

20 February 2022 Our mission is to: Shine with the love of Jesus, grow mature

disciples and declare the Good News.

## Partnership in Prayer

When Jesus had ascended into heaven, the disciples were told to wait in Jerusalem for the promised Holy Spirit to come. During that time, "They all joined together constantly in prayer." (Acts 1:14) At Pentecost a revival happened.

Throughout the Bible, believers are called to pray and God answered them. But what is prayer? What does it mean to "pray without ceasing?" And does prayer really make a difference?

Prayer is a relationship with our living God, wherein we humbly communicate, worship, and sincerely seek God's face, knowing that he hears us, speaks to us, loves us and will respond, though not always in a manner we may expect or desire.

God is calling our Parish of Longbeach to be faithful in praying for his Kingdom to come amongst us. Are you willing to commit yourselves to faithfully pray for God's continued guidance, for Godly leadership, for revival in our community and that we will be a light that shines God's love and grace?

We welcome Lola with her parents, Rob and Natalie, and Godparents, Maree and Ashton as they bring Lola for baptism.



Sunday	27 February	10am service at St Chad's
Services:	6 March	8am & 10am services at St Chad's

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### Vision Statement

Over the past months, the Parish Council has been relooking at aspects of our Mission Action Plan. The vision statement for our church we would like you to consider and provide feed back on is:

> **A vibrant Growing Church** Christlike in every way **Embracing and proclaiming** God's word and love

# **Updated Covid information**

- If you have any of symptoms of Covid or have recently tested positive to Covid, PLEASE do not enter any of our buildings.
- It is mandatory for all those 8 years old and over to wear a mask.
- QR code check in remains compulsory
- All are welcome to join us for morning tea when it is held outside

## Prayer Retreat – Saturday 5 March (note change of date)

We invite you to come and spend some time with God on Saturday 5 March. Anne Anderton from All Saints Anglican in Greensborough will be leading our time together. The day will run from 10am to 3pm and will include guided devotion, individual prayer time, singing, opening God's word and communion. Lunch will be provided and donation towards this would be greatly appreciated.

# Shrove Tuesday 1 March 2022

This year we are again encouraging you to hold pancake Tuesday in your homes and invite friends, family or neighbours. This is a real outreach opportunity. It is a fundraiser, so we encourage people to pay \$15 as it is a two course meal. If you are willing to host in your home or cook the pancakes, please let Sue know.





# Ash Wednesday Services 2 March 2022

Lent begins on March 2 and it is a time where many fast from something (coffee, chocolate, TV, social media etc.) so that they can spend time examining their lives before God. We start this season with services: St dust you shall Chad's at 2pm and St Aidan's at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Jaqueline is Back! Virus has been banished!

### Next Church Market – 19 March – PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY

### **National Church Life Survey**

We will be participating in the NCLS over the next few weeks. It gives an important snapshot of life in our parish and wider faith community and is a valuable tool for planning future directions for our church. There will be the option to either complete the survey at church or online.

### New Pantry 5000 Opening Times

From 2 March Pantry 5000 will be open 9:30am-1:30pm and not close for lunch. Guests will still be asked to attend at specific time slots to reduce pressures on social distancing.

### **Raffle Tickets**

There will be raffle tickets for sale after church this Sunday with a variety of prizes. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

#### Lunch Church Returns...

... for a sit down meal on February 29. Please see Bec for details

### Important dates for your diary for 2022

Note: Some dates may change if pandemic conditions change

1 March	Shrove Tuesday—Pancake night		
2 March	Ash Wednesday Services		
	2pm @ St Chads and 7pm @ St Aidan's		
5 March	10am Prayer retreat		
20 March	Small Group Leadership Training (after church)		
15 April	Good Friday Inter-Church Council Stations of the Cross		
3 May	Alpha starts		
15 May	Healing Service		
29 May	Messy Church		
5 June	Pentecost Inter-Church Council Service		
6-8 July	School Holiday Program for primary school children		

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

Happy Birthday... Mavis Bennett, Maraea Hohaia Happy Anniversary... Monica and Michael Klaproth

#### Services in the church

10am at St Chad's every Sunday 8am at St Chad's 1st Sunday of the month 11am at St Aidan's 2nd Sunday of the month

### This week in the church

Mon	9:30am	Pastoral Care Meeting			
Tues	10:00am	Matt's Place at St Chad's TAKEAWAY MEALS ONLY			
Tues	11:00am	Lunch Church Bible Study			
Wed	9:30am	Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's			
Wed	1:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting			
Thurs	10:00am	Playgroup			
Soon in the church					

19 February	9am-12:30pm Market at St Chad's
27 February	Service Leadership Training (note change of date)
29 February	11:30am Lunch Church returns for a sit down meal
5 March	10am Prayer retreat
1 March	Shrove Tuesday—Pancake night—see page 2 for details
2 March	Ash Wednesday— see page 2 for service times

### Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

Ongoing prayer—email requests to Jaqueline or Sue Pastoral care—Sue Bluett 0433 024 626

**Compliance Officer** 

**Prayer has been requested for:** Amy, Alan & family, Bradley & Sharon, Brenda, Briony & Phoebe, David, David, Dawn, Doug, Frank, Gabriel & Liz, Gary, Gary A, Helen, Isla, Jackie, Janine, Jenny & family, Karen, Kayden & Elisabeth, Ken & Jan, Matty, Mavis, Nigel & Chris, Nonie, Patjohn, Rachel, Rita, Robert, Robyn, Rosie, Russell & Mary, Sandra, Sienna, Steph, Stephen H, Stephen T, Tania, Tommy, Vicki & Jeff, 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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Child Safety Officers		Zilpha Barker, Sue & Ken Gooding, Jaqueline H.		

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