

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

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## **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.

<b><u>The Bible Readings for today - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (readings) and also St Ambrose Day</u></b>		
Isaiah 11: 1-10	Romans 15: 4-13	Matthew 3: 1-12



## **INTRODUCTION**

From Bishop Peter:

This **Sunday, 7 December 2025** is **Advent 2**. The epistle reading is **Romans 15:4-13**. This is a deep passage, bookended by the theme of "hope", with our hope in God grounded in the coming of Christ into the world as a fulfilment of past hope – that the promises of God to the patriarchs would one day come to be realised. The work of God in Christ is for the world, for you and me, for Jew and Gentile, in other words, for everyone, that all are welcomed into the enduring family of God.

## 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.**

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## Notices

**Bible Study for Advent** – second meeting Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, cuppa and chat at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start (approx. 40 minutes), reflection on the readings for Advent 2 - “Peace”; to be held at St Chad’s Church, 1 Carnarvon Street, Linwood.

**Market Day last Saturday (29<sup>th</sup>)** – a big thank you to Julie Williams for organising the market and to all those who helped in any way. The weather was good and good numbers visited the market. As yet the final tally has not been calculated – hopefully will be in next week’s pew news.

**Men’s Christmas Breakfast—Saturday 13th December 9:00am** at Mitchell’s Café Rinato in The Tannery, Woolston. Note the later time as the café only opens at 9am on Saturdays. Entrance to car parks is from Garlands Road or Cumnor Terrace from Maunsell Street end. The café is on the corner nearest to the Deluxe Cinema entrance. For enquiries, or for catering purposes, please advise your intended attendance to Chris on 021-050-8908 by Monday 8th December.

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	<i>(A)</i>	9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	<i>(A)</i>	<i>Closed reopens 11/2/26</i>
	Foot Clinic	<i>(C)</i>	2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
<b>Wednesday</b>	Op Shop	<i>(C)</i>	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	<i>(C)</i>	10am
	Parish Prayer Group		Temporarily in abeyance
<b>Thursday</b>	Elder Care Group	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Op Shop	<i>(C)</i>	9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	<i>(A)</i>	9.45 am
	Food Bank, Café and Firewood	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	<i>(C)</i>	11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	<i>(C)</i>	12 noon
<b>Saturday</b>	Messy Church	<i>(A)</i>	1st Saturday of the month — 3pm to 4.30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Eucharist	<i>(C)</i>	10am
<b><i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.</i></b>			
<b>Days open</b>	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	Tuesday 10am to 4pm	

<b><u>Next Week's Bible Readings — 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</u></b>		
Isaiah 35: 1-10	James 5: 7-10	Matthew 11: 2-11

## **PARISH DIRECTORY for Linwood - Aranui**

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

***Name : Parish of Linwood — Aranui; No: 03-1700-0214522-00.***

### **St Ambrose Day – 7 December**

Ambrose was born in 339. He became Bishop of Milan by popular choice in 374 when, as governor of the city, he intervened to stop riots over the election of the bishop. Ambrose did much to deepen the theology of the western church on the full divinity of Christ. In his defence of the church's independence from the state, he did much to shape church-state relations in western Europe. He had no hesitation in rebuking the Christian emperor when necessary. Ambrose died in 397.

*The sentence of the day for St Ambrose is most appropriate for the work done at our St Ambrose site:*

Defend the weak and the orphaned; maintain the cause of the afflicted and destitute. Rescue the weak and needy and save them from the hands of the wicked. *Psalm 82: 3, 4*