

PEW NEWS Sunday 26th October 2025

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 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joel 2: 23-32 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14

INTRODUCTION

The Gospel reading - Luke 18:9-14 - Two men went up into the temple to pray.

One American writer wrote that there are only two actual prayers; "Help, help" and "Thank you, thank you."

Are there really only the two extreme postures: humiliated or beyond reproach? Or can we find the meaning of God's grace in the lives of both men as they learn how to trust God, both in the act of being humbled and of being exalted?

As we listen to the parable Jesus tells and consider the context of his teaching, let us look for a way beyond the duality of these two praying people towards a balanced view of what it means to know oneself as a child of God in the large, extended family of creation.

Sentence

Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.

Luke 18:17

Collect

Jesus our Lord,
you have taught us that judgement
begins at the house of God;
save us from our self-satisfaction,
rigidity and corruption,
so that we may stand ready to do your will;
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Notices

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. André Muller as the new Assistant Curate in the Parishes of Linwood-Aranui, Avonside and East Christchurch. André will carry out his curacy under the oversight of our Archdeacon, the Ven. Katrina Hill. André's appointment is for two years and will commence on 30 November 2025. André is married to Sarah, and they have a two year old daughter and another on the way. Please keep André and his family in your prayers.

Saturday 1st November at St Ambrose church, Sathya Sai Global Council of NZ are providing a free vegetarian meal. 3 sittings 11.15 am - 12 noon or 1 pm. Just let Julie 027 4518796 know if are keen. You are able to eat at the church or pick up and take home.

Christmas Market; Being held at St Ambrose on Saturday 29th November 10am - 2pm. I would like a few volunteers please on a couple of stalls and with setting up. If your able to assist for a short time it would be appreciated. We have a lovely range of stall holders attending, Salvation Army band are attending for a short time, and we have Claire singing after. Contact Julie 027 4518796 to know more.

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

Next Week's Bible Readings — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12

Luke 19: 1-10

PARISH DIRECTORY for Linwood - Aranui

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St Ambrose Church is at 309 Breezes Road, just off Pages Road

<u>Office – at St Ambrose:</u> Hours 10-noon Tues, Fri 388 6699

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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.

Informing us:

Tomorrow, Monday, 27 October, is **Labour Day**, a public holiday in New Zealand. In the 1800s, New Zealand workers sought the right to limit their work to eight hours a day. Labour Day was officially celebrated from 1900, though the eight-hour day was still not a legal entitlement. At one time, the chant was "eight hours work, eight hours play, eight hours sleep and eight bob a day." The Living Wage movement, guided by the Lower Hutt Anglican Family Centre Social Policy Research Unit, currently calculates \$28.95 an hour as the level of income required to provide fulltime workers with the necessities of life and allow them to participate with dignity as active citizens in society. Many workers receive less, with the minimum wage currently \$23.50. According to the Retirement Commission in 2019, 12% of over 65s are still trying to pay off a mortgage.