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Our mission is to:

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

Answering some key questions about The Voice to Parliament

By Wiradjuri man, Rev Canon Associate Professor Glenn Loughrey - Chair, National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council

What power does the Voice to Parliament have?

It is **not** a third chamber or an addition to the House of Representatives and Senate

It **cannot** veto and **does not** have the capacity to say, 'you can't do that'. It **cannot** make any laws or decisions that the Government is then obliged to implement.

It **IS** an advisory body that can advise Parliament and Government from an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspective.

It **CAN** only say to them, 'here are our comments and our advice on this piece of legislation' or 'we think you need to think about this in a better way for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' or that 'there's an alternative way'.

Why does it need to be enshrined in the Constitution?

Enshrining The Voice into the Constitution allows Aboriginal people to look further than the three-year electoral cycle. We can begin to plan on processes that resolve those kinds of issues discussed in the Closing the Gap program, over a long period of time. There are no quick fixes, The Voice will not provide a quick fix, but it will provide us the opportunity to look down a long view and begin to get past the constant changes in Governments which stop us from successfully dealing with any of those major issues. The Government asked in the Referendum Council in 2015, 'how would Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people like to be recognized in the Constitution?' and we said, 'We want to be heard for what we've said.'

But not all Indigenous voices are in favour of The Voice – Why?

This should not be an obstacle. Bear in mind the polls suggest that over 80% of Indigenous people are in favour of The Voice. But we don't expect everyone to agree, which is true for pretty much everything else in society. This continent doesn't represent one group of Aboriginal people, it is made up of 100s of varying nations and The Voice will do its best to represent all those nations as The Voice to Parliament.

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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



The poster features a vibrant illustration of brass instruments (trumpets and trombones) in the foreground, with musical notes and a conductor's silhouette in the background. The text is arranged in a central column, with the band name and date prominently displayed. Logos for Longbeach Anglican Parish and the concert band are in the top left. A QR code and ticketing information are in the bottom right. A pink box in the bottom left contains event details.

Longbeach Anglican Parish
Chelsea Concert Band

Chelsea Concert Band 15th Oct Concert

Tickets online here



<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/chelseaconcertbandstchads>

Sunday 15 October
Doors open 1pm
St Chads Church Chelsea
12 Thames Prom
Concert 1.30 to 3pm
Huge Afternoon Tea 3pm to 4pm

Early Bird Adult \$15, Conc \$12
EARLY BIRD ENDS OCT 1
From 2/10 Adult \$20, Conc \$17

Please Pray For,...

Sue B, Sue O and Anthea as they attend synod this week. There are a number of serious issues that are to be discussed and voted on.

APM Reports

...need to be emailed to the office by 27 October

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week

Cereal and instant noodles

Bible reading

15 October:
1 Kings 19.1-15
22 October:
2 Kings 2.1-14

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

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!

Beautifully hand-decorated cards for sale for CMS...

...for almost every occasion. We are bringing especially hand-crafted cards, with encouraging, calligraphy-style messages inside. All cards (whatever the occasion) are hand embellished. They cost just \$2.50 - or 90cents for the important Christian-themed Christmas cards. 100% money received goes to CMS as all expenses and decorations are paid for by the makers.

In nearly 8 years of this ministry (including 2 years of COVID!), over \$52,000 has been raised for CMS from sales of our cards, as well as from kind, encouraging donations! Buyers will certainly save themselves money, as obviously cards of this standard and workmanship for \$2.50 have been seen by many hundreds of people as the bargains they are. Buy cards, use them for family and friends, and *especially for making contacts, witnessing, and to add grace in Jesus' Name*, in our fractured community today – and you will also help God's Work through CMS!"

**Happy Birthday This Week... Kate Hubbard, Jacky Russell,
Chris Rosen, Helen Saul**

**Next Week... Fay Lucas, Del Bluett, Richard Temby, Harvey Read
Congratulations: Kate and Colin celebrating their wedding anniversary**

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
	7:00pm	Meeting of the Parish Council
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 (6/10 & 20/10)

Soon in the church

15 October	1:00pm	Chelsea Concert Band at St Chad's
21 October	9am-12:30pm	Church Market
11-14 October	Synod	
27 October		Deadline for APM reports to be emailed to the office
7 November	2:00pm	Cup Day function at St Chad's
19 November		Lauren Raiter (CMS Missionary) visit
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: Bill, Cheryl, Don, Doug, Dylon, Hunter & Stefanie, Jaqueline, Jasmine, Kayden & Elisabeth, Lindy, Lorraine, Lynne, Margot, Mavis, Merrilyn, Moys, Nigel & Chris, Phoebe, Richard, Ruth, Sandra, Sharon, Stephen T, Suzanne, 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

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