



**23 April 2023**

**Our mission is to:**

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

### **Three Faithful Servants**

The writer to the Hebrews in chapter 12 wrote, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

Over the past week, there have been three significant Heroes of the faith who have died. Father Bob was a Catholic priest who was a social justice campaigner and was known as the "people's priest". He wanted nobody to be left behind and always saw and believed in the good in people, but he knew that there were many whom he referred to as the unloved and unlovely. These were his real passion.

John Uren was a Uniting Church Minister who was instrumental in the early years of his ministry had an incredible impact on Churches both in Australia and around the world to take youth work seriously. He also had a heart for social justice and was quite influential politically in taking the issue of the treatment of Asylum Seekers more seriously.

Charles Stanley was an American Baptist Minister who grew his Church significantly through great leadership, his writings and teaching. Many of his sermons were televised and his belief in the inerrancy of scripture came through in all of his teaching.

These three men were faithful servants of the Lord who professed their faith in Jesus Christ, the 'author and perfecter of their faith' (Heb 12:2). They were ministers who were not perfect, but who worked on becoming more Christ like and persevered in obeying God's calling on their life and who patiently endured all things so that they could grow and mature in their faith.

### **Bible reading for Sunday 30 April: Titus 1**

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## Thank you thank you Thank you

To all those who made our Easter Services a time to reflect and consider the enormity of all Christ sacrificed for us...

- Those who set up, prepared, cooked and served food, and packed up at the Passover
- Ron and Glenis for organising the Passover service
- All those who read and sang on Good Friday at church
- All those who read and sang at Beeson Reserve
- Everyone else who does the million and one other things that make all our services run smoothly

## 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.



## Voice to Parliament

Please join Bishop Paul in a conversation with Canon Glenn Loughrey on the Voice to Parliament Referendum. On Tuesday 2 May at 10am St Stephen's & St Mary's Mt Waverley, 2pm St James Dandenong and 7.30pm St Paul's Frankston. All are welcome to attend and no RSVP is necessary.

**Next market: May 20**

**Start planning what you can make, bake or grow!**

## **Congratulations to everyone involved in the Market**

We raised \$1340! Well done!

### **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.

### **Assume the Singing Group is on!**

With Wayne's upcoming operation, there has been some confusion about whether the singing group is on. Assume it is on unless someone gets in touch with you! The group will meet on Thursday 27 April, 11 May and 25 May (2nd and 4th weeks of the month) from 7:00-8:30pm.

### **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.

### **Church Prayer Meeting on Wednesday**

You are most welcome to join the prayer team on Wednesdays at St Chad's between 1pm and 2pm as they pray for our church.

### **Happy Birthday...**

Sue Bluett, Christina Engle, Sue Temby, Rachel Groube

**Pantry 5000 Food of the Week** Cereal and instant noodles

## 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 (Glorious Glitter)
Thurs	7-8:30pm	Singing group at St Chad's (27/4)
Fri	10:00am	Quilting and Craft Group at St Chad's (21/4)

## Soon in the church

6 & 13 May	Winter Warmer Hamper packing at St Aidan's
16 May	11:15am Alpha starts at Lunch Church
20 May	9:00am-12:30pm Church Market
28 May	Inter-church Pentecost Service
24 June	Postie Party fundraiser for our church
July 16	Wayne and Carol's Musical Extravaganza
13 August	MoJo fundraising concert at St Aidan's for WWH

### 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:** Beth, Carolyn, Del, Doug, Emma, 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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