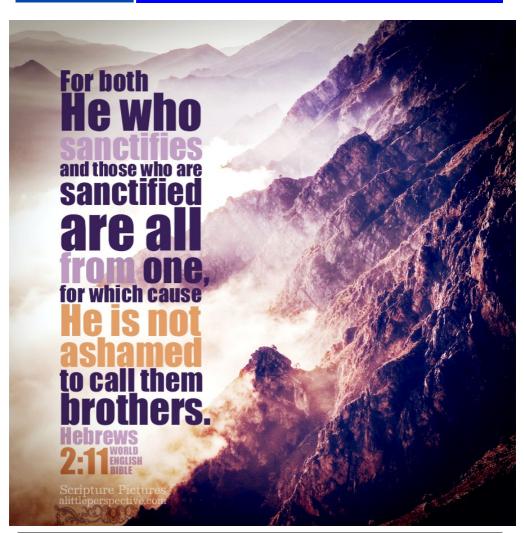


# 14 January 2024 Our mission is to:

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



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### **Building Works Commencing at St Chad's on January 15**

With many thanks to all those who donated to the Church building fund, we are delighted to announce that the replacement of the hall floor will commence on Monday 15 January. If you could help move the tables and chairs on Sunday after church please see Sue.

# Garage Sale to Raise money for the McGreal Family

Di McGreal is still in hospital in Canberra. Please keep praying for the family as they plan to bring her back to Victoria. The Lions club have asked us to join them in raising some money for the family by holding a garage sale at our Church on **Saturday 20 January**. If you can help by either donating goods, setting up or serving, please let Sue know.

# Leaders & Volunteers Commissioning Service Sunday 4 February

God has called everyone who follows him to use the gifts they have been given to build his Kingdom. On Sunday 4 February, we will be commissioning all of our leaders and volunteers to the ministry that God has called them to. Please be prayerful about how God is asking you to use your gifts and come along to our commissioning service.

# Lauren Raiter—CMS Missionary Commissioning Service Sunday 4 February 2024

1.30pm @ Scots Church Melbourne, followed by refreshments.

#### **Church picnic on Sunday 11 February**

Come along to Bi-centennial Park on Sunday 11 February for our Annual Church picnic. You can arrive from 12.15 pm onwards and we will have great conversations and have some fun activities to participate in. Please feel free to bring your friends and family along.

#### Opening and closing times for our outreach programs

Matt's Place & Lunch Church— Reopening on Tuesday 23 January
Pantry 5000—Wednesday 17 January 9:30am-1:30pm

No market in January

# Services in the parish over the New Year

January 14 & 21—10:00am Combined Service at St Chad's January 28—10am at St Chad's & 11am St Aidan's

Next Church Market at St Chad's 17 Feb from 9am-12:30pm

## **Shrove Tuesday 13 February**

This year we are encouraging you to hold pancake Tuesday in your homes and invite friends, family or neighbours. It would also be great if your small group could hold a Pancake Tuesday event. This is a real outreach opportunity. It is a fundraiser, so we encourage people to pay \$15 as it is a two course meal. If you are willing to host in your home or cook the pancakes or attend a pancake dinner, please let Sue know.

# **Ash Wednesday Services 14 February**

Lent begins on February 22 and it is a time where many fast from something (coffee, chocolate, TV, social media) so that they can spend time examining their lives before God. We start this season with services: St Chad's at 2pm and St Aidan's at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you.

## Prayer Retreat on Saturday 24 February at St Chad's

Throughout scripture Sabbath rest is a theme that does not apply just to one day a week, but it is described as a rhythm that is encouraged on a daily basis and at times for extended periods of time. One way to take some time out with God is to come and be part of a prayer retreat. We are setting up a team to organise this and if you would like to be part of the team please let Sue know. Also, keep this date and come along for an intentional time to just be with God. If you are intending on coming, could you please place your name on the list in the Parish Centre.

## National Day of Prayer March 1

Friday 3 March is the National Day of Prayer. It will be held at the Chelsea Community Church of Christ at 2pm. We need a couple of people to read at the service. If you would be willing to do this, please see Sue.

### Would you like to join a small group?

Those involved in our small group ministry (part of our strategy to establish people in their faith) have really benefited from the pastoral care given, the growth in their understanding of the Bible and their faith and the fostering of a feeling of belonging to our faith community. There are many opportunities to be part of a small group. We have daytime groups on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and there are night time groups that meet in person on Tuesday and Wednesday and a group that meet on Zoom on Sunday. If you would like to be part of a group, please talk with Sue.

## 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

Tues Matt's Place having a break until January 23
Tues Lunch Church having a break until January 23

Wed Pantry 5000

Wed 1pm Church Prayer Meeting

#### Soon in the church

20 January Garage Sale at St Chad's

4 February Commissioning of Volunteers and Staff at Longbeach

4 February Commissioning of Lauren Raiter, Scots Church, Melbourne

11 February Church Picnic
13 February Shrove Tuesday
14 February Ash Wednesday
1 March World Day of Prayer
17 March 9am-12:30pm Market

16 March Fete

# 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**: Di, Don, Doug, Gisela, Helen, Hunter & Stefanie, Jaqueline, Jasmine, Julie, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kirsty, Lorraine, Margot, Massy, Mia, Nick, Nigel & Chris, Pauline, Phoebe, Rex, Richard, Ruth, Sandra, Stephen T, Sue, Will

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