



25 May 2025

**Our mission is to:**

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

### **‘In the beginning God created’ - Genesis 1:1**

The very first book of the Bible begins with two equally enormous claims: There was a "beginning," and God created everything. Those who understand the Bible to be the inspired word of God, agree that God means for us to understand Him first and foremost as the Creator. The opening words of the Bible clearly claim that God, who we will come to know as the God of Israel, created everything in the natural world, from the heavens, the sky and space, to our planet and everything on it. It's an awesome thought that one being created all of our universe. Only God could do such a thing. The verses following add details to God's work as Creator, crediting Him with forming various aspects of the universe. This is crucial not only as a means of giving God due credit, but also for dispelling suggestions that God was uninvolved or disinterested in these creations. Additionally, because they were created by God they counter any claims that the stars, planets, or plants or animals, are themselves divine and worthy of worship.



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### **We remember in prayer**

- The election of the next Melbourne Anglican Archbishop and our parish representatives in the election process, Peter, Robyn and Julia
- The despatch of our 2025 Winter Warmer Hampers and the generosity of time, energy, effort and finances given by our Winter Warmers team
- Our elected state and federal government representatives, that they be men and women of integrity committed to serving those they represent
- Negotiations towards a just and lasting end to the Ukrainian war

### **An enjoyable afternoon**

Last Sunday's Musical Extravaganza was exactly that! Thanks to Wayne and Carol, it was a toe tapping, hand clapping (and waving), dancing in the aisles, fun time, that put a smile on everyone's face. And the afternoon tea was exactly as advertised 'fabulous'. Thank you to Jaqueline and Jo who produced much of the afternoon tea and to all those who contributed biscuits, cakes and slices and to those who helped out in the kitchen. The total raised for our outreach programs was \$1801.

### **Well deserved congratulations...**

...to Jaqueline Hendrey who was nominated and selected as the City of Kinston's Citizen of the Year for 2025 for her work at Matt's Place. An award well deserved.

### **Parish prayer group...**

...meets each Wednesday at 1pm in the Parish Centre. The group has just commemorated the 7th year meeting together to pray for people and the parish. They encourage others to join them for this important ministry.

### **Dates for your diary**

8 June	Interchurch Pentecost Service
15 June	Hope 25 Training Day #2 – sharing our story
28 June	Trivia Night
3 August	Mojo concert at St Aidan's
6,13,20 and 27 August	Bishop Paul live streamed preaching series
30 August	Prayer Retreat
21 September	Southern stars Concert Band
11 November	Remembrance Day
16 November	Chelsea Concert Band
7 December	Family Christmas Party at the Hendrey's
14 December	Confirmation Service
14 December	Interchurch Christmas Carols
21 December	Bishop Kate Prowd visit

### **Train trip social outing**

On Thursday June 12, it is intend to have a social outing by train to Castlemaine. For those who would like to take part, we will be catching the 8:51am train from Chelsea station (second carriage) so that we arrive in time to catch the 10:06am Castlemaine train from Southern Cross. At Castlemaine, you will have the option of browsing the shops or heading to the Mill Markets to browse the stalls and enjoy lunch and a coffee, before catching the 2:49pm train back to Southern Cross. BYO snacks to eat on the train. For more info see Ron.

### **Archbishop election process**

A Board of Nominators has met over the last several months to select candidates to be submitted to the Election Synod for consideration. On Thursday May 23 the Board will introduce the candidates to the Synod which is made up of clergy and elected lay representatives from each parish in the Diocese. When all the candidates have been introduced a debate is held on the merits of each candidate. At the conclusion of the debate, a secret ballot is taken with one candidate's name written on the voting paper. Where there are 4 or 3 candidates, the candidate who received the lowest total number of votes is eliminated, and another ballot is held between the remaining candidates. If, on a ballot, a candidate receives the votes of not less than two-thirds of the clerical members and not less than two-thirds of the lay members present at the meeting, the candidate is duly elected. Please pray for the election process that all those involved will listen carefully to the debates, seek to discern God's will, show charity and love toward those who come from different traditions and hold different opinions. At this time in the life of the Anglican Church we need a strong leader, with a clear faith and a solid vision for the future.

### **Sue is on Long Service Leave from 12 May – 4 August**

Please refrain from contacting her during this time

### **Pantry 5000 Food of the Week ... Pasta Sauce**

### **Bible Reading June 1—Genesis 2.4-25**

### **Winter Warmer Hampers (WWH) 15th Year**

- ◆ Providing hampers to local Primary school families in Kingston & Frankston Council areas.
- ◆ Final Hamper Pack for 2025 is on Saturday 24 May 9am onwards at St Aidan's Hall.

## 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
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 (May 29)
Fri 10am	Quilting & Craft at St Chad's (May 30)

## Coming Soon

8 June	Pentecost— <b>Wear red!</b>
15 June	Hope 25 Training after the 10am service at St Chad's
19 June	1-3pm Coffee and Chat at St Chad's
28 June	Trivia Night
3 August	MoJo Winter Warmers fundraising Concert
6,13,20 & 27 August	Bishop Paul preaching series on Genesis 1-4 Live streamed in the Parish Centre
30 August	Prayer Retreat
21 September	Southern stars Concert Band
11 November	Remembrance Day

### Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

**Pastoral care**—Sue Bluett 0433 024 626

**Prayer has been requested for:** Aileen, Chris B, Christine S, Di, Helen, Karen, Kayden & Elisabeth, Georgia, Kirstie, Lee, Liz, Margot, Marilla, Mavis, Michelle, Mike, Nigel & Chris, Nola, Oakley, Paul, Phoebe, Racheal, Richard T, Tina, Wayne, Yolanta

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