the journey may change our lives. We think of our own journeys and how travelling with others can bring new insights, friendships, solace – and, you never know, we might even meet with Jesus!

Call to Worship

Leader: Today, here and now we come to you, Lord,

All: **We come to praise and worship you.**

Leader: God of our journey, guide our path,

All: **We come to praise and worship you.**

Leader: Make us always ready to learn new things.

All: **We come to praise and worship you.**

Sentence

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'
John 14:6

Collect

**Christ of the new covenant,
give us the happiness to share,
with full measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over,
all that you give us.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

Notices

The Parish AGM will be held this Sunday, 28th April 2024, in the main hall at St Chad's Church after the 10am service.

DID YOU KNOW about the simple model of ministry emerging in New Brighton - walking alongside, listening and praying. Luke Watson is a 'Community Faith Connector' and is part of the St Faith's New Brighton ministry team. He listens to what the Spirit is doing in the hearts of people, offers prayer and walks alongside people - many of whom may not be part of the parish. What a great model of love, care and discerning what God is already doing - it's what Jesus did!

Messy Church—our family church— meets on Saturday 4th May at 3.00pm at St Ambrose Church. All Welcome.

A Prayer from our ANZAC Day Service

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks today for the peace and security we enjoy. We remember with thanksgiving, those who sacrificed their lives, and all who suffered in times of war. We pray that this suffering may not have been in vain. May your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world. Amen

Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

Day	Activity	Time
<i>At St Chad's site</i>		
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 \$5.00	12 noon
Sunday	Eucharist	10am
<i>At St Ambrose's site</i>		
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	9.45am
	Food Bank and 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	Morning Prayer	9.45 am
	Food Bank and Cafe	10am—12 Noon
Sunday	All Sunday Services now at St Chads site	
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</i>		
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm

Next Week's Bible Readings — 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 44-48

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17