



3 December 2023

Our mission is to:

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



Every time I travel to New Zealand, my family always ask what time are you arriving and I can reasonably confidently say the appointed time. They do this

so that they can plan for our arrival. Paul has a similar image for the “appointed time” for Christ’s second coming— only on an infinitely grander scale—in 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17. When a Roman emperor or provincial governor arrived with great fanfare to visit a city, the civic dignitaries would go out for a meeting with them as they approached and accompany them into their city. Believers who are alive when the “appointed time” comes will do the same: we will meet and welcome Jesus back, forever, as the returning king of His eternal new creation.

That is the glorious Advent hope which fills our hearts and worship in these weeks before we celebrate Christ’s first coming. And its “appointed time” is known only to God; we are not to waste time guessing its ETA but to be prepared at all times. And there will be no flight delays, strikes, or bad weather! But it is the second “appointed time.” During advent, God invites us to slow down, to relearn a pace of life that is unhurried so that we can focus on a life lived in God’s light. This life is one filled with hope, peace, joy and love. Jesus encourages us to live in ‘readiness’ – always aware that Christ’s coming is immanent and avoiding the temptation of growing absorbed in self-interest and personal pleasure. This week let’s celebrate and open ourselves to the power of God’s gift of hope in Christ.

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**Welcome Sue and Ash Goode
Our link missionaries with Pioneers**

Wardens/Parish Council/Incumbency for 2023

Following the Annual Parish Meeting and conversations that Sue has had with a few Church members, our leadership team for the next year is:

Wardens: Natalie Allinson, Di McGreal, Julie Whalan (Vicar's Warden)

Treasurer: Sofia Gerandt

Parish Council: Karin Blavo, Elisabeth Crombie, Soula DeVille, Caleb Peterson, Emily Stone (Vicar's Choice)

Incumbency: Natalie Allinson, Elisabeth Crombie, Zilpha Barker

Longbeach Children & Families Christmas Party

4pm on Sunday 3 December at the Hendrey's

See Sue or Jaqueline for details

Kriol Prayer Book

It was great to have Rosie and Derek Snibson with us last week. At our St Chad's centre they left their Kriol Prayer Book (red in colour) for people to look at. It seems to have gone missing and they would really appreciate its return. See Sue if you can help find this missing book.

Lauren Raiter—CMS Missionary

Commissioning Service Sunday 4 February 2024

1.30pm @ Scots Church Melbourne, followed by refreshments.

SUTS – Summer Under the Sun CMS conference

SUTS is the CMS Victoria's evangelical conference which aims to connect local Christians with God's mission so that they can see a world that knows Jesus and learn from God's Word, connecting across cultures and joining communities. This will be held from 18 – 20 January at Syndal Baptist Church (588 High Street Road, Glen Waverly). You can book online through the CMS website.

A Ride to Church

Through the week, we had a call asking if somebody could pick someone up from Patterson Lakes Retirement Village to bring them to Church (they don't mind which centre). If you are able to provide this person with transport, could you please let Sue know.

Building works at St Chad's and St Aidan's

So far, we have raised over \$25000 of the \$50000 needed towards our building works. Thanks for your support. If you are able to contribute to the building fund, 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

Next Church Market 16 December 9am – 12.30 pm

At our last market we made \$1750. Well done to the team who set up, sorted, planted, cooked and sold items. Please continue to drop items in the shed, cook some nice Christmas treats and pot some plants to sell.

Thank you Thank you Thank you...

...to all those who helped with the Rotary Book Fair. Valuable funds were raised for pantry 5000.

Opening and closing times for our outreach programs

Matt's Place & Lunch Church

Christmas lunch at 11:30am on Tuesday 19 December (last day for 2023) and reopening on Tuesday 23 January 2024

Pantry 5000

Wednesday 20 December 9:30am-1:30pm

Wednesday 27 December PANTRY CLOSED

Wednesday 3 January 10:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday 10 January 9:30am-1:30pm

Wednesday 17 January 9:30am-1:30pm

Op Shop Market

Saturday January 20 9:00am-12:30pm

Services in the parish over the New Year

On the Sundays following Christmas we will have combined services on the following dates, times and churches.

December 31—10:00am Combined Service at St Chad's

January 7, 14 & 21—10:00am Combined Service at St Chad's

January 28—10am at St Chad's & 11am St Aidan's

Happy Birthday This Week... Metche L, Dale S

Next Week...Sue O'B, Aileen J, Elizabeth P

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 (Last meeting for the year 1/12—see Jaqueline for details)

Soon in the church

9 December	Market volunteer thank you morning tea
10 December	6:30pm Inter-church Council Carols at Chelsea Town Hall
11 December	7pm Meeting of the Parish Council
16 December	9am-12:30pm Market

See Flyer for Christmas Services

14 & 21 January Lunch with the Vicar

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

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, Del, Doug, Dylon, Hunter & Stefanie, Jaqueline, Jasmine, Julie, Kayden & Elisabeth, Lorraine, Lynne, Margot, Mavis, Mia, 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

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Compliance Officer	Zilpha Barker