

# **27 November 2022** Our mission is to:

Shine with the love of Jesus, grow mature disciples and declare the Good News.

## 1 Corinthians 13 (A Christmas Version)

If I decorate my house perfectly with strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen baking dozens of Christmas biscuits, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do no show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I volunteer at the local community meals program, carol in the nursing home, help with food distribution and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the tree with shimmering angels and shiny baubles, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir, but do not focus on those I love the most, I have missed the point.

#### In other words...

Love stops the cooking to hug a child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated china and linen.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces with be lost, golf clubs will rust. But the gift of love will endure. (Compliments of Google)

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### **Christmas Services 2022**

6:30pm Sunday 11 December

Inter-church Council Christmas Carols at the Chelsea Town Hall (Featuring Wayne, our puppets and Ron to give the message)

Sunday 18 December

10am Seven Lessons and Carols at St Chad's (including pageant rehearsal for the children)

Saturday 24 December

7pm Family service at St Chad's
(With the pageant and puppets)
11pm Holy Communion at St Chad's
11pm Holy Communion at St Aidan's
Sunday 25 December
9:30am Holy Communion at St Chad's



# Longbeach Children's and Families Christmas Party...

...will be hosted at the Hendrey's at 4pm on December 4. It will be a wonderful afternoon with lots of stories, games, carols and a delicious picnic afternoon tea. See Jaqueline, Bec or Sue for details.

## Interchurch Council (ICC) Carols Choir Rehearsal

At the ICC Carols on Sunday 11 December, the Chelsea Concert Band will be playing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. We are planning for a choir to sing with the band. Music will be sent to you and there will be two practices on Monday 28 November and 5 December at 7.30 pm (note time change) in the Chelsea Hall. If you are interested, could you please phone or email Sue Bluett (details on front page).

# **Interchurch Council Carols...invite your friends!**

...will be held in the Chelsea Town Hall on Sunday December 11 at 6:30pm. Please come along and support the initiative of the local churches. This is particularly important this year as the Kingston Council are holding another Carols by Candlelight in Chelsea on the same night. This is a great event to invite your friends and family to. It promises to be a fabulous night with a community choir, Wayne singing a solo, the puppets at their entertaining best and Ron delivering a thought provoking message.

### Annual Parish Meeting (APM) — November 27

The APM will follow a combined service at St Chad's at 10:00am.

## **Nominations For Office Bearers 2022/2023**

#### **Parish Council**

Blavo, Karin Crombie, Elisabeth Deville, Soula McGlone, Wayne Peterson, Caleb Yates, Ray

#### Churchwarden

Allinson, Natalie McGreal, Di

# **Incumbency Committee**

Allinson, Natalie Barker, Zilpha Crombie, Elisabeth

#### Road to Bethlehem is live for 2022

# 5-8 December 2022 — Edinburgh College, Lilydale

Road to Bethlehem gives people a real experience of the Christmas story with donkeys, camels, sheep, wisemen etc. It is a free event but tickets do need to be booked at https://roadtobethlehem.org/tickets/ It is a great event and your hearts will be touched by this experience.

# Can you deliver Christmas Flyers?

Christmas is such an important celebration of Christ's birth. Letting people in our community know the good news is vital. We have flyers that need to be delivered that advertise our services. A map will be at St Chad's for you to highlight the area that you can deliver to. See Sue, Jaqueline or Bec if you can help.

## **Sensible Shoes Final Session and Lunch**

On Saturday November 26th we are meeting at the Parish Centre at 10.30am, followed by a celebratory lunch at 12.30pm at the RSL. Anyone who has read Sensible Shoes is most welcome to join us.

# Next Market—December 17

We need Christmas Themed Donations

Home baked Christmas goodies are also excellent sellers.

Many thanks to those involved with the November Market...  $\dots$ 

we raised over \$1800!

## Pantry 5000 Food of the Week

Spreads suitable for school lunches

### Happy Birthday... Amanda Witt

#### Services in the church

10am at St Chad's every Sunday 8am at St Chad's 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month 11am at St Aidan's 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

#### This week in the church

Mon	9:30am	Pastoral Care Meeting
Tues	10:45am	Matt's Place at St Chad's
Tues	11:15am	Lunch Church & Bible Study
Wed	9:30am—1	1:30pm Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's
Wed	1:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting

Thurs Playgroup at St Chad's Amazing Wanderer Week 10:00am

#### Soon in the church

27 Nov	Annual Parish Meeting after the 10am service at St Chad's
4 Dec	4pm Children and Families' Christmas party at the Hendrey's
11 Dec	6:30pm Interchurch Council Carols at the Chelsea Town Hall
16 Dec	10:00am Patchwork & Craft Group Christmas break up
18 Dec	10am Seven Lessons and Carols at St Chad's
24 Dec	7pm Christmas Eve Family Service at St Chad's
24 Dec	11pm Holy Communion at St Chad's & St Aidan's
25 Dec	9:30am Holy Communion 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**: Carol, Carolyn, Cheryl, Chris B, Darcy, Darren, Doug, Evie, Glenis, Helen, Baby Hudson & Jennifer, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kim, Leonie, Lorraine, Michelle, Nigel & Chris, Phoebe, Rex, Robert, Roberta, Rosemary, Sharon, Stephen T, Sue, Viv, Wyatt, Will

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

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