



**12 December 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*

### **Word became Flesh**

(adapted from ‘The Christmas we didn’t expect’ by David Mathis)

Over this Christmas time, it is helpful to become familiar with certain theological words that explain what happened when Jesus came to earth. The first is ‘incarnation’ which refers to the in-fleshing of the eternal Son of God who put on our flesh and blood and became fully human as well as being fully God. A key verse that helps us to understand this is John 1:14, “The Word (Jesus) became flesh and dwelt among us”.

‘Became’ does not mean that Jesus ceased being God. Rather, he became man by taking on human nature in addition to his divine nature. It is important for us to understand that humanity and divinity are not exclusive as has been shown in the life of Jesus.

Hebrews 2:17 and 4:15 teach us that in order for Jesus to save humans, he had to be made like us in every respect (body, mind, emotions and will) except he did not sin.

## **Inter-Church Carols & Sausage Sizzle!**

**Come and join us!**

**12 December 5:30pm at St Chad’s**



**Sunday Services:** 19 December 9am service for the unvaccinated at St Chad’s  
10am service for the vaccinated at St Chad’s

#### **Contact Us:**

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## **Inter-church Council Carols and Sausage Sizzle!**

We are warmly inviting you to join us at St Chad's on December 12 at 5:30pm for a parish picnic. You can bring your own picnic or we will have BBQ sausages and drinks for sale. Please bring your own chair or picnic blanket. After our picnic we will adjourn to the church to watch and sing together all the carols that have been so lovingly prepared for you. It promises to be a fabulous evening and we look forward very much to seeing you there! (You must be double vaccinated to attend).

## **Covid Check-In for Christmas Services**

Over Christmas, we are praying that many visitors from the community will come to our services, and we believe God will answer our prayers. To make the process for the Covid Officer easier at this time, we are asking everyone to show us proof of their vaccination status on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day even if we have already seen it. We thank you in advance for your help.

## **Christmas presents for children & teenagers...**

...can be left unwrapped under the tree at St Chad's. They will be distributed by Chelsea Community Support Services before Christmas.

## **Church Market- 18 December & 15 January 9am – 12.30 pm**

What a wonderful day we had on Saturday at the Church Market. Thank you to all those who helped with setting up, cooking, selling and donating goods. We were blessed with good weather and we made just over \$2000. We met to evaluate the market and made these decisions.

- The Market will go ahead on December 18 and January 15 from 9.00 am – 12.30 pm (change of time)
- We would like to have a cake stall as people were asking for home baked goodies. We are inviting people to make cakes and slices to sell on the 18 December (remember no cream on the cakes).
- We need more items donated to sell. The shed will be open from Thursday to Monday (5 days each week) for people in the community to drop items in. Could you please tell your friends & family.
- Could you donate some jewellery stands & money belts?

**Pantry 5000 Food of the Week...** 500g Breakfast Cereal or Cans of Fruit

## 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**



## 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 & scan the QR code. \*\*\*Please note that both Pantry 5000 and the Church Market are classified as essential services and unvaccinated people are allowed to attend but masks must be worn by everyone. Volunteers for both Pantry and the Market must be doubly vaccinated.

## Road to Bethlehem

Each year 'Road to Bethlehem' has given people the chance to experience the story of Christmas by physically walking through the story. This year, they have gone virtual on [www.roadtobethlehem.org](http://www.roadtobethlehem.org) and are inviting us to journey through the Advent story with them each day through December.

## CMS SUTS (Summer Under the Sun)

Each year, CMS puts on an excellent conference that some of our church have attended and would highly recommend. They always have great speakers including missionaries in the field. This year it is at Syndal Baptist from 13-15 January. You can participate online or on demand. You can book your place on their website at [www.cms.org.au](http://www.cms.org.au)

**We need people to deliver our Christmas flyers...**

**...especially in the Chelsea/Bonbeach area**

See Sue, Jaqueline or Bec if you can help.

**Happy Birthday...** Christine Taylor, Sue O'Brien, Aileen Johnson

## 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 <b>TAKEAWAY MEALS ONLY</b>
Tues	11:00am	Lunch Church Bible Study
Wed	9:30am	Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's
Wed	1:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Thurs		Playgroup having a break until February 2022

## Soon in the church

Sun 12 Dec	5:30pm	Tweens celebrating with the parish at the carols
Sun 12 Dec	5:30pm	Parish Picnic at St Chad's
	6:30pm	Inter-church Council Christmas Carols at St Chad's
Mon 13 Dec	7:00pm	Parish Council meeting
Sat 18 Dec	9:00am	Church Market at St Chad's

### 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:** Bradley & Sharon, Briony & Phoebe, Carolyn, Charlie & Deb, Chris, Croker Family, Dorothy, Doug, Fox family, Frank, Heather, Jackie, Karen, Kayden & Elisabeth, Ken & Jan, Nigel & Chris, Pauline, Rachel, Rita, Rosie, Steph, Stephen H, Stephen T, Tania, Vicki & Jeff, Wendy, Winnie

### Offering Via Direct Debit—Our bank details are:

**Account Name: Anglican Parish of Longbeach**

**Bendigo Bank BSB No. 6 3 3— 0 0 0 Account No. 1 5 3 7 4 5 2 2 9**

### Longbeach Parish Covid Safe Officers

Jaqueline Hendrey—Parish & Matt's Place

Ken Gooding—Pantry 5000

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