



16 April 2023

Our mission is to:

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

The Road to Emmaus

Human hope is a fragile thing, and when it withers it's difficult to revive. Hopelessness as a disease of the human spirit is desperately hard to cure. With the two men on the road to Emmaus, Jesus was the one who sought them out. He came up and walked alongside them. The heart seeking encounter was Jesus initiative. He knew what was going through their minds, he knew exactly how they felt and he met them right where they were at.

The Emmaus Two had erected a wall of hopelessness around them, and they were trapped in their misery.

"We had hoped ..." What they were saying is "We don't expect it now, but once we did. We had it, this thing called hope, but now it's gone." Towards the end we see that their eyes were opened and they recognised that Jesus had been with them all of the time. Only Jesus can turn our feelings of hopelessness into those of joy and hopefulness.

Many of us have at times walked the Emmaus road, wondering where God is...

*when all along
He walks beside us.*

EPM

Bible reading for Sunday 23 April: John 11.17-27

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School Holiday Program “Pearls, Pigs and Parties!!”

For primary aged students—see Bec for more details
9am-12pm 19-21 April at St Chad’s

Please ask God

- to bring many more children to sign up for the event - we need more young people to sign up.
- to keep his hand over the team as we have our final meetings and preparation times.
- to keep the team and young people stay safe and healthy.

We ask for the Holy Spirit to work powerfully in the space regardless of how many young people come, and that we trust in him at this time.

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 **11.15am** 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 with fellowship over a meal, then a video presentation by Nicky Gumbel is shown and this is followed by coffee and discussion of the topic that has been explored in the session earlier. Here’s what one person, called Sarah, found – “Alpha was an amazing experience and it extended my knowledge on faith. I felt it educated me and improved my relationship with God. I would recommend anyone to go who is curious, anxious or needs guidance.”

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... Liz Farrell, Noella Katuri

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	9:30am	Pastoral Care Meeting
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 & 27/4)
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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