



7 May 2023

Our mission is to:

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

The Book of Titus

The book of Titus was written by Paul to his 'protégé' Titus. We don't know much about Titus as he is not mentioned in the Book of Acts, but it would seem that he was a convert of Paul's (my child in the faith) and showed leadership qualities that Paul recognised. Paul gave him two main roles to fulfill, to ensure that good doctrine was taught and to establish a strong and godly leadership team.

Paul emphasises in this book the doctrine of the incarnation where he grounds its message of producing right living and church order so that others will come to accept the gospel message. The Churches on Crete were just as susceptible to false teachers as others, so Paul directed Titus to establish faithful and godly elders to oversee the teaching and good conduct of the believers on Crete.

However, Paul also understood that when sound doctrine is embraced by the 'body of Christ' then the impact the community can have on unbelievers is extremely powerful through purified lives that produce 'good deeds'. Right living was essential because Christ "gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed," saving us "by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 2:14; 3:5).



Bible reading for Sunday 14 May: 1 Samuel 1

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Two Great Seminars

Depression and the Psalms of Lament

On Friday, 19 May Dr Rico Villanueva, an excellent presenter, is speaking on Depression and the Psalms of Lament. It will be at Cross Culture Church, 333 Swanston Street, CBD, 6.30pm – 8.30pm. All welcome.

Missional Reading of Scripture

On Tuesday, 23 May Dr Chris Wright, well known Old Testament scholar, will speak on Missional Reading of Scripture: How does it work with the scepticism of Ecclesiastes? Venue: St Thomas's Burwood, 10am – 11.30am. Please RSVP to Anita at jumbunna-pa@melbourneanglican.org.au.

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.



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.

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week Cereal and instant noodles

Pantry 5000 Needs Your Help

Pantry 5000 has experienced a big increase in the requests for support. Compared to last year we have seen an increase of over 30% in the number of people to whom we are providing support. Since January the numbers of people seeking support has risen to between 200 – 230 each week.

As well as the increase in demand, the costs of providing the food items have increased markedly. We are finding it more and more challenging to provide enough food items each week.

Please try and help by purchasing one or two extra food items each week and donating them to Pantry 5000. Items such as cereals, tuna, biscuits, canned fruit, baked beans and spaghetti and soup would be greatly appreciated.

Remember Pantry 5000 is an outreach program of our church and we can all play a role in witnessing to God's love in our local community.

Inter-Church Council Pentecost Service...

...will be at 2:30 pm on Sunday 28 May
at St Chad's

Come and celebrate the Gift of the Holy Spirit and
Birth of the Church

Fellowship and afternoon refreshments follow the service, please bring a plate to share.

If you could help with any of the usual rostered positions in the service or if you could help in the kitchen afterwards with afternoon tea please let Sue, Jaqueline or Bec know.



**Happy Birthday... Ken Gooding, Merylin Westen, Rosemary Davis, Praveen Kasturi, Geoff Thomson (80!)
Congratulations Miriam and Andrew upon becoming grandparents to twins Jeremy and Astrid**



Next market: May 20

Start planning what you can make, bake or grow!

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
Mon	7:00am	Parish Council 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 (Comfortable Camping)
Thurs	7-8:30pm	Singing group at St Chad's (11 & 25 May)
Fri	10:00am	Quilting and Craft Group at St Chad's (5 & 19 May)

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: Charlie, Del, Doug, Ellie-May, Emma, Evie, Hunter & Stefanie, Jasmine, Jessica, Joel, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kim, Louise, Michelle, Nigel & Chris, Pat, Phoebe, Roberta, Rosie+Sal & family, Sandra, Stephen T, Sue, Wayne, Will

Offering Via Direct Debit—Our bank details are:

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