



Longbeach
Anglican Church

15 December 2024

Our mission is to:

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

Advent - Joy

In this advent season, we wait in hope knowing that we are loved by a merciful God who extends to us his everlasting love.

We are now in the third week of Advent which is a reminder that the good news of Jesus' birth has the power to bring us great joy at this Christmas season. Sometimes we make the mistake of thinking that happiness and joy are the same thing. However, the joy that Jesus gives is not dependent on what is happening in our lives or the things we have or the gifts we give or receive. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from Christ alone.

Those who gathered around the new baby were blessed because they believed that God had fulfilled the promises in His word. Mary and Joseph believed and were able to feel the joy of holding baby Jesus in their arms. The shepherds and wise men believed the angels and the signs and experienced the great gladness of worshipping their Messiah.

The Lord offers us the same joy when we recognise Jesus as our Saviour and Lord. He overcame death and rose from the dead. Forgiveness and eternal life are given to those who love him with all their heart. Joy is a gift from God. May our hearts be filled with this joy at this advent season.



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Prayer and Praise

- Praise for the great response and participation or of the different Churches and schools in our Interchurch Council Carols.
- A leadership team of 10 plus wardens has been set up for Pantry 5000 to discuss the way forward with the retirement of Ken and Sue Gooding. We were very grateful to Ken and Sue for their tireless work in setting up Pantry 5000. Please pray for the team as they work out their different roles , evaluate what needs to change and find new volunteers for the roles that need to be filled.

Thank you

Thank you to all of those involved in the Interchurch Christmas service. It was great to join with the other Churches to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour. The singing group, the puppets, the sound, the setup, the packdown, the compering and the overall organization by Lissie Crombie was so well done. St Joseph's and Bonbeach Primary Schools sang so professionally and Rev Claire Daws (the Chaplain from Cornish College) was the key speaker. The Chelsea Band yet again were incredible. Thanks for your prayers for this event and please keep praying that the service will have had an impact on all who came.

Lunching with the Vicar

Sue would like to invite you to the Vicarage for Sunday lunch on January 12 or 19 if you are around. If you would like to come, then please put your name down on the sign in sheets on the notice boards in the Parish Centre at St Chad's or at the back of Church at St Aidan's.

Alpha 2025

Alpha is starting on 25 February 2025. It is a great opportunity to invite those who are seeking answers to life and faith. The Alpha course is a series of discussions run over 10 weeks and a Saturday that explores who Jesus is and what relevance he has for our lives. Each session begins with fellowship over a meal, then a video presentation, followed by coffee and a discussion of the topic that was explored that week. Many have come to faith through this course around the world so please pray for many to come and that they will either come to a faith in Jesus or grow in their discipleship. Please pray about who God wants you to ask along and consider coming yourself. Also, if you could help as a table leader, a helper or in the kitchen please see Julia or Sue.



Opening and closing times for our outreach programs

Matt's Place & Lunch Church

Christmas lunch at 11:30am on Tuesday 17 December (last day for 2024)
and reopening on Tuesday 21 January 2025

Pantry 5000

Wednesday 18 December 9:30am-1:30pm

Wednesday 25 December & January 1 PANTRY CLOSED

Wednesday 8 January 10:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday 15 January 9:30am-1:30pm

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 29—10:00am Combined Service at St Chad's

January 5 & 12—10:00am Combined Service at St Chad's

January 19—8am & 10am Services at St Chads

January 26—10am at St Chad's & 11am St Aidan's

What's on at the Longbeach Church for Christmas 2024

Sunday 22 December at St Chad's

10am Seven Lessons and Carols at St Chad's (with communion)
(including pageant rehearsal for the children)

11am Seven Lessons and Carols at Aidan's (without communion)

Tuesday 24 December

7pm Family service at St Chad's (With the pageant and puppets)

11pm Holy Communion at St Chad's

11pm Holy Communion at St Aidan's

Wednesday 25 December

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Chad's

Pantry 5000 volunteers needed

There are a few roles that need some people to help with on a weekly/regular basis. If you could help with any of these, could you please let Sue Bluett know.

- Picking up groceries from Chelsea and Karingal Woolworths, Mentone Aldi and other places
- Treasurer and bookkeeping
- Grant writing
- Helping in the kitchen
- Helping with stock take
- Administration

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 (12/12)
Fri 10am Quilting & Craft at St Chad's—having a break until Feb '25

Soon in the church

24-25 December See page 3 for our Christmas services
12 & 19 January Lunch with the vicar

Bible Reading December 22— Luke.1-2

Happy Birthday—Aileen J, Elizabeth P, Christine T

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

Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

Pastoral care—Sue Bluett 0433 024 626

Prayer has been requested for: Bill, Cale, Caleb, Candice, Colin, Di, Geoff P, Graham, Grahame, Isla, Jack, Jacky, Jade, Jasmine, Jess, Julie, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kirsty, Kirstie, Lee, Margot, Michael, Monica, Nigel & Chris, Nola, Paul, Phoebe, Richard T, Sophie, Stephen T, Tina, Will

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