



27 April 2025

Our mission is to:

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

Some thoughts regarding voting next weekend

I remember when I heard that the Pope shocked people by taking the bus home (instead of the bullet-proof pope-mobile) after being sworn in and then paying his bill for his lodgings before moving out. It was a quiet but powerful indication that he was a leader who would not claim special treatment, nor encourage other religious leaders to. His refusal to sit on the papal throne and his welcoming of children who interrupted his sermons displayed a humility that I rarely see in world leaders. Regardless of whether we agree with his theology, his approach to leadership is challenging and inspiring. His death is not just a loss to the Catholic Church, but also to humanity.

As we head into an election period in Australia, I encourage you to consider what a humble Prime Minister (or local Member of Parliament), who has no sense of entitlement, would look like...

Is the person you're voting for welcoming of all people, slow to judge, kind and generous with their time and resources and tough on financial misappropriation and wastage? Do they care about both justice and mercy? Do they exist to serve the least in society and actively invest their time and energy into them? Do they humbly lead by example? If they don't fit this description, then what do they actually stand for? And if you vote for them, what do you stand for at your core? I'm not interested in telling people who to vote for. But I'm very keen on people learning how to wisely make their own minds up. Whoever it is in your local area, I encourage you to vote for a good leader, not just a self-serving figurehead.

Helpful words from my friend Eugene Wong

Bible Reading for May 4—James 1-2

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Prayer and Praise

- Praise God for those at Pantry and Matt's Place who pick up groceries that allow our programs to happen.
- Praise for the wonderful services and activities that were held over Easter. Pray that the message that Jesus is alive resonates with those who came.
- Pray for the federal election happening on Saturday 3 May that people will be wise in casting their vote.
- Pray for the Catholic and Anglican Churches around the world as they prepare to vote in a new Pope and a new Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Pray for the last Alpha night on Tuesday that many will be moved to come to faith in Jesus and will continue the transformation process into Christ's likeness.

Hope 25 Training Days

Hope 25 is an initiative of the Anglican Church of Australia to encourage everyone to intentionally share the message of the of Jesus from Easter to Pentecost. We as a Church have chosen to take this on throughout the whole year. We started with Alpha which has had a great impact on those who attended. We continue with two training events on Sunday 4 May and June 22. A couple of the events that we will be holding are the concert with Wayne and Carol which we encourage you to invite your friends to and a Trivia event some time in July. Towards the end of the year we will hold another Alpha course. We are all called to share our faith in Jesus, not just during the Hope 25 season.

Join us on Sunday 4th May—'**Hot Soup and Hot Tips**'

for Starting Conversations about Faith!

11.30 to 1pm in the Parish Centre

Thank you Thank you Thank you

It was great to be part of our Easter celebrations over the long weekend. Thank you to Ron and Glenis for the preparation that went into the Passover. You are an amazing cook Glenis. Thank you to Ron for the moving services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Thank you to Lissie and Stuart and the readers who made the interchurch council service a very special occasion for the many who attended. Thank you to Jaqueline and Bernard for opening their home and garden on Saturday to our children and families who were delighted by the craft activities and the amazing message that Jaqueline brought to us. There were many people who volunteered at the various services and events and we are very grateful for all you did.

Wayne & Carol's Musical Extravaganza Pop Hits through the Decades

Sunday 18th May

1:30PM

**Followed by a
Fabulous Afternoon Tea**



**St Chad's Anglican Church
12-14 Thames Promenade, Chelsea**

Concessions: \$12, Adults : \$15

From 5th May

Concessions: \$17, Adults: \$20

(Children and Seniors at Concessions Prices)



**Tickets via QR code,
or on the website -
[https://shoutforgood.com/
event-ticketings/musical](https://shoutforgood.com/event-ticketings/musical)**

Items needed for raffles for Wayne and Carol's Concert

We are in need of items for the raffle prizes at the concert on May 18. If you have any items could you please bring those to the office.

Sue on long service leave from 12 May- 4 August

While Sue is away Ron will be acting Vicar, Julia will be working extra days and Jaqueline will still be in the office on Mondays and Thursdays.

**Congratulations
Julie and Kim Whalen
celebrating their
wedding anniversary!**

The Musical Extravaganza has only sold 30 tickets. We are hoping to sell at least 120 tickets. You can buy your tickets from Zac on Sunday after the 10.00 am service or use the QR provided to get the Early Bird!

Postie Party Fundraiser for Winter Warmer Hampers 12:30pm Saturday May 3 at St Chad's

Entry is \$5 and all proceeds go towards WWH.

Please RSVP particularly if any food intolerances. Walk-ins are still welcome but this will help us plan for catering. **RSVP by Wednesday 30th April to Anthea 0439 375 063 or antheaibwilliams@gmail.com**

Coffee and Chat Group...

...will meet next on Thursday 15th May from 1-3pm at St Chads.

Sue and Julia are at the clergy conference 5-6 May.

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 10am	Pastoral Care Meeting
Mon 7pm	Meeting of the Parish Council
Tues 11:30am	Matt's Place
Tues 11:30am	Lunch Church
Tues 6:30pm	Alpha
Wed 9:30am-1:30pm	Pantry 5000
Wed 1pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Thurs 7pm	Singing Group at St Chad's (May 1)
Fri 10am	Quilting & Craft at St Chad's (May 2)

Soon in the church

3 May	12:30pm WWH Postie Party at St Chad's
4 May	Hope 25 Training after the 10am service at St Chad's
10 May	9:30am Winter Warmer Hamper Knitting Packing
24 May	9am Final Winter Warmer Hamper Packing
15 May	1-3pm Coffee and Chat at St Chad's
18 May	Wayne and Carol Musical Extravaganza at St Chad's
22 June	Hope 25 Training after the 10am service at St Chad's

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week ... Jams and spreads

Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

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Prayer has been requested for: Bill, Cheryl, Chris, Christine S, Di, Fay, Helen, Jan, Julia, Karen, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kirsty, Kirstie, Lee, Liz & Gabriel, Margot, Marilla, Mavis, Michael, Nigel & Chris, Nola, Oakley, Paul, Phoebe, Richard T, Tina, Wayne, Will

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