Longbeach
Anglican Church

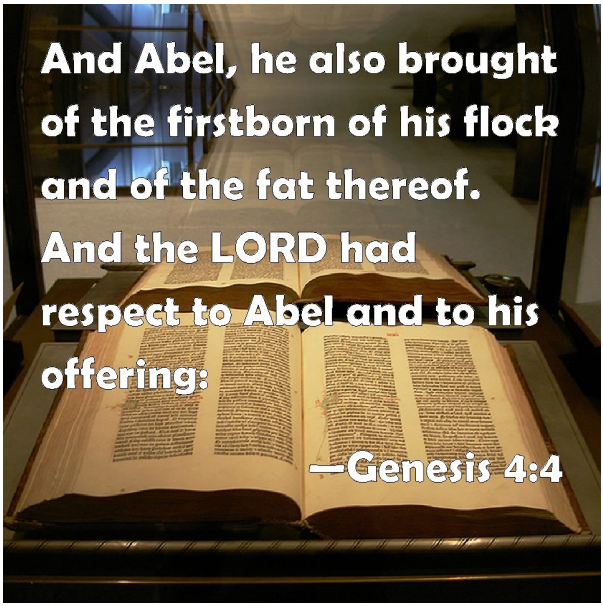
22 June 2025

Our mission is to:

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

Genesis 4

This week's passage from Genesis chapter 4, the story of Cain and Abel is one that we are pretty much familiar with. But what's this story about? The offering, the murder or something much deeper and closer to home? Many people think it's about Cain murdering Abel because his offering wasn't accepted. Even though murder is always sinful and evil, I don't think that's the lesson God is trying to teach here. I think God is trying to teach us about our vulnerability to sin and how we can easily succumb to it when we're in a wrong state of mind. If someone or something makes us angry, we often react, often in unhelpful ways. Here God is telling us to control our anger and not let our anger control us. God asks Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen?" Of course, God already knows the answer but He wants Cain to open up about his feelings. When we internalize angry thoughts, they take up residence inside us and we eventually embrace that anger. The first time we come across the word 'sin' in the Bible, is in this passage. Sin is waiting for Cain to act but Cain has to make a choice. Is he going to resist the invitation or give in to it? It's a choice we all face.



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We Remember In Prayer

- those working towards an end to the restrictions on food deliveries and medical supplies getting through to civilians in need in Gaza
- those who lost loved ones in the horrific crash of the Air India flight shortly after take-off from Ahmedabad, India
- an end to the death and destruction being caused by the Israel-Iran conflict and a negotiated long term peace
- the family of the police officer shot dead while going about his duties at a rural property at North Motton in Tasmania

Parish Directory of Members…

Have you checked whether your details on the current Directory are correct? The 2025 Directory of Members is in the process of being finalised with the intention of publishing it by mid July. Please check your details and if they are missing or incorrect, complete a Directory Update form and hand to Jaqueline, Julia or Ron. The Directory is restricted to Longbeach Anglican Members only and will not be distributed outside of the parish.

Rosters

Service rosters for July and August are in the process of being finalised. If you currently have Sunday rostered duties but know you will be away in July or August please let Jaqueline know the dates you will be absent this week, so that adjustments can be made.

Train Trip Social Outing — Report

On Thursday June 12, 13 people headed off by train to Castlemaine. The trip from Southern Cross took 90 minutes but the seats were comfortable and we had no trouble chatting away to each other, so that before we knew it we were there. We spent a relaxing few hours browsing and eating before catching the train back home. A trip to a different destination will be organised for the second half of the year.

Hands On Learning

Secondary School students who are part of the Hands on Learning Program were working at St Chad's on Thursday June 19 and Friday June 20. They are constructing wicking plant beds on the old tennis courts and flower boxes and air conditioning covers for the courtyard, as well as a worm farm. The walls in the courtyard are also due to be painted. If you feel you would like to take on the maintenance of the wicking beds (planting, weeding, checking water levels and harvesting) or the worm farm (checking levels and moisture) please speak to Jaqueline, Ron or Julia.

Longbeach Trivia Night
Next Saturday

- **7pm Saturday June 28**
- **St Chad's Hall**
- **Cost is $15 per person or $100 for a table of 8**
- **BYO drinks and nibbles.**
- **Use this QR Code to book your ticket or purchase from Zach or Julia**

Do you know the correct answers to the following trivia questions. If so then quickly go and book your tickets to our Trivia Night, because 'you're a winner'. (Heads up, there will be no Googling on the night).

1. What is a group of cats called?
2. What is a common name for a group of flamingos?
3. What is a group of ravens called?

MOJO Concert

Sunday 3rd August at St Aidan's Anglican Church 3 Poulson St , Carrum. Doors open at 1pm, with the Concert being held from 1.30pm until 3pm followed by afternoon tea in the hall until 4pm. Early Bird tickets are available until July 13, Adults $15, Concession $12 and can be purchased using this QR Code from Ticketebo. Tickets will also be available at St Chad's after services on July 6.

In Appreciation

A Thank You card was received on Tuesday, it reads;
To dear Ron and everyone at St Chad's and Matt's Place, our sincere thanks for sending Colin off on his new journey with such love and thoughtfulness. Please be assured of our deep appreciation.
From Colin's family

Administration Office Hours - Jaqueline's working days are Mondays and Thursdays, when she can be contacted on the office phone 9772 1251. Please refrain from contacting her with church related issues on her mobile number outside of these days.

Bible Reading June 29—Genesis 6.9-22

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week … Biscuits

Worship Services

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

Mon 10am	Pastoral Care Meeting
Tues 11:30am	Matt's Place
Tues 11:30am	Lunch Church
Wed 9:30am-1pm	Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's
Wed 1pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Thurs 7pm	Singing Group at St Chad's (June 26)
Fri 10am	Quilting & Craft at St Chad's (June 27)

Small Groups

Meeting at 32 Luxton Tce Seaford;

- 2nd and 4th Mondays @ 1:30pm—mixed group
- 1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ 7:30pm– men's group
- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays @ 7pm– women's group

Tuesdays 1pm—mixed group in St Chad's chapel
Wednesdays 2pm—Bible study Group St Chad's parish centre

Planned for June—August

28 June	7pm Trivia Night at St Chad's
17 July	1pm Coffee and Chat Group—footy themed
3 August	1pm MOJO concert at St Aidan's

Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

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

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