



*Anglican Parish of
Linwood - Aranui*



PEW NEWS Sunday 8th January 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 - Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

Call To Worship:

Leader: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.

All: We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.

Leader: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.

All: The darkness that surrounds us is gone!

Leader: Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.

All: Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others.
AMEN.

Sentence:

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60:1*

Collect:

**Jesus, light of the world,
let your bright star stand over the place
where the poor have to live;
lead our sages to wisdom
and our rulers to reverence.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

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Notice:

Following on from our season of prayer, the next step in our aim for parish growth is a workshop led by Mark Chamberlain (the Archdeacon for Regeneration and Mission). **This will be on Saturday 21st January at St Chad's from 9am to noon**, and all are encouraged to come and contribute to the planning.

Humour:

Sometimes, not saying anything is the best answer. You see silence can never be misquoted.

The school called today and said "your son is telling lies".
"Well" I replied "he must be really good because I don't have any kids!"