

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

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## Welcome

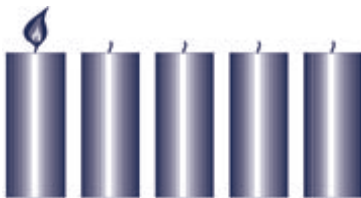
A warm welcome to everyone. We are glad you have joined us in this celebration of our life of faith in God. There is a special church area to help children feel at home here, and we hope you will join us for morning tea after the Service.

### The Bible Readings for today - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 36-44



### INTRODUCTION

From Bishop Peter:

This **Sunday, 30 November 2025** is **Advent 1**. The epistle reading is **Romans 13:11-14**. In a few verses Paul provokes us to live today in the light of tomorrow, to wake up from sleep, to lay aside works of darkness and put on the armour of light instead, to understand that every day is a day nearer to the end of all things – the completion of salvation and the presence of God in judgement. What changes to our lives should we make as we begin the season of Advent?

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**FOODBANK offerings.** For this Sunday and next week we welcome any foodbank offerings, especially of a Christmas nature for our Christmas parcels. Maybe a sweet delight, personal items, jellies. Just a wee treat.

## Sentence

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

*Isaiah 2:3*

## Collect

**Praise and honour to you living God;  
your coming will be like a thief in the night,  
like lightning flashing across the sky.  
Grant that we may be ready,  
and our hearts answer, "Come Lord Jesus".  
Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.**

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## Notices

Bishop Peter wrote: Last Wednesday, an event organised by **Ken Clearwater** and others, acknowledging the first anniversary of the publication of the report of the **Royal Commission of Inquiry on the Abuse in Care** in State and Faith-based Institutions, was held at Validation Park, Birmingham Drive. The theme was "our day, our voice." I salute the courage of those who gave testimony that day to their experiences of abuse. We should continue to be appalled at the dark stain on our history as a country and on the histories of our churches because of the abuse vulnerable persons have suffered when in care. We should also continue to press the Government to follow through on the recommendations of the report. I cannot speak for other churches, but the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia continues to work on the recommendations which were made applicable to our past, present and future.

**In Appreciation** - At the recent vestry meeting we gave thanks for the way the grounds at St Chad's and at St Ambrose look so tidy and attractive. Big thanks to all the workers at both sites who quietly go about their work of gardening and tidying.

**FLASH morning tea 7<sup>th</sup> December (bring a plate) for Goldie's - St Chad's - 100<sup>th</sup> birthday morning tea!**

Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop		
Day	Activity	Time
<b>(A) = St Ambrose site</b>		<b>(C) = St Chad's site</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning Prayer	<b>(A)</b> 9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	<b>(A)</b> 10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	<b>(A)</b> 1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	<b>(C)</b> 2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
<b>Wednesday</b>	Op Shop	<b>(C)</b> 9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	<b>(C)</b> 10am
	Parish Prayer Group	Temporarily in abeyance
<b>Thursday</b>	Elder Care Group	<b>(A)</b> 10am—12.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	Op Shop	<b>(C)</b> 9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	<b>(A)</b> 9.45 am
	Food Bank, Café and Firewood	<b>(A)</b> 10am—12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	<b>(C)</b> 11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	<b>(C)</b> 12 noon
<b>Saturday</b>	Messy Church	<b>(A)</b> 1st Saturday of the month — 3pm to 4.30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	Eucharist	<b>(C)</b> 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 — 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (readings)</u></b> <b><u>and also St Ambrose Day</u></b>		
Isaiah 11: 1-10	Romans 15: 4-13	Matthew 3: 1-12

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

**Website:** [www.linwood-aranuianglicanparish.com](http://www.linwood-aranuianglicanparish.com)

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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.  
Add your name and “donation” as references.***

### **Notices (con't):**

This year, Christian World Service (CWS) celebrates 80 years as New Zealand's oldest continually operating aid and development agency. As we continue to represent a caring nation of believers, many of whom are deeply compassionate towards the world's most vulnerable, we express our deepest gratitude to the donors and volunteers who have supported CWS through the decades. This Christmas, we return to one of the most fundamental needs for people living in poverty and injustice: access to safe and healthy water. We invite you to support our Give Water, Give Life appeal this festive season ([www.cws.org.nz](http://www.cws.org.nz)).

**Bible Study for Advent** – first meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, cuppa and chat at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start (approx. 40 minutes), reflection on the readings for Advent 1 - “Hope”; to be held at St Chad's Church, 1 Carnarvon Street, Linwood.