



Longbeach
Anglican Church

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Our mission is to:

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

First Nations Justice

The history of our nation deeply affects the present and our future. For many years, over 300 Aboriginal nations with over 600 dialects of language dwelt on the continent we now call Australia. Many generations of Aboriginal people lived and died here, as custodians and stewards of these lands and waters. For millennia, 'Country' was stewarded in ways that saw the creation flourish, its creatures cared for and the beauty and abundance of the land provide enough for all. In 1770 Captain Cook landed on Possession Island and began the story of Australia, which would bring about dramatic and all too often tragic changes across these lands. The rightful stewardship of the land was taken from Aboriginal peoples, while they were subjected to dispossession, disease, death and trauma. Injustices that reverberate into the present day.

These lands and all Australians are harmed by what has happened to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Only together - with prayer, lament, deep listening, friendship and collective action for justice - can we all heal and flourish. From the beginning there have been voices that have reminded us that this story was unjust, that as image bearers of God and custodians of the land, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should have been deeply respected and treated with honour. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, alongside many allies, have been calling for respect, dignity and justice since the story of Australia began. It has taken too long for their voices to be listened to, but we are excited to see that progress is being made. We dream of a transformed Australia, where First Nations peoples are rightfully honoured and respected as the traditional custodians of these lands and as continual caretakers and stewards. Let us journey together as we listen deeply to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and act together for justice.

Adapted from an article by 'Common Grace' (commongrace.org.au)

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Welcome

We welcome Sonya, Craig and Marlene from St Matthew's Church in Ngukurr to our service this morning. We look forward to hearing how God is moving in the Northern Territory and amongst your community today. It is also great to have Rosie and Derek Snibson with us.



Prayer and Praise

- Praise for the people from our outreach ministries and who have walked in off the street and have come to Church over the past month and are seeking God.
- Pray for Julia Boyd as she grieves the loss of her Uncle Ian and for the family as they grieve.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead all of our Church members to people to whom God wants to attend the Alpha program on Tuesday 25 February. Pray that we will be faithful in praying for them and that we will have courage to invite them.
- Pray for Rosie, Derek and the team as they speak at the SUTS CMS conference from Thursday – Saturday (16-18/1). Pray for clarity as they present and that their message will be received well.

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 discussion. Many have come to faith through this course 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. If you could help as a table leader, a helper or in the kitchen please see Julia or Sue.

The Death of Ruth James

It is with sadness that we let you know that Ruth James died last week. Her funeral will be at St Nicholas, Mordialloc at 2pm on Friday 17 March. Please pray for Bev (Ruth's daughter) and Brendan (who have lost a child and a daughter in law in the past two years) and Graeme (her son) as they grieve.

Congratulations to Ash and Sue Goode

Ash and Sue our link missionaries have become grandparents again to a baby girl called Matilda May.

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 please put your name on the sign in sheets on the notice boards.

Please be aware of child safety

If we have small children in church could you please make sure the outside doors to the carpark are kept closed 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, Mentone Aldi and other places
- Helping in the kitchen

Opening and closing times for our outreach programs

Matt's Place & Lunch Church

Reopening on Tuesday 21 January 2025

Pantry 5000

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.

January 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

**Happy Birthday—Di McGreal, Rosemary Snibson,
Zach Crombie, Elisabeth Crombie, Jan Riseley**

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 & 5th Sunday of the month

This week in the church

- Mon 11am Pastoral Care Meeting—returns Feb 3
Tues 11:30am Matt's Place—returns Jan 21
Tues 11:30am Lunch Church—returns Jan 21
Wed 9:30am-1:30pm Pantry 5000
Wed 1pm Church Prayer Meeting—returns Jan 29
Thurs 7pm Singing Group at St Chad's—Feb 6
Fri 10am Quilting & Craft at St Chad's—having a break until Feb '25

Soon in the church

- 12 & 19 January Lunch with the vicar
25 January Alpha starts—Who can you invite
20 February Coffee and Chat
5 March Ash Wednesday

Bible Reading for January 19—Jude 1-16

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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