



Longbeach
Anglican Church

9 February 2025

Our mission is to:

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

Partnership in Giving

James writes in his book in the Bible, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (1:17, NIV) Everything we own and everything we have comes from a generous God who has showered us with love. When we give of our time, talents and treasure, we simply offer God a small portion of all the abundance he has already given to us. Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to Jehovah Jireh, our provider. It comes from a heart of worship that recognises that everything we give already belongs to the Lord. It teaches us to always put God first in our lives.

God instructed Old Testament believers to give a tithe (literally means tenth) to the temple because this ten percent represented the first, or most important portion of all they had. Over and above this was the offerings they gave to God. In the New Testament it does not suggest a certain percentage for giving but simply says for each to give "in keeping with their income".

We are encouraging everyone, if they are able, to increase their giving by \$5 a week so that we can continue with the ministry God has called us to. At the back of the Church, we have a tree with leaves with a value of \$5. If you are able and willing to increase your giving, we encourage you to pray for God's guidance and over the next few weeks take a leaf as your commitment to giving.



Contact Us:

Admin: Jaqueline Hendrey 9772 1251

Vicar: Rev Sue Bluett: 0433 024 626

Ass't Minister: Rev Julia Boyd: 0400 356 696

www.longbeachanglicans.org.au

parishadmin@longbeachanglicans.org.au

suzannejbluett@gmail.com

rev.julia.boyd@gmail.com

Prayer and Praise

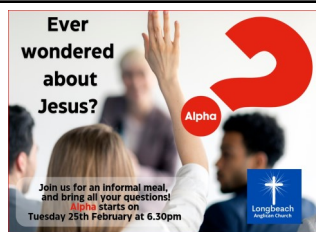
- Praise for the great start to Pantry under the guidance of the leadership team. There were many hiccups, but the team managed these extremely well.
- Praise for the great start to our small groups, prayer team, singing group and the new band at 10 am.
- Prayer for Julia and Craig, Ron and Glenis as they take a well-earned break over the next few weeks.
- Prayer for the preparation for the fete and that people will be generous in their donations and that many people will come on the day. Uphold, Natalie as she leads the team.

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!
Tuesday 25 February at 6:30pm
At St Chad’s



Would you like a Lenten Study Book

Hope 25 have put out a daily reflection book to help people grow over Lent. Each day a devotion is written by either an Archbishop or Bishop from Australia. Their prayer is that these studies will inspire Anglicans across Australia to share the hope of Jesus Christ. They are \$15 each and we can order one for you if you would like one. Place your name on the list at either centre on Sunday if you would like to order one. We will be ordering on Monday 10 February.

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.

Happy Birthday—Sehan

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 15

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.

Extra Service at St Aidan's on the 5th Sunday of the Month

Starting in March there will be a service at St Aidan's at 11am on the fifth Sunday of the month.

Farewell Ken and Sue Gooding

Ken and Sue Gooding have made the decision to find a new Church home and it is with sadness that we say goodbye. They have both been involved in so many different areas of ministry over the years including Pantry 5000, Parish Council, Matt's place, writing and editing Chatterbox, helping with the fete, music ministry and many other things. We are very thankful for their ministry amongst us over the past years.

Domestic and Family Violence Survey

A survey to understand the **effectiveness and relevance of the PVAW program** for the Diocese. The survey asks a range of questions about the PVAW program (and other church-led initiatives that may be going on) in your church, as well as how these have changed the conversations around violence against women and domestic and family violence in the parish. Respondents also have the option to discuss their experiences seeking help, if they choose to. The participation and insights of your parish are greatly valued, and we encourage you take the survey and to please share the survey accordingly.



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
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 (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
15 March	Fete
23 March	Jumbunna Call to Prayer 3-6pm, at St Paul's Frankston

Bible Reading for February 16 — Philippians 1.1-11

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, Cheryl, Chris, Di, Graham, Isla, Karen & family, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kirsty, Kirstie, Lee, Liz & Gabriel, Margot, Michael, Nigel & Chris, Nola, Paul, Phoebe, Richard T, Tina, Will

Offering Via Direct Debit—Our bank details are:

Account Name: Anglican Parish of Longbeach

Bendigo Bank BSB No. 6 3 3— 0 0 0

Account No. 1 5 3 7 4 5 2 2 9

Please label with the words "tithe" or "offering". Or you can scan the QR code on the right & make your giving via our Shout For Good account. Thank you.



Wardens

Natalie Allinson, Wayne McGlone, Elisabeth Crombie

Treasurer

Sofia Gerandt finance@longbeachanglicans.org.au

Child Safety Officers

Julia Boyd, Jaqueline Hendrey

Compliance Officer

Zilpha Barker longbeachcompliance@gmail.com