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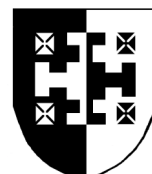
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*If you want to make a donation to the Parish, our bank account is:  
03-1700-0214522-00 Add your name and "donation" as references.*

**Humour:**

Redoing the deck, so I went to party city and purchased a skeleton. Now in 20 years when the new homeowner needs to redo the deck.....



*Anglican Parish of  
Linwood - Aranui*



**PEW NEWS Sunday 4th December 2022**

*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 - 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

**INTRODUCTION**

John the Baptist calls people to prepare the way of the Lord, to make his paths straight. John's way of preparing a straight path focuses on repentance, that is, turning from the ways of this world to practices that fit the time of God's coming. Jesus identifies these practices in the Sermon on the Mount and throughout his earthly life in his practices of inclusion and welcoming, which nurture forgiveness, reconciliation, restoration, and wholeness. For Christians repentance is a perpetual willingness to challenge our way of life and our prejudices which don't produce the fruit of repentance, but instead the practices of discrimination and violence we too easily take for granted.

**Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** In this season of bumper to bumper stress,  
with life more crowded than the stores,  
**All: God welcomes us to a feast of faithfulness,  
where we may sit in peace and gentleness.**

**Leader:** In these times of rancorous rants and snide remarks,  
with people too busy to offer words of compassion,  
**All: Jesus whispers of hope for broken hearts,  
sings carols of justice for all the outsiders**

**Leader:** In these days of more and more time spent on technology,  
and fewer moments with those who could touch us with joy,  
**All: the Spirit embraces us with peace that comforts,  
loves us with a passion beyond our understanding.**

**Sentence:**

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1:15*

**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:**

**We continue through Advent** with our season of prayer, and hope you are using our Parish Growth Prayer in your daily prayers. You are invited to join in the service of Evening Prayer on Tuesday at 7:30pm at St Ambrose.

**Brenda would appreciate** offers of help for the Community Lunch special Christmas meal on **Friday 16th December**, to help in the kitchen with serving the meal and doing the dishes afterwards. Please speak to her if you can help.

**The next Twilight Market** is on Friday 16th December at St Ambrose from 5-8pm.

**The 10am service on Sunday 18th** at St Chad’s will be a Service of Lessons and Carols (finishing with communion).

**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 \$3.00	12 noon
Sunday	Eucharist	8.15am
	Eucharist	10.00am
<i>At St Ambrose’s site</i>		
Monday	Mainly Music	<b>Not being held at present</b>
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	9:45am
	Food Bank Cafe	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	1-3 pm
	Evening Prayer for Advent	7.30pm
Wednesday	Food Bank	10am—12 Noon
	Communion Service	<b>Not being held at present</b>
Thursday	Elder Care Group	9:30am—1pm
Friday	Food Bank Cafe	10am—12 Noon
Sunday	Communion Service	10.00am
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site</i>		
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	10am to 4pm

**Next Week’s Bible Readings— 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 35: 1-10

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11