



Longbeach
Anglican Church

3 August 2025

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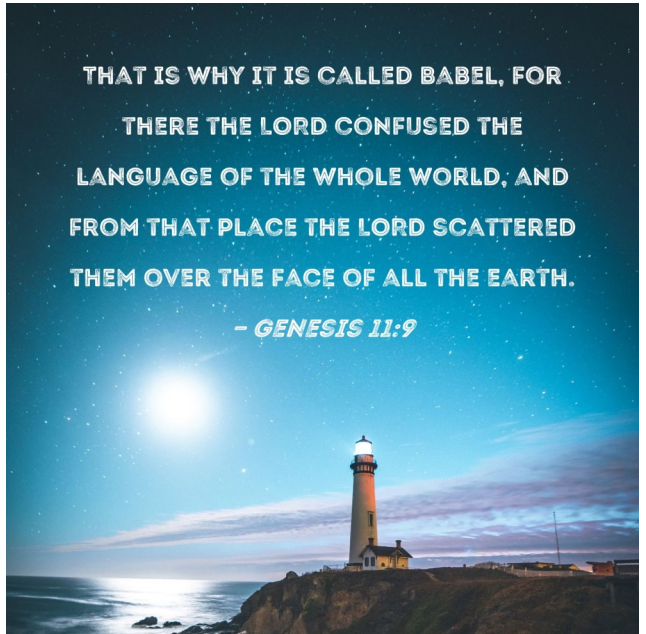
Shine with the love of Jesus, grow mature disciples and declare the Good News.

Genesis 11

Genesis 11:1–9 seems to describe why there are so many languages in the world but back in chapter 10, we had already been told about the growing number of peoples and languages. When he wrote 11:1, the author hadn't forgotten what he had just written in 10:5, 20 and 31. What has happened here is that the author has not put these two stories in chronological order. He first describes the spread of the peoples and languages in chapter 10 and then he describes how that diversity came about in Genesis 11:1–9. After the flood, God had said to Noah in Genesis 9:1, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." That's what chapter 10 describes. It was happening as peoples and languages multiplied. It looked like a simple fulfilment of God's command. It looked like obedience. Then Genesis 11:1–9 drops the bomb shell. It wasn't obedience. They weren't spreading. They were clustering. God came down and shattered their disobedience and made their clustering impossible by dividing humanity into many peoples and languages.

**THAT IS WHY IT IS CALLED BABEL, FOR
THERE THE LORD CONFUSED THE
LANGUAGE OF THE WHOLE WORLD, AND
FROM THAT PLACE THE LORD SCATTERED
THEM OVER THE FACE OF ALL THE EARTH.**

- GENESIS 11:9



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On leave until August 4

We Remember In Prayer

- those working towards a lasting peace, healing and restoration in the middle east. World leaders with influence in the region, that they would make wise decisions. For the safe release of all hostages still being held and food and medical aid for those suffering.
- the ordinary people of Sudan, Haiti and Mali where drought and rising food prices have led to widespread food insecurity.
- leaders on both sides of the Ukraine/Russia conflict that they will be filled with compassion, wisdom, calm and a desire for peace. That world leaders will balance responding to the injustice of the invasion with seeking ways to build bridges, de-escalate tensions, and restore global peace and security.

Much Appreciated

Last Thursday, after being rescued and restored, the original doors between the church and the entrance foyer at St Aidan's were reinstalled. The difference was very apparent during services at St Aidan's last Sunday, with the church quickly becoming warm and cosy despite the cold outside. Thank you to Lyn and Anthea who funded the project, much appreciated!

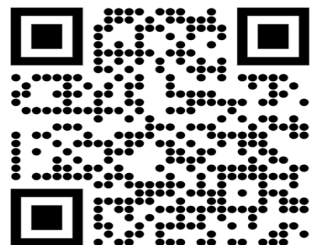
Thank you!

Many thanks to Loren and her Hands On Learning team who have transformed the court yard at St Chad's with planter boxes, bench seats and screens for the air con units. There's even a worm farm for the Matt's Place compost! There is still a little work to be done which will be completed in the coming weeks. Thank you also to Geoff and Louise from Matt's Place who came on the day and cooked lunch for the team.

MOJO Concert— Sunday Afternoon August 3

This Winter Warmers fund raiser, will be held on Sunday 3rd August at St Aidan's Anglican Church 3 Poulson St , Carrum. Doors open at 1pm, with the Concert held from 1.30-3pm followed by afternoon tea. Tickets are Adults \$20, Concession \$17. Tickets can be purchased using this QR Code, from Ticketebo, by phoning Anthea on 0439 375 063 or at the door on the day.

There is also an event on the Longbeach Parish facebook page, which you can share with your friends and which also has a link to the ticket site: <https://www.facebook.com/events/725782289935444>



Church Directory of Members—Collect your copy today!

Please note that the Directory of Members is only available to members of the Anglican Parish of Longbeach. To maintain the privacy of our members, only one copy per person will be available to be handed out directly to each person. Copies will not be left out in the foyer for collection. After Sunday August 10, copies will need to be requested from the office.

In The Beginning - with Bishop Paul Barker

On each of the Wednesdays in August (6, 13, 20, 27) from 7:30pm until 8:30pm Bishop Paul will be livestreaming a series of talks on Genesis chapters 1 to 4. We will be meeting in the Parish Centre at St Chad's to watch the talks on the TV screen and afterwards enjoying a cuppa, light supper and an opportunity to discuss the talk. Bishop Paul is an excellent speaker and this series fits in with our current sermon series which is also based on Genesis. So, come along learn more, and join with some of our small groups who will be attending.

The First Hymn—Movie

Showing at Hoyts Frankston for 1 week, starting is July 31. The movie begins in the ancient ruins of Oxyrhynchus, Egypt, where archaeologists unearthed a papyrus scrap containing the earliest known Christian hymn, complete with both its lyrics and musical notation. "The First Hymn" chronicles the hymn's journey from its desert origins to its modern resurrection, as modern composers transform the ancient melody into a contemporary worship piece, culminating in a live concert.

Prayer Retreat

Our second Prayer Retreat for 2025 will be held at St Chad's on Saturday August 30 from 10am until 3pm. The Retreat theme will be 'Seasons of Life , a time for everything', taken from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. The Prayer Retreat is a wonderful way of focusing on personal spiritual growth, renewal, and deeper connection with God. It provides a space for reflection, rest and renewal, away from the distractions of daily life. A light lunch will be provided. The Prayer Retreat is free, although donations towards costs will be greatly appreciated.

Bible Reading August 10 — 1 Corinthians 10

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week ... Select from what is on special at your favourite supermarket!

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
Fri 10am Quilting & Craft at St Chad's (August 8)

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 back meeting room

Wednesdays 2pm—Bible study Group St Chad's parish centre

1st Sunday of the month—7.30pm - mixed group via Zoom

3rd Sunday of the month—5pm - mixed group at St Aidan's

Planned for August

3 August 1pm MOJO concert at St Aidan's
18 August 7pm Parish Council meeting
21 August 1pm Coffee and Chat at St Chad's
30 August 10am Prayer Retreat at St Chad's

Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

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

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