

28 May 2023 Our mission is to: Shine with the love of Jesus, grow mature disciples and declare the Good News.

### Pentecost and the Holy Spirit

John Stott wrote in his commentary on Acts, 'Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the life giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character without his fruit, and no effective witness apart from his power. As a body without breath is a corpse so the church without the Holy Spirit is dead'. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And all the divine attributes ascribed to the Father and the Son are equally ascribed to the Holy Spirit. When a person becomes born again by believing and receiving Jesus Christ, God resides in that person through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has intellect, emotion, and will.

God's Word is replete with passages dealing with the Holy Spirit and the Promise of the Father to bring about the complete

age of the Holy Spirit.

The coming of the Holy Spirit into our world is not something the church invented. It is something that the church was promised by our Heavenly Father. It is the words of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus, coming to reality and it is a privilege that you and I are able to enjoy this morning.



# Remember to wear red on Sunday

#### Bible reading for Sunday 4 June: Acts 10.34-48

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#### Join us on Facebook

On Longbeach Anglicans Facebook page we've been putting some great pictures up of what has been happen-

ing around our church. We encourage people to join and follow our Facebook page. The more people share our posts the more they will appear on the internet. If you are at a church event we would be very grateful if you could take a photo and email them to Jaqueline (see front page for address) so she can put them on our Facebook page.

# Alpha is on every Tuesday from 11am

Alpha has started and we are averaging 28-30 attendees. There are still places available so please continue to pray about who the Holy Spirit is prompting you to ask to bring along. It starts at 11.15 am but you can come for a cuppa from 11.00 am and will finish at 12.45 pm. The Alpha course is a series of discussions run over 15 weeks that explores ques-

tions around God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible and so much more. Each session includes a two course, extremely yummy meal. Please keep the team and the participants in your prayers. Also, please pray for Jaqueline and her team at Matt's place for protection as they are a significant part of the team.





#### Winter Warmers Hampers News

Last Sunday, the Winter Warmers team finished packing the winter hampers (knitted items, blankets, food vouchers etc.) to give to families who are in need. This has been an extraordinary effort by the team. Please continue to pray for the families that receive the hampers.

# Personal Prayer during Sunday Church Services

If you would like prayer on a Sunday, the prayer team are in the entry foyer at St Chad's during communion or at the front of the church at St Aidan's after the service.

# 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.



# **Farewell for Bec Featonby**

On Sunday 4 June we will be saying farewell to Bec as a staff member (she will take some holidays but continue to be part of our Church). We will have some time thanking Bec and praying for her in our service and have a pot luck lunch after the 10.00 am service. If you would like to donate towards a gift for her, could you please place it in an envelope and hand it into the office or put it in the offering plate.

#### Next Church Market June 17 9am – 12.30 pm

Don't forget to drop your donations into the shed and please remember that **home baked goodies** are a great seller (they must be labelled with ingredients, the date made and the name of the maker). Plants are also a great seller so feel free to bring all you have potted up!

# 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 200 – 230 each week. As well as the increase in demand, the costs of providing food has increased markedly. We are finding it more and more challenging to provide enough food each week. Please try and help by purchasing one or two extra food items each week and donating them to Pantry 5000. This would be greatly appreciated.

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week Cereal and instant noodles

# Happy Birthday... Derek Snibson

#### 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	11:15am	Lunch Church/alpha	
Wed	9:30am—1:30pm Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's		
Wed	1pm	Church Prayer Meeting	
Thurs	10-11:30am Playgroup (Winter Wonderland)		
Thurs		Singing group at St Chad's (having a break)	
Fri	10:00am	Quilting and Craft Group at St Chad's (2 & 16 June)	
		Soon in the church	
28 May	2:30pm Inter-church Pentecost Service at St Chad's		
30 May	11:15am Alpha continues at Lunch Church		
17 June	9:00am-12:30pm Church Market		
24 June	Postie Party fundraiser for our church at St Chad's		
July 30	Vision Sunday		
August 6 Newo		vcomer's Lunch	
13 August M		NoJo fundraising concert at St Aidan's for WWH	
2 September So		thern Stars Concert Band at St Aidan's	

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, Cam, Charlie, Doug, Emma, Evie, Hunter & Stefanie, Jasmine, Jessica, Kayden & Elisabeth, Leonie, Lindy, Lorraine, Louise, Michelle, Nigel & Chris, Pat, Peter, Phoebe, Rachel, Sandra, Sharon, Stephen T, Sue, Wayne, Will

Offering Via Direct Debit—Our bank details are: Account Name: Anglican Parish of Longbeach Bendigo Bank BSB No. 6 3 3— 0 0 0 Account No. 1 5 3 7 4 5 2 2 9 Please label with the words "tithe" or "offering". Thank you!

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