

24 September 2023 Our mission is to:

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

Does God heal all of our sicknesses?

Psalm 103:3 says God forgives all our sins and heals all your diseases yet why are people we love dying from illnesses? This Psalm is one of many that seems to promise things that are beyond people's ordinary experience. It is comforting to know that Jesus was tempted by the devil in the wilderness with Psalm 91 being quoted stating that he would be protected if he threw himself off the temple in Jerusalem.

Jesus knew that he had come to suffer and die for the sins of all humankind and therefore made it clear to the devil that he was quoting the Bible at a wrong time and in a wrong way. Throughout scripture, God's salvation plan was stated clearly and that is why it is important to take the Bible as a whole when finding the answers to our questions.

As we are aware, Paul, Timothy and Trophimus were not healed from their ailments. Jesus did not heal everyone at the Bethesda pool (John 5) instead he only chose one. James states that trials are given so that our faith is deepened. So how do we explain the phrases that we find in Psalm?

John Piper helpfully gives three points to take into account when interpreting these verses.

- All promises will be fulfilled in the age to come (Revelation 21:5)
- Some healing will come now, all will come soon. In this 2. world, God does heal and so we look for it, ask for it and thank God when he gives it.
- We are more than conquerors (Romans 8:37) therefore, 3. even our diseases and trails are not defeats.

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Building works at Longbeach Anglican Church St Chad's and St Aidan's

Buildings cost money and we are grateful to those who have given to the building works at both centres to enable us to restump the St Chad's hall floor and line the side room of the St Aidan's Hall. The St Chad's hall floor (\$30 000) and a porch area on the side door of the St Aidan's hall (\$3000) are the next projects needed to be completed. Both are used for significant ministry by our church and outreach teams and also provides considerable revenue for our church from the dance private hirers. We would ask that you pray on this matter and consider if contributing to the hall floor refurbishment and St Aidan's hall is something you feel called to do on behalf of our church. If you do decide to contribute, please place your money in the envelope provided or bank a donation of any amount to our ADF building fund:

Account name: Longbeach Anglican Building Fund Account

BSB: 703122 Account number: 05009441

Thanking you in advance,

Di McGreal & Natalie Allinson, Church Wardens



A Service of Support for the Grief Journey

Some people have talked about still feeling the loss of Bec. Celebrations are held by some Churches 40 days after the death of a person. Parish Council suggested we provide an opportunity for people to gather who would like to support one another through this journey. This will be held at St Chad's Centre on Sunday 1 October at 2.00 pm – 3.45 pm. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

Bible reading 1 October: 1 Kings 17:1-24 Sunday 8 October: 1 Kings 18:20-40

Operation Christmas Child

This year, Operation Christmas Child celebrates its 30th year of demonstrating God's love to children all over the world. Since 1993, more than 209 million children have received a gift-filled shoebox. Most importantly, each shoebox presents the opportunity to learn about Jesus through **The Greatest Journey**. It all starts with packing a shoebox! Boxes are available in the entry way to both churches or you can fill a box online. **Boxes will be blessed at St Chad's and St Aidan's on October 22.**

Singing Group Starting again on Thursday 5 October

The singing group is back. If you would like to sing to your hearts content and be part of a few performances, come along to the St Chad's centre on Thursday 5 October at 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm. Please call Wayne McGlone or Jacky Russell for more details.

Next Church Market 21 October 9am – 12.30 pm Last market raised \$1800. Well done everyone!

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!

Southern Stars Concert!

Raised \$1000. Congratulations to all involved. A great effort.

Donations needed for raffles

We need donations of new items to include in the raffle baskets we make up for the market and the concerts. If you have any new goods that would be suitable please speak to Sue or Jaqueline.

Winter Warmers need knitted goods

Winter Warmers would be very grateful for donations of handmade beanies, scarves and lap rugs. If you can help or if you need wool please call Lyn on 0419 525 265

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week Cereal and instant noodles

Happy Birthday This Week... Jaqueline Hendrey, Ash Goode Next Week... Michelle McCann, Kayden Crombie

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

Wed 9:30am—1:30pm Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's

Wed 1pm Church Prayer Meeting

Thurs 10am Playgroup having a break in the holidays

Thurs 7-8:30pm Singing group at St Chad's (5/10)

Fri 10:00am Quilting and Craft Group at St Chad's (22/9 & 13/10)

Soon in the church

1 October 2:00pm A Service of Support for the Grief Journey

15 October 1:00pm Chelsea Concert Band at St Chad's

21 October 9am-12:30pm Church Market

18-21 October Synod

26 November Annual Parish Meeting

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: Doug, Dylon, Baby Hudson, Hunter &

Stefanie, Jaqueline, Jasmine, Kayden & Elisabeth, Leonie, Lynne,

Margaret, Margot, Mavis, Moys, Nigel & Chris, Phoebe, Richard, Sandra,

Sharon, Stephen T, Suzanne, Wayne, Will

Offering Via Direct Debit—Our bank details are:

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Longbeach

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Please label with the words "tithe" or "offering". Thank you!

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