



28 November 2021

Our Mission Statement:

Giving thanks to God, we **SHINE** as a light with the love of Jesus & bring glory to God by declaring it to all the world.

Matthew 5: 14-16

An unexpected Christmas - Hope

What an unexpected two years we have had. Lockdowns, curfews, travel restrictions, vaccinations and still we are unsure what Covid normal will look like. As we begin the advent season, we are reminded again of the unexpected events that changed the course of history forever. Who would have thought that God would come to earth in the form of Jesus, fully man, fully human, the King would be born in a stable not a castle, Mary from the wrong side of town- a virgin would give birth to the Son of God.

Each year as advent begins, we tell ourselves it will be different. We intend to say no to the fuss and the stress that Christmas often brings. We will say yes to opening our hearts for the Christ child. Yet each year the calendar fills up quickly: Christmas parties, volunteering, shopping, cleaning, baking, putting up the Christmas tree. Before we know it, nothing has changed at all.

This year, the invitation comes to us again. It is an invitation to slow down, to relearn a pace of life that is unhurried so that we can focus on a life lived in God's light. This life is one filled with hope, peace, joy and love. Jesus, encourages us to live in 'readiness' – always aware that Christ's coming is imminent, and avoiding the temptation of growing absorbed in self-interest and personal pleasure. This week, let's celebrate and open ourselves to the power of God's gift of hope in Christ.

Sunday Services:	5 December	9am service for the unvaccinated at St Chad's 10am service for the vaccinated at St Chad's
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Covid 19 Update

With the easing of restrictions we do not have to wear masks while attending our church services or when meeting in a small group in our buildings. To enter our buildings, however, you must be fully vaccinated (& have shown us proof of your status) & scan the QR code.

Change to our Mission Statement

As Sue indicated in her report, we are proposing a slight change to the mission statement that was developed a few years ago. The changes are outlined in red. Please give us your feedback.

‘Giving thanks to God, we SHINE as a light with the love of Jesus, bringing glory to God **by growing mature disciples** and declaring **the good news** to all the world.’

Church Market Christmas Hamper Raffle

We would be very grateful for donations of mince pies, Christmas cakes, gingerbread, crackers, etc for the Christmas Hamper raffle.

Church Market

The planned church markets will be held on December 4 & 18 and January 15. We need your help! Could you help by setting up tables on Thursday night, sorting items on Fridays, welcoming guests, BBQing sausages on the day, packing down on Saturday from 3 pm onwards etc. If you assist, please let Trissette Fernando know on 0423 822 406 or fill your name in on the form at Church. Donations can be dropped off on the Saturday before the market (ie. Saturday 27 November and 11 December) and these can be placed in the smokers shed any time that day or Sunday as you come to church. This will be unlocked only at these times. We are asking only church members at this stage to donate items to sell. Things to donate are good quality nick knacks, clothes, trash and treasure, books, pot plants, jams and pickles, craft items, Christmas goodies etc. We would prefer not to have bigger items donated as they will be hard to dispose of if they don't sell. If you can donate coat hangers, big plastic containers or portable clothes racks, this would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Services

Sunday 12 December

Inter-church Council Christmas Carols online

Sunday 19 December

10am Seven lessons and Carols at St Chad's

Friday 24 December

**5:30pm Service for the unvaccinated. Holy Communion
at St Chad's. Bookings essential 0433 024 626**

7pm Family service at St Chad's

11pm Holy Communion at St Chad's

11pm Holy Communion at St Aidan's

Saturday 25 December

9:30am Holy Communion at St Chad's

Sunday 26 December

10am Holy Communion at St Chad's



Logos and the Blue Sign at St Chad's Centre

Over the past year, Parish Council has been revisiting our logos and the blue sign. People have given us some really helpful feedback and we have redesigned the blue sign with those recommendations in mind. Please have another look at them in the Parish centre and we would love to hear your feedback.

Congratulations to those elected at the APM

Church Wardens

Wayne McGlone, Di McGreal

Parish Council Members

Elisabeth Crombie, Trisette Fernando, Bernard Hendrey,
Candice Perini, Graeme Stone

Incumbency Committee

Natalie Allinson, Christine Taylor

We need people to deliver our Christmas flyers...

A map will be at St Chad's for you to highlight the area that you can deliver to or see Sue, Jaqueline or Bec if you can help.

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week... 500g Breakfast Cereal

Happy Birthday... Peg Wills, Soula Deville

Services in the church

10am at St Chad's every Sunday (vaccinated people only)

9am at St Chad's 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month (for unvaccinated people)

11am at St Aidan's 2nd Sunday of the month (vaccinated people only)

8am at St Chad's 4th Sunday of the month (vaccinated people only)

This week in the church

Mon	9:30am	Pastoral Care Meeting at St Chad's
Tues	10:00am	Matt's Place at St Chad's TAKEAWAY MEALS ONLY
Tues	11:00am	Lunch Church Bible Study recommences
Wed	9:30am	Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's
Wed	1:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Thurs	10:00am	Playgroup via Zoom see Bec for details

Soon in the church

Sat 27 Nov	1:00pm	Winter Warmer's Hamper Postie Party at St Chad's For doubly vaccinated people only
Sun 5 Dec	5:00pm	Tweens via Zoom see Bec for details (12/12)
Sun 12 Dec		Inter-church Council Christmas Carols online
Mon 13 Dec	7:00pm	Parish Council meeting

Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

Ongoing prayer—email requests to Jaqueline or Sue

Pastoral care—Sue Bluett 0433 024 626

Prayer has been requested for: Bec, Bradley, Briony & Phoebe, Carolyn, Charlie & Deb, Chris, David & Cheryl, Del, Dorothy, Fox family, Heather, Jackie, Karen, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kaye, Ken & Jan, Maree, Nigel & Chris, Rachel, Rita, Rosie, Stephen T, Tania, Vicki & Jeff, Wendy, Winnie, Yolanta, Zara

Offering Via Direct Debit—Our bank details are:

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Longbeach Parish Covid Safe Officers

Jaqueline Hendrey—Parish & Matt's Place

Ken Gooding—Pantry 5000

Wardens

Bernard Hendrey (Treasurer)

Maintenance

Child Safety Officers

Zilpha Barker (Compliance Officer)

Di McGreal, Wayne McGlone

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