



**2 February 2025**

**Our mission is to:**

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

### **Partnership in Ministry**

William Carey, one of my heroes of the faith wrote, "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God." At the Longbeach Anglican Church with its two centres, 2 weekly outreach ministries (Matt's Place and Pantry 5000), 4 fortnightly Aged Care Home services, 7 small groups, Winter Warmers, fete, and many other significant ministries we are certainly attempting great things for God and He is at work in and through us. We are seeing people grow in their faith, members are being trained in ministry, seekers moving closer to Jesus and many people are being cared for.

Solomon, in his wisdom and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote, "Where there is no vision the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18) The NIV translates it, "Where there is no revelation the people cast off restraint ..." Another way of putting this is, when people don't know what to do, they don't do anything, or they do their own thing. Jesus had a clear vision of what his mission was. As a result, his life had purpose, meaning and fulfilment and this spurred him on to achieve the mission his Father had put him on earth to complete.

I wonder what your dreams have been for our Church? How can you be involved through prayer, giving, serving and being part of our community to enable these dreams to be fulfilled? Is God asking you to help build community by opening your home? Is God asking you to pray more, give more, be involved more? Is he calling you to leave a bequest in your will to ensure that our ministries can continue to thrive?

God is calling us as a Church to expect great things from God and attempt great things for him.



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**- William Carey**

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## Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for the amazing ministry of Pantry 5000 over the past 13 years under the leadership of Ken and Sue Gooding. The farewell on Wednesday was a great occasion where representatives from the community came to thank them for the wonderful work they have done. Pray for them as they have a much needed holiday and as they retire from this ministry.
- Pray for the new leadership team at Pantry which consists of 12 members. These members have been assigned specific leadership areas to oversee. Half of this team consists of members from our Church. It will take a lot of adjusting as we work out the gaps that need to be filled. Please pray for team unity and for a healthy transition.
- Praise God for the ministry of Ron and Glenis Peterson. Pray for them as they go on holiday for a three weeks. Pray for refreshment and enjoyment.
- Praise for Julia who has been a great asset to our ministry at Longbeach. Pray for her and Craig as they go on holiday over the next two weeks.

## Thank you Thank you Thank you...

...to Ron, Anthea, Lyn and all the scone makers for helping to make Ken and Sue's farewell from Pantry 5000 such a great event.

## Prayer Retreat on Saturday 22 February – St Chad's @ 10am Blooming where God has planted us – Growing in faith

As the period of Lent begins on March 5, it is great to prepare our hearts and what better way to do this than to come to our Prayer Retreat. This is a time to stop and spend time praising God, reflecting on our lives and committing to growing stronger in our faith.

**Alpha 2025**  
Who are you  
going to invite?  
Pick up an  
invitation card  
today & pray!!

A promotional image for Alpha 2025. It features a blurred background of people in a church setting, with one person's hand raised in prayer. A large red Alpha logo is on the right. Text overlays include: 'Ever wondered about Jesus?', 'Join us for an informal meal, and bring all your questions! Alpha starts on Tuesday 25th February at 6.30pm', and the Longbeach Anglican Church logo in the bottom right corner.

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## **Shrove Tuesday March 4**

We are again encouraging you, or your small group, to hold pancake Tuesday in your homes and invite friends or family. This is a real outreach opportunity. Please let Sue know if you can be a host.

## **Ash Wednesday Services March 5**

Lent begins on March 5 and it is a time where many fast from something so that they can spend time examining their lives before God. We start this season with services: St Chad's at 2pm and St Aidan's at 7pm.

## **Fete—March 16**

It's time again to start thinking about the fete! A good place to start is cleaning out your cupboards. Bric-a brac can be left in the Smoker's shed any day of the week.

## **Hope 25 Training Morning...**

... 9.30am-12.30pm on Saturday 22 March at (GWAC). Topics include Becoming a welcoming and inviting church, Effective Follow up, Hospitality Evangelism, Using an Op Shop for Mission, Hymns We Love as an evangelistic tool, God Conversations, & Preaching a Confident Hope.

## **JUMBUNNA CALL TO PRAYER – 9, 16, 23 March**

This year our Call to Prayer is in March focussing on: Praying for Hope25 which is Easter to Pentecost and praying for a new Archbishop.

- Sunday 9 March, 3-6pm, at St Paul's Ringwood
- Sunday 16 March, 3-6pm, at St Stephen's & St Mary's Mt Waverley
- Sunday 23 March, 3pm – 6pm, at St Paul's Frankston

Each session will conclude with Evening Prayer and at 5.30pm.

## **Lenten Study Books**

Lent is a time where we take 40 days (less Sundays) to slow down, give up or add something to our lives in order to spend concentrated time in prayer and reflection. Hope 25 have put out a daily prayer reflection book to help people grow over this time. Each day a devotion is written by either an Archbishop or Bishop from Australia and the book has been edited from Bishop Paul Barker. Their prayer is that these studies will inspire Anglicans across Australia to share the hope of Jesus Christ in 2025. They are \$10 each and we can order these for you if you would like one. There is one in the Parish centre for you to peruse. Place your name on the list at either centre if you would like to order one.

**Happy Birthday—Ricki-Lee**

## 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
Tues 11:30am	Lunch Church
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 & 20)
Fri 10am	Quilting & Craft at St Chad's (Feb 7 & 21)

## Soon in the church

20 February	Coffee and Chat
22 February	Prayer retreat
25 February	Alpha starts—Who can you invite?
4 March	Shrove Tuesday
5 March	Ash Wednesday
16 March	Fete

## Bible Reading for February 9—Deuteronomy 14:22-29

**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, Caleb, Cheryl, Di, Graham, Isla, 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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