



16 February 2025

Our mission is to:

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

Partnership in Community

Everyone wants to feel that they belong to a community, whether that be a family, a club, a church or a sports team. Very few people are expert in anything all by themselves. They need a supporting community. Do you know a good musician who was not trained, nurtured and sustained by the music community? Very few wise people become so without the accumulated wisdom of the centuries as expressed in colleges and universities and libraries. Excellence requires participation in, and support of, a community of like-minded people.

Likewise in the church - a forerunner of the new kingdom. Very few achieve Christian maturity all by themselves. Seldom is the Bible studied diligently without the aid of scholars and teachers. Rarely are people led to generosity by their own impulses.

Bill Hybels, the pastor of Willow Creek Community Church, just outside of Chicago, makes this statement, "If you create a loving community, first time seekers will sniff it and say "I want in."

How can you partner in community?

- Become part of a small group or the prayer group
- Stay for morning tea after the services
- Come to coffee and chat (3rd Thursday of the month)
- Serve in a ministry
- Invite people to your place for a cuppa, lunch or dinner
- Come to the patchwork group on Friday mornings
- Start a walking, gardening or a master chef group
- Organise outings for people to join in



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Prayer and Praise

- Praise for a great week at Pantry and for the hard work of the leadership team as they manage all of the changes to their roles.
- Praise God for the people who do so many things to keep our Church running and are often not acknowledged like those who count and bank the money, who cook jams and pickles, mow our lawns, look after the gardens and wo much more.
- Praise for the successful operation on Gabriel's heart. Please pray for a speedy recovery and that he will be back at school in no time.
- Pray for Ash and Sue Goode as they return from overseas and will be preaching at our 10am and 11am services on 23 February.

Coffee and Chat—Thursday 20 February

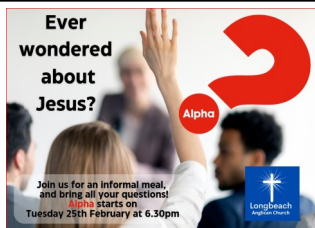
Coffee and Chat is back at St Chads from 1-3pm on February 20. Please join us for a cuppa and chat, followed by a delicious afternoon tea. Looking forward to see you there.

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



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.

Bible Reading for February 23 — Ephesians 4.1-17

Fete—March 15—Bring us your Bric-a-brac!

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.

Fete Letterbox Drop

Letterbox drop flyers are available today in the foyer of your centre. Please pick up a handful and deliver to your local area. Mark on the map the area you are doing. Please do NOT deliver to letterboxes that are marked, "No Junk Mail" or similar.

Bring Your Mystery Bottles and Parcels...

...they can be left unwrapped in the boxes at the back of either church

Plants for the fete

...start potting up plants for the fete. They are a great seller! Do you have a green thumb? Can you help out on the plant stall?



Financial matters

Over the last few months Parish Council have had to rethink some of the ways that we are managing donations to our outreach programs and the need to count money after each of our Sunday morning services.

1. If you would like to donate to any of our outreach programs, you can use MABS or place your money in a labeled envelope with the outreach area you would like to give to and place in the offering bowl or give to the office.
2. We need people to count money after the 10am service. Could you please let Sue or Jaqueline know if you can help.

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.

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week ... Pasta Sauce

**Happy Birthday—Karin B, Mavis B, Eve P
Congratulations Monica and Michael &
Fay and Hugh celebrating wedding anniversaries**

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
Mon 7pm	Meeting of Parish Council
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 20)
Fri 10am	Quilting & Craft at St Chad's (Feb 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
17 April	Passover at St Chad's
18 April	10:30am Stations of the Cross at Beeson Reserve
19 May	Wayne and Carol Musical Extravaganza at St Chad's

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

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