



Longbeach
Anglican Church

10 December 2023

Our mission is to:

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

Peace

Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth.

Peace good will toward men.

Luke 2:14



Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world. How does this happen? God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

This week as we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace. John in his gospel quoted these

words from Jesus:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Jesus Christ is our peace. He is the Prince of Peace, and the fruit of His presence is peace. Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony to every relationship throughout all creation. He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation. Please pray...

Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and the countries of our world. Please help us to see the paths of peace in our lives and then give us the courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

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Interchurch Council Carols

On Sunday 10 December at 6:30pm at the Chelsea Town Hall, the Interchurch Council are holding their annual Christmas Party. Our very own puppets and Wayne are part of the team performing at the event. There are also some church members who are singing in the interchurch choir. Please invite your family, friends and neighbours.

Singing Group

On Thursday night, the Singing Group are practicing for the 9 lessons and carols service where they will be leading the singing of the carols. If you would like to join them, or you know of others who would like to sing, you are most welcome to come along on Thursday night from 7-8:30pm.

We need help...

...moving the puppet theatre, and the stage it sits on, over to the town hall for the interchurch council carols. If you can help after Sunday's 10am service please see Jaqueline.

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

Leprosy Mission Collection Boxes

We are collecting leprosy mission boxes from late December until the 4 February 2024. You don't need to count the loose change you donate - we will do it for you, and arrange a tax receipt from Leprosy for you if you want one (we will need your address for this).

- **St Chad's** box holders, please leave your box in the red crate at the back of the Church or contact Chandra Samson, 0421 666 252.

- **St Aidan's** box holders, please leave your ziplocks in the basket in St Aidan's Foyer, or contact Anthea on 0439 375 063.

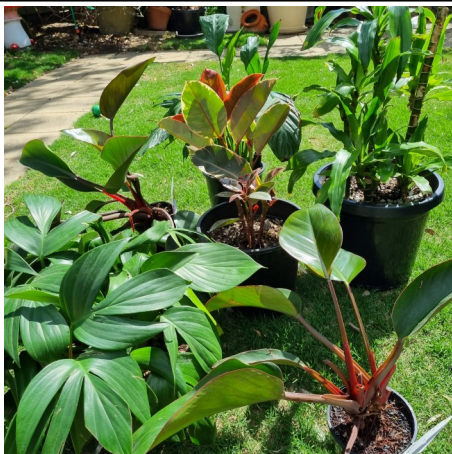
SUTS – Summer Under the Sun CMS conference

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. It will be held from 18-20 January at Syndal Baptist Church. Bookings online through the CMS website.

Next Church Market

16 December 9am – 12.30 pm

Please continue to drop items in the shed and remember that home baked Christmas treats are a terrific seller. We will also have some fantastic plants for sale at the market including Monstera Monkey face, Monstera Deliciosa, Red heart syngonium, fiddle leaf figs, pothos, rubber plants, dragons tail and peace lilies. We'll also have white/pink roses for \$10.



Christmas presents for children & teenagers...

...can be left unwrapped under the tree at St Chad's. They will be distributed to needy families by Chelsea Community Support Services before Christmas.

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

No market in January

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

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

Next Week... Christine Taylor

Services in the church (except in January)

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	7-8:30pm	Singing group at St Chad's (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

Soon in the church

9 December	Market volunteer thank you morning tea
10 December	6:30pm Inter-church Council Carols at Chelsea Town Hall
16 December	9am-12:30pm Market
17 December	10am Nine lessons and carols at St Chad's

See Flyer for Christmas Services

14 & 21 January	Lunch with the Vicar
4 February	Commissioning of Lauren Raiter, Scots Church, Melbourne

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: Alethea, Audrey, Cheryl, Di, Don, Doug, Dylan, Gisela, Helen, Hunter & Stefanie, Jaqueline, Jasmine, Julie, Kayden & Elisabeth, Lorraine, Lynne, Margot, Mia, Nick, Nigel & Chris, Phoebe, Richard, Ruth, Sandra, Stephen T, Sue, Wayne, Will

Offering Via Direct Debit—Our bank details are:

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Longbeach

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