



9 April 2023

Our mission is to:

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

Easter Reflections

A few years ago during the Christmas Holidays, I returned home to the land of the long white cloud for a few weeks. Two things happened that will be instilled in my memory for the rest of my life. My sister, who is really trusting always leaves her car unlocked and this day we convinced her to lock it. Disaster!!!! She locked her keys in the car. Suddenly a camper van pulled up and plucking up the courage, I went over to ask if they had a coat hanger. The door opened and the voice said, "Hi Sue, I haven't seen you in years." It was a friend Rachel from Bible college days who now lived in Fiji.

A week later, after returning to Australia, grocery shopping was required. While walking down one of the aisles, I found myself face to face with a stranger who asked, "How was your holiday in New Zealand?" Realizing there was no recognition, he said, "We sat together on the plane going over to Auckland."

As we approach Easter, Jesus (to whom many historical accounts outside of the Bible verify the events of his death and resurrection) was recognized not just as a man but as God himself, the King, as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Days later, he was sentenced to death even though he had done nothing wrong. God's plan was to send his son to die in our place so we can know forgiveness and peace. May you experience his unending love and the peace that can only come from God this Easter.

Bible reading for Sunday 16 April: Luke 24:13-35

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Easter Services

7 April—Good Friday

9am Services at St Chad's

9am Service at St Aidan's

10:30am Stations of the Cross
at Beesan Reserve

9 April—Easter Sunday

8am & 10am Service at St Chad's
& 10am at St Aidan's



School Holiday Program "Pearls, Pigs and Parties!!"

For primary aged students

9am-12pm 19-21 April at St Chad's

See Bec for more details

[Please pray that children will see our advertising and come in droves!](#)

The alpha Course!

Guess what folks, Alpha's back again! How exciting! We will hold this course on Tuesday lunchtimes and we are starting with a meal on **May 16 at 11.00am** that you can invite your family, friends and neighbours to. We will be finished by 1pm. You are welcome to join us for coffee from 11am onwards. Remember, the key to the alpha Course is you and the people you bring. So be thinking about whom you would like to invite and bring. The alpha Course is series of discussions run over 10 weeks that explores who Jesus is and what relevance He has for our lives today. Each session begins a video presentation by Nicky Gumbel, then there is fellowship over a meal followed by coffee and discussion of the topic that has been explored in the session earlier. Please pray about who you can bring to Alpha.

Our thoughts and prayers are with...

Glenis and Ron Peterson as they mourn the loss of Glenis' Aunty Val
Mary and Fred Tyrell as they mourn the loss of their daughter Nadine.
Nadine's funeral will be at 2:30pm on Wednesday April 12 at Simplicity
Funerals, 2a Klauer Street, Seaford

Next market: April 15

Start planning what you can make, bake or grow!

Sue on leave 10-17 April

Link Missionary News—David and Prue Boyd

David will be interviewed on ABC radio 774 next Tuesday at 10.30-10.50am to talk about their time in The Congo. It will be fascinating!!

Link Missionary News—Irene

Irene has returned home and will be staying at St Andrew's Hall. She needs to set up her own pantry so donations of money or supermarket gift cards would be greatly appreciated. See Sue if you can help.

Wayne and Carol's concert is postponed to 16 July

Winter Warmers Hampers news

This month the local schools are choosing needy families to receive this year's hampers. **Please pray** for discernment, wisdom and compassion for the staff undertaking this task. **Thank you** to all those crafty knitters and crocheters who have been making lovely items to add to this year's hampers. Please return them to either church **by the end of April**. We will finalise **packing the hampers** on May 6 & 13, at St Aidan's, and would love to have some extra volunteers to help in this task. Please call **Dale Soseby 0401 079 673** to let her know you're available to help.

Fete

Thanks again to all who assisted. If you have any feedback, no matter how small, please let me know. You can call me on 0418 310 495. I am updating my notes now ready for our next fete which will be in March, 2024. We are returning to annual fetes. Thanks, Natalie

Sunday Service Roster—We need your help!

We need people to operate the data project and also to help clean up the communion table after church. Training will be provided for both these roles and you would be rostered once per month. Please see Sue if you could help with either of these tasks.

Easter Egg Raffle

We have a fantastic basket of Easter eggs to raffle. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. We will draw the raffle on Easter Sunday.

Happy Birthday... Jenny Younnes, Gabriel Farrell,
Frank Field, Toni Lamont

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week

Cereal and instant noodles 5 pack size

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		Pastoral Care Meeting not meeting on Easter Mon
Tues	10:45am	Matt's Place at St Chad's
Tues	11:30am	Lunch Church & Bible Study
Wed	9:30am—1:30pm	Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's
Wed	1pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Thurs	10-11:30am	Playgroup having a break in the school holidays
Thurs	7-8:30pm	Singing group at St Chad's (13/4)
Fri	10:00am	Quilting and Craft Group at St Chad's (21/4)

Soon in the church

15 April	9am-12:30pm	Market
19-21 April		Holiday Program at St Chad's
6 & 13 May		Winter Warmer Hamper packing at St Aidan's
7 May		Newcomer's Lunch
16 May	11:15am	Alpha starts at Lunch Church
28 May		Inter-church Pentecost Service
24 June		Postie Party fundraiser for our church

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: Amy, Beth, Carolyn, Del, Doug, Evie, Gerald, Helen, Hunter & Stefanie, Jasmine, Jessica, Joel, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kim, Michelle, Nigel & Chris, Pat, Phoebe, Rachel, Roberta, Rosie+Sal & family, Sandra, Stephanie & Chelsey, Stephen T, Sue, Wayne, Will

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