



27 October 2024

Our mission is to:

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

SYNOD REPORT 2024

Synod was held a couple of weeks ago and there was a Special Synod held in June which also dealt with matters such as Safe Ministry, professional standards and the process of electing a new Archbishop.

Presentations included Hope 25 (a national movement starting from Easter 2025, sharing the hope we have in Jesus Christ in an uncertain world), disability, inclusion in church activities and accessibility, diversity and inclusion, safe ministry and leading your church into growth.

Legislation included an approval process for reductions in frequency of services, and amendments restricting the publication of certain information, largely relating to statistics and those holding clergy and lay authorisations, to the parish portal and not on a website available to the general public.

The Diocesan accounts and budget were presented. The Diocese reported a deficit of \$3.6m in 2023. A cash outflow of \$13m is projected for 2025. Property sales and the cost of redress of previous child abuse claims continue to be significant. The Finance Report includes a comment that the Diocese does not generate sufficient income from parishes or investments to cover its redress obligations or regular operational requirements, despite numerous and comprehensive reviews of the efficiency and effectiveness of Diocesan services and budget savings.

A Diocesan Sustainability Strategy Working Group has been set up to address concerns over church sustainability including matters such as finance, church property sales, the cost of redress claims, declining church attendance and population growth corridors in Melbourne.

Motions discussed included reconciliation, diversity and inclusion, disability inclusion and accessibility, healthcare chaplaincy, the possible removal of the minimum age of 18 for Parish Council and Synod membership, the code of conduct for child safety and wellbeing and a vote of thanks for the ministry of Archbishop Philip Freier.

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Follow on from the Vision and Strategy meeting

Thank you to those who are continuing to talk with the Wardens or Sue about where they believe God is directing us as one Church with two centres. Please keep sending in your thoughts and pray for us as we discern what God is calling us to be. Please pray for the Core team as they meet in the near future to continue discussions on our Vision, Mission and Strategy.

Prayer and Praise

- For the life of Harvey Read who served the Lord with his whole heart and is now in the presence of his Savior.
- For the wonderful time that people had at the concert on Sunday and for the faith conversations that Sue and others were able to have with some of those attending.

Membership and Electoral Roll

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.

Annual Parish Meeting—November 17

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 Nominations Committee, nomination forms are at the back of both churches.

All forms must be returned to the office by **9am Thursday 7 November**.

A New Treasurer

Thank you to Sofia Gerandt who has been our treasure for the past 18 months and she has done a wonderful job. She is needing to step down from this role and we are in need of a new treasurer. Sofia is willing to work with this person to transition them into this new role. If you believe God is calling you to this position could you please talk with Sue or a warden.



Summer Under the Son 16-18 January 2025 Syndal Baptist Church

SUTS 2025 has a fantastic program:

- Exegetical Bible talks from Sam McGeown exploring the book of Ruth
- Missiological expertise from Greg Anderson, Bishop of the NT
- Opportunities to connect with other mission-minded Christian
- Workshops on secular culture, stories from missionaries, church planting, and more!

Tickets can be purchased at...

www.summerundertheson.org

Congratulations to Rev Julia Boyd

Julia will be priested on November 16 at St Paul's Cathedral at 10.30am and you are warmly invited to attend and support Julia as she takes this next step. Please continue to pray for her as she follows this calling on her life.

Thank you, thank you, thank you...

...to all those involved in the Chelsea Concert Band event. It was a fabulous concert and we raised \$1750 for our church.

Postie Party Fundraiser for WWH...

...will be held at 1pm on November 30 at 14 Maplewood Court, Carrum Downs. Entry is \$5 and includes afternoon tea. All proceeds go towards WWH. See Christina for more details 0400 896 008.

Happy Birthday

Bernard H, Glenis P, Natalie A & Henry H

**Congratulations Penny and Henry & Bernard and Jaqueline
upon celebrating their wedding anniversaries**

Bible Reading November 3— Matthew 11.28-30

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 11am 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 (31 October & 14 November)
Fri 10am Quilting & Craft at St Chad's (1 & 15 November)

Soon in the church

16 November 10:30am Julia Boyd priested at Cathedral
17 November 11:15am APM
23 November 7pm Kannada church with supper afterwards
30 November 1pm Postie Party WWH fundraiser
1 December 4pm Children's and families Christmas party
8 December 4pm Inter-church Council Christmas Carols

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: Bill, Candice, Colin, Di, Emmerson, Geoff P, Irene, Isla, Jack, Jade, Jasmine, Jess, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kirsty, Kirstie, Lee, Margot, Maria, Michael, Nigel & Chris, Nola, Phoebe, Richard T, Rosemary, Stephen T, Tina, Will

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