Anglican Church of Linwood and Aranui

# PEW NEWS

**Sunday 8th November 2026**

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

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 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

## Introduction

The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids is a warning to be ready for the coming of Christ.

The wise bridesmaids keep the visions of Christ's return, and all that it stands for, alive through their faithful waiting in the midst of delay.

By preparing for the day, the timing of which no one knows but God, they proclaim that God's promises are true.

They act out their hope for that day when God will establish justice and righteousness and peace.

**Sentence**

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. *Matthew 24:42, 44*

**Collect**

**Father,**
**let us not serve you grudgingly like slaves,**
**but with the gladness of children**
**who delight in you**
**and rejoice in their work;**
**through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

## Notices

**Our lovely Christmas Market will be on Saturday 28th November**, 10-2 pm at St Ambrose. Looking for Christmas items, small gifts or food to help build up some raffles. Will be greatly appreciated, thank you. Also, if anyone would like to help on the day, please let me know. A great festive time with people coming together. For more info, please contact Julie W 027 451 8796.

**Men's Breakfast.** Our November gathering will be on Saturday 14th November, 8:30am at St Chad's. The speaker is Chris Goodyer explaining "What is a Body Corporate and how does it function?" Chris has firsthand experience on this important subject as he has been happily living under this requirement at the Maltworks Lifestyle Village on Port Hills Road for several years now.
Enquiries to Max 027 4345 781.

**A new name for a new season: *Church Army New Zealand is now Salt & Light Collective***.
When founded, Church Army called itself a Society to reflect the kind of community it wanted to be. It reflects Jesus' heart for teams loving one another, creativity collaborating and learning together. With the language of Collective we take the original vision forward to continue to form a community of missional practitioners, learning together, supporting one another, and sharing what we've learnt with the wider Church.
We look forward to continuing to serve the Anglican Church in this new season. Please pray for the fruit of the Gospel to be evident as we continue in the story Jesus is writing for us.
The Gospel is in your hands. For more: https://saltandlightcollective.org.nz/

| Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop | | | |
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| **Day** | **Activity** | | **Time** |
| ***(A) = St Ambrose site*** | | ***(C) = St Chad's site*** | |
| **Tuesday** | Morning Prayer | ***(A)*** | 9.45am |
| | Food Bank and Cafe | ***(A)*** | 10am to 12 Noon |
| | Handiscope | ***(A)*** | 1-3 pm |
| | Foot Clinic | ***(C)*** | 2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time |
| | Games Afternoon | ***(C)*** | 3rd Tues of the month – Contact Menna re time |
| **Wednesday** | Op Shop | ***(C)*** | 9am to 12 noon |
| | Eucharist | ***(C)*** | 10am |
| | Chair Yoga (cost $5) | ***(C)*** | 1.30pm to 2.30pm |
| **Thursday** | Elder Care Group | ***(A)*** | 10am to 12.30pm |
| **Friday** | Op Shop | ***(C)*** | ***Closed – Public Holiday*** |
| | Morning Prayer | ***(A)*** | ***Closed – Public Holiday*** |
| | Food Bank, Café and Firewood | ***(A)*** | ***Closed – Public Holiday*** |
| | Te Reo Service | ***(C)*** | ***Closed – Public Holiday*** |
| | Community Lunch - cost of meal $5.00 | ***(C)*** | ***Closed – Public Holiday*** |
| **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.*** | | | |
| **Days open** | Wednesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays) | | 10am to 4pm |

**Next Week's Bible Readings — 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Judges 4: 1-7 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

**PARISH DIRECTORY for Linwood - Aranui**

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| **Website:** | www.linwood-aranuianglicanparish.com | |
| **Curate:** | Rev'd Dr André Muller | 022 027 5913 |
| **Supervising Priest:** | Ven Katrina Hill | 029 770 3098 |
| **Messy Church Co-ordinator:** | Rev'd Anne Russell-Brighty | 027 436 6828 |
| **Parish Recorder:** | Adrian Brighty | 027 824 3607 |
| **Bishop's Warden:** | Max Joines | 384 1934 |
| **People's Warden:** | Billy Pamatangi | 022 618 8420 |
| **Parish Manager:** | Martin Witty | 021 222 2007 |
| **Community Worker:** | Menna Harries | 022 691 3261 |

***St Chad's Church is at the corner of Carnarvon Street and Buckleys Road***

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| **Office – at St Chad's:** | Hours 9-noon Wed, Fri | 389 5833 |
| **Email:** | **linwoodstchads@gmail.com** | |

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

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| **Office – at St Ambrose:** | Hours 10-noon Tues, Fri | 388 6699 |
| **Email:** | **stambrose@xtra.co.nz** | |

***Donations to the Parish may be made to our bank account which is: Name: Parish of Linwood — Aranui: No: 03-1700-0214522-00. Add your name and "donation" as references.***

## Notices (con't)

You remember Job in the bible and all the things he had to put up with while the devil was testing him, but he stayed true to his faith and trust in God. However, Job wasn't all that much of a good person as he was the youngest to use foul language.

Yes – he cursed the day he was born – wow that is *really* starting young!