



**14 July 2024**

**Our mission is to:**

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

### **William Cooper and the beginnings of NAIDOC Week**

This past week has been NAIDOC week across Australia – celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC week was the initiative of an Aboriginal Christian, William Cooper, who asked the churches to start praying for aborigines on what would become known as ‘Aborigines Sunday.’ Up until the 1960’s Australia’s indigenous people were not Australian citizens even though they had been born in Australia and their ancestors had lived here for generations before white settlement. They weren’t allowed to vote, weren’t counted in the census and had less rights than white Australians. William Cooper was taught to read and write by missionaries and came into a personal relationship with Jesus. He was also an activist, a unionist, a serious Bible reading, church going Christian. Cooper believed that all people are made in the image of God and are children of God, and would argue passionately from the Bible that aboriginals ought to be treated as equal citizens in this country. In 1935, Cooper drafted a petition to go to King George V, asking for special aboriginal electorates in the Australian Parliament. Cooper presented then Prime Minister Lyons with a proposed national policy for aborigines. This was rejected. When the request fell on deaf ears he co-ordinated Aboriginal marches through the streets of Sydney and Melbourne on Australian Day 1936 – called ‘The day of Mourning.’ Cooper then sought help from his friends in the church to establish ‘Aboriginal Sunday,’ to pray for the success of missions and ‘the uplift of the dark people.’ It quickly caught on. The first ‘Aborigines Sunday’ was 28 January 1940. Eventually, almost all churches had special prayers for the aboriginal peoples on the Sunday before Australia Day. That ‘Aborigines Sunday’ down the track was shifted to later in the year and now a full week, ‘NAIDOC week.’ *From Eternity News*

### **Bible Reading July 21 Matthew 7:1-12**

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## **Longbeach Anglican Church's Vision and Mission**

A team started a process this week with a consultant to relook at the direction our Church is taking regarding ministry and the use of our buildings and resources. Please pray for us as we journey together in this process of hearing God's voice.

**Our Vision:** To be a vibrant church, Christlike in every way, embracing and proclaiming God's word and love.

**Our Mission:** Giving thanks to God, we SHINE as a light with the love of Jesus and bring glory to God by declaring it to all the world.

## **Prayer for NAIDOC week**

Lord God, Bring us together as one. Reconciled with each other. You made us in your likeness; you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ. He has given us forgiveness for sin.

Lord God, Bring us together as one. Different culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ: together as one, your body, your church, your people.

Lord God, Bring us together as one. Reconciled, healed, forgiven, sharing you with others, as you have called us to do.

In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. Amen

## **July – Month of Prayer**

Bishop Paul has called all Churches in Jumbunna to a month of prayer in July. As a Church, we invite you to pray individually at home for our Diocese and Church at 7pm each night. Corporately, we invite you to:

- Our prayer meeting 1-2pm on Wednesdays in the Parish Centre.
- A prayer meeting in the Parish Centre on Wednesday evenings on 17, 24 and 31 July from 7-7:30 pm
- A prayer meeting at Glen Waverley Anglican Church on Saturday, 27 July from 8am– 6pm. You can attend for however long you like.

## **Bishop Paul Old Testament Talks**

Bishop Paul will be giving three talks on "Faith Under Trial: The Book of Daniel" at Glen Waverley Anglican Church on Wednesdays 17, 24 and 31 July from 7.30 pm. It will be livestreamed and we will play this in the Parish Centre if small groups or anyone else might like to attend. You can join the livestream at [www.gwac.org.au/livestream](http://www.gwac.org.au/livestream)

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

**Happy Birthday... Colin L**

## **New Staff Member**

Parish Council has made a decision to employ a new staff member from the beginning of the financial year for two days a week to oversee Children, Family and Youth ministries and to be involved in our worship services. If you know of anyone suitable, could you talk with Sue. Please pray that God will guide us in this process.

## **Concert with Wayne and Carol 15 September**

Wayne and Carol are coming to our St Chad's Centre to provide a wonderful afternoon of entertainment. They will be singing hits from Carol Carpenter, Barry Gibb and Linda Ronstadt and there will be a delicious afternoon tea to follow. Invite your friends to this fundraiser.

## **Winter Wamer's MoJo Concert – Sunday 21 July – 1-4 pm**

Tickets can be purchased through Tikebebo.

## **Playgroup Starting on Thursday 8 August**

There are always exciting things happening here on Thursdays when playgroup is on. Jaqueline has offered to run a playgroup again and so we will be starting on Thursday 8 August. If you know families or grandparents who have preschoolers and would like to be involved please let them know. See Jaqueline or Sue if you can help.

## **Working Bee**

Hands On Learning is an organization that equips high school students with practical skills. They have offered to come and paint the hall at St Chad's from 31 July to 1 August. Bunnings and Taubman's are sponsoring them and giving resources free of charge. They have asked if we could wash the walls prior to painting. We are having a working bee on Sunday 28 July from 2pm onwards. If you could help please let us know.

## **Matt's Place 15th birthday!**

In July 2024 Matt's Place will have been serving the community for 15 years. We hear many stories about how we have helped in times of crises. One young mum who came for takeaway while we were in lockdown told us that if we weren't open she would've sat down and cried as she didn't know where else to go. We will be having a big celebration on Tuesday July 30 with all our regular guests, past and present volunteers and local dignitaries. Everyone is invited!

## 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 7pm	Meeting of the Parish Council
Mon 2pm	Pastoral Care Meeting
Tues 11:30am	Matt's Place
Tues 11:30am	Lunch Church
Wed 9:30am-1:30pm	Pantry 5000
Wed 1pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Thurs 7pm	Singing Group at St Chad's (next practice 11 & 25 July)
Fri 10am	Quilting & Craft at St Chad's (next meeting 12 July)

## Soon in the church

July	Jumbunna Month of Prayer
July 17, 24, 31	7-7:30pm Prayer at the church with Bp Paul to follow
July 21	MoJo Fundraising Concert for WWH at St Aidan's
July 27	Jumbunna Day of prayer 8am-6pm, at GWAC
July 30	Matt's Place 15th birthday
August 8	7pm Praying for Revival at St Paul's Cathedral
Sep 15	Wayne and Carol concert at St Chad's
Sep 22	Bishop Paul visit

### 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:** Alan, Bryan, Byron, Cheryl, Di, Doug, Geoff P, Isla, Jade, James, Jasmine, Jess, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kirsty, Kirsty, Lee, Margot, Maria, Massy, Michelle, Mike, Nigel & Chris, Nola, Oakley, Phoebe, Richard T, Rita, Rosemary, Stephen T, Stuart, Travis, Will

### Offering Via Direct Debit—Our bank details are:

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