



11 December 2022

Our mission is to:

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

In this advent season, we wait in hope knowing that we are loved by a merciful God who extends to us his everlasting love.

We are now in the third week of Advent which is a reminder that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great joy at this Christmas season. Sometimes we

make the mistake of thinking that happiness and joy are the same thing. However, the joy that Jesus gives is not dependent on what is happening in our lives or the things we have or the gifts we give or receive. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from Christ alone.

Those who gathered around the new baby were blessed because they believed that God had fulfilled the promises in His word. Mary and Joseph believed and were able to feel the joy of holding baby Jesus in their arms. The shepherds and wise men believed the angels and the signs and experienced the great gladness of worshipping their Messiah.

The Lord offers us the same joy when we recognise Jesus as our Saviour and Lord. He overcame death and rose from the dead. Forgiveness and eternal life are given to those who love him with all their heart.

Joy is a gift from God. May our hearts be filled with this joy at this advent season.



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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



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.

Interchurch Council Carols...invite your friends!

...will be held in the Chelsea Town Hall on Sunday Dec 11 at 6:30pm. Please come 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.

Christmas presents for children & teenagers...

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

Funeral of Ruth Cunningham...

...will be on Monday 19 December at 2pm at St Chad's.

Happy Birthday... Metche Lee, Sue O'Brien & Aileen Johnston

Next Market—December 17

We need Christmas Themed Donations

Home baked Christmas goodies are also excellent sellers.

Market Raffle

Tickets for our latest raffle are on sale. There are some great prizes and tickets are just \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Opening and closing times for our outreach programs

Matt's Place

Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 20 December (last day for 2022) and reopening on Tuesday 17 January 2023

Pantry 5000

Wednesday 21 December 9:30am-1:00pm

Wednesday 28 December 10:00am-12:00pm (reduced opening hours)

Wednesday 4 January 10:00am-12:00pm (reduced opening hours)

Wednesday 11 January 9:30am-1:00pm

Staff holidays in December 2022/January 2023

Bec will be on leave from December 26—January 8 inclusive

Sue will be on leave from January 9—January 15 inclusive

After Christmas, Jaqueline will only be in the office on Thursday morning for the first two weeks in January, that is, 5/1, 12/1.

Services in January

January 1 & 8—10am at St Chad's

January 15—8am & 10am at St Chad's

January 22—10am at St Chad's & 11am at St Aidan's

January 29—10am at St Chad's

Lunching with the Vicar

Sue would like to invite you to the Vicarage for Sunday lunch on January 22 or 29, if you are around. If you would like to come, then please put your name down on the sign in sheets on the notice boards or up the back of Church.

Do you like to sing? We are starting a singing group...

...for anyone who is interested from our local community. We will sing a variety of Christian and secular music. It will be held at St Chad's on the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 7pm—8.30pm. Please let Wayne or Jacky R know if you would like to be part of the group.

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—1:30pm	Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's
Wed	1:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Thurs	10:00am	Playgroup having a break over Christmas

Soon in the church

10 December	Playgroup Christmas breakup
12 December	Parish Council meeting
16 December	10am Patchwork and Craft break up at Hendreys'
17 January	Matt's Place and Lunch Church recommence
21 January	9am-12:30pm Market
22 & 29 January	Lunch with the Vicar
5 February	Church Picnic at Bicentennial Park
21 February	Pancake Night in your homes—invite your friends
25 February	Prayer Retreat
28 February	Alpha Starts
30 February	Singing Group starts
18 March	Fete

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week

Spreads suitable for school lunches

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, 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

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