



Longbeach
Anglican Church

22-29 December 2024

Our mission is to:

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

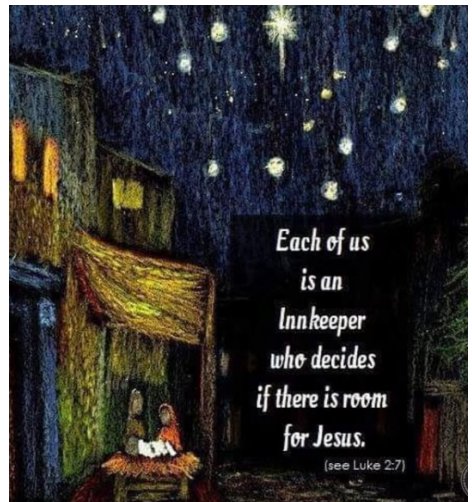
Advent Four - Love

Today, we light the fourth candle of advent which represents love. *“By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”* (John 13:35). When Jesus came to this earth, he brought a special kind of love. This love is unselfish, compassionate, unconditional. He loves us just as we are. Our condition is irrelevant to his love. It is a love that picks us up just where we are in life and carries us further than we could ever go on our own.

He gives us his love so we can give it away in the same unselfish, compassionate, unconditional way he gave it to us. He tells us this love will be our trademark. It will distinguish us as followers of Jesus. Your actions reflect Jesus to the world around you. You can choose to offer love or to hold it back. In situations where it is hard to offer love, ask him to give you an abundance of his own in your heart so you are able to give it away.

As you move into Christmas this week, be reminded of the distinguishing mark you carry as a follower of Jesus. Ask for his love to be evident in your words and actions as you interact with others. Seek to bring unity and balance into relationships or situations. Listen to people with sincerity and interest. Ask for a graciousness that comes from his Spirit as you mingle with those in your circle. Wear the love of Jesus as your distinguishing mark as his follower.

Adapted from an article by Gail Rodgers



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Prayer and Praise

- For Matt's Place Christmas Lunch. We ended with a hall full of joyous people who ate a delicious lunch and celebrated the season with gusto.
- For safe travels and happy holidays for all those gathering with family and friends over the Christmas period.
- That those who come to our Christmas services experience an ever deepening closeness with God.
- Pray for those this Christmas who are grieving the loss of someone they love and for those who cannot be with their family at this time because of family conflict or distance. Ask God to be their comfort and peace as they celebrate Christmas differently.
- Pray for Derek and Rosie Snibson and the team that they are bringing down from the Northern territory to speak at our Church and at the SUTS CMS conference. Pray for clarity in their presentations and that their messages will be well received.

Derek and Rosie Snibson would like to borrow a car...

...for a week in January. See Sue if you can help out.

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

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 roles that still need to be filled 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, Merton Aldi and other places
- Treasurer and bookkeeping
- Grant writing
- Helping in the kitchen
- Helping with stock take
- Administration

Coffee and Chat will be having a break...

...next catch up is Thursday 20th February 2025 (1-3pm) at St Chad's.

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 (19/12)
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 for Christmas— Luke 2.8-20

Happy Birthday—Pam N, Paula, D, Penny H

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, Cheryl, Colin, Di, Graham, Grahame, Isla, Jade, Jasmine, Karen & family, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kirsty, Kirstie, Lee, Liz, Margot, Michael, Michael, Nigel & Chris, Nola, Paul, Phoebe, Richard T, Sophie, Stephen T, Tina, Will

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