



29 October 2023

Our mission is to:

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

A Christians Response to Halloween.

This Tuesday, October 31 is Halloween. There are various views regarding how a Christian should respond to this celebration. It is helpful to go back to its roots and work from there.

Hallow is found in the Lord's prayer and means "holy". E'en is a contraction of "evening". When put together, Halloween is a shortened form of "All Hallow's Eve", the day before All Saints Day. The festival has its roots in ancient Celtic tradition where they would celebrate Samhain. Celts believed the souls of the dead (including ghosts, goblins and witches), returned to mingle with the living. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires.

The Christian aspect of the holiday began in 835 AD when Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs (later All Saints) to November 1. The night before became know as "All Hallows Even" which was shortened later to Halloween. The purpose of the feasts is to remember those who have died and is a celebration of the "communion of saints" which reminds us that the church is not bound by space or time.

Christmas and Halloween share a similar history as they were both adapted from pagan festivals by the church for the purpose of using an established celebration to remember and share Christian truth.

So how should Christians respond? Rob Buckingham wrote that we should choose not be a wet blanket as Jesus hung out at parties and dined with those who were scorned by the religious people of his day. The reason for his presence was to impact the lives of others. You could stock up on sweets to give generously to those who knock on your door. You could have some Christian pamphlets to give to those who pass by or have a hot drink or cordial ready as they will be thirsty. You could be amazed at the conversations that will come out of doing this. In short use this as a Kingdom building opportunity.

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Annual Parish Meeting—November 19 **Note change of date**
Nominations for Office Bearers

The APM will follow a combined service at St Chad's at 10:00am. If you wish to be a Warden, on the Parish Council or on the Incumbency Committee, nomination forms are at the back of both churches.

All forms must be returned to the office by **9am Thursday 10 November**.

Longbeach Anglican Church Electoral Roll Membership

St Paul and St Peter encourage people to be committed to a worshipping community. One of the ways you can do this is to be on the electoral roll so that you can have a say at our APM and take on some roles within the Church that require a participant to be a member. If you would like to be on the electoral roll, there are forms at the back of the church at St Chad's or in the foyer at St Aidan's for you to fill out.

Annual Parish Meeting—Electoral Roll Revision

A copy of the Church roll is at the back of both Churches. Could you please check that your name is on it and tick that the details are correct.

Celebrate the Melbourne Cup - 7/11 2pm at St Chad's

Wear a hat. For the ladies there will be prizes for the biggest hat, the best homemade hat, the best floral hat and the best Op Shop hat (keep the receipt). For men there will be prizes for the best matching hat (with one of the ladies' hats), the most original hat, the best homemade hat and the most appropriate hat. Bring a plate with something to share for afternoon tea. If you're intending attending, put your name on the list along with an idea of what you'll be bringing for afternoon tea.

Postie Party Fundraiser for our Church
1pm on November 11 at St Chad's

Please join us for an afternoon of postie fashions, with raffles, door prizes & afternoon tea. Entry is \$5 and all proceeds go towards our church. Please arrive from 1pm for a 1.30pm Postie start.

Would you like to be in the choir at the Inter-church Council
Carols on December 10?

Practises for this event will be on Monday 27 November and 4 December at the Town Hall. From 7.30—8.30 pm. If you would like to be part of the choir, please talk to Sue so she can give you the music.

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

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

If you are able to contribute to the building fund for urgent works at St Chad's and St Aidan's, 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

**So far we have raised \$23,750 towards our building works.
We are nearly half way to our target of \$50000. Thank you!**

Many thanks from Elisabeth Crombie...

I would like to extend a BIG thankyou to everyone who contributed to the successful 90th Birthday Luncheon held for Harvey last Sunday. With out your help whether it be supplying food, setting/clearing up or simply being there, this special occasion would not have happened. It was a very enjoyable day for all who attended and Harvey really appreciated everyone's presence.

Next Church Market 18 November 9am – 12.30 pm

We raised \$1500 at the last market. Many, many thanks to all those involved...the set up team, the pack up team, sorters, bakers, growers, stall holders and all those who cleaned out their cupboards!!!

Derek & Rosie Home Assignment

Thank you for your partnership with Derek and Rosemary Snibson serving in North Australia. They will be arriving in Melbourne for home assignment from 17 November. Your ongoing support for Derek and Rosemary is valued highly and we would like to suggest some ways in which you may help them during their home assignment and welcome them.

Welcome Gift Ideas

- sending groceries in green bags or organising a grocery delivery
- ensuring the fridge and/or pantry are stocked with basic staples a meal for the freezer; meal vouchers from www.dinnerladies.com.au
- gift or discount vouchers
- flowers or a card with a message of love and encouragement anything else you feel you might like to do

Happy Birthday This Week... Bernard Hendrey, Glenis Peterson, Natalie Allinson, Flossie McGrael, Aidan Rushen
Next Week... Sumeet Khode

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	7-8:30pm	Singing group at St Chad's (2nd & 4th Thursdays)
Fri	10:00am	Quilting and Craft Group at St Chad's (3 & 17/11)

Soon in the church

7 November	2:00pm	Cup Day function at St Chad's
11 November	1pm	Postie Party at St Chad's (for a 1:30pm start)
12 November		Lauren Raiter (CMS Missionary) visit to both services
18 November	9am-12:30pm	Church Market
19 November		Annual Parish Meeting— Note change of date
25 November		Kannada service at St Chad's
26 November		Derek & Rosie (CMS Missionaries) visit to both services
10 December		Inter-church Council Carols at Chelsea Town Hall

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: Cheryl, Christopher, Dawn, Doug, Dylon, Hunter & Stefanie, Jaqueline, Jasmine, Julie, Kayden & Elisabeth, Lorraine, Lynne, Margot, Mavis, Moys, Nigel & Chris, Phoebe, Richard, Ruth, Sandra, Sharon, Stephen T, 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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