



2 November 2025
Our mission is to:
Shine with the love of Jesus, grow mature disciples and declare the Good News.

A Christian's Response to Halloween.

Friday, October 31 is Halloween. There are various views regarding how a Christian should respond to this celebration. It is helpful to go back to its roots and work from there.

Hallow is found in the Lord's prayer and means "holy". E'en is a contraction of "evening". When put together, Halloween is a shortened form of "All Hallows Eve", the day before All Saints Day. The festival has its roots in ancient Celtic tradition where they would celebrate Samhain. Celts believed the souls of the dead (including ghosts, goblins and witches), returned to mingle with the living. To scare away the evil spirits people would wear masks and light bonfires.

The Christian aspect of the holiday began in 835 AD when Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs (later All Saints) to November 1.

The night before became known as "All Hallows Even" which was shortened later to Halloween. The purpose of the feasts is to remember those who have died and is a celebration of the "communion of saints" which reminds us that the church is not bound by space or time.

Christmas and Halloween share a similar history as they were both adapted from pagan festivals by the church for the purpose of using an established celebration to remember and share Christian truth.

So how should Christians respond? Rob Buckingham wrote that we should choose not to be a wet blanket as Jesus hung out at parties and dined with those who were scorned by the religious people of his day. The reason for his presence was to impact the lives of others. You could stock up on sweets to give generously to those who knock on your door. You could have some Christian pamphlets to give to those who pass by or have a hot drink or cordial ready as they will be thirsty. You could be amazed at the conversations that will come out of doing this. In short use this as a Kingdom building opportunity.

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Please pray...

- Praise God for the Safe Ministry Training that was held on Tuesday morning. It was a really valuable experience, and it was great to have our Pantry team and Church members chatting afterwards.
- Pray for CMS as they launch their latest funding drive “Mission in Motion—Every Step for the Gospel” encouraging people to walk, run or ride and gather sponsors to raise vital funds for mission work around the world.
- Continue to pray for our small groups as they open the Bible together and support one another through people’s life journeys.
- Pray for the ceasing of hostilities in ongoing major conflicts around the world.
- Pray for our volunteers who need healing, are struggling with personal or family issues and those who are lonely.

Membership and Electoral Roll

St Paul and St Peter encourage people to be committed to a worshipping community. One of the ways you can do this is to be on the electoral roll so that you can have a say at our APM and take on some roles within the Church that require a participant to be a member. If you would like to be on the electoral roll, there are forms at the back of the church at St Chad’s or in the foyer at St Aidan’s for you to fill out.

Annual Parish Meeting—Electoral Roll Revision

A copy of the roll is at the back of both Churches. Could you please check that your name is on it and tick that the details are correct.

Annual Parish Meeting—November 30 Nominations for Office Bearers

The APM will follow a combined service at St Chad’s at 10am. If you wish to be a Warden, on the Parish Council or on the Nominations Committee, nomination forms are at the back of both churches. All forms must be returned to the office by **9am Thursday 21 November**.

**November 30 will be a combined service at 10am.
There will be no 11am service on this day**

We need a new treasurer!

Sofia Gerandt, our treasurer, is not continuing in this role. We must have a treasurer so if you are good with figures have a chat with Sue or Sofia.

Bible Reading November 9—John 11:17-27

Chelsea Concert Band



Musical Spectacular

Sunday 16th November | 1:30PM - 3:00PM

Followed By A Delicious Afternoon Tea

St Chad's Chelsea

12-14 Thames Promenade

TICKETS

EARLY BIRD TIL NOV 2

FROM NOV 3 & AT THE DOOR

ADULT: \$15

ADULT: \$20

CONC/SENIOR: \$12

CONC/SENIOR: \$17

Tickets available via QR or:

<https://shoutforgood.com/event-ticketings/ccb>

Any issues, email: it.support@longbeachanglicans.org.au



Winter Warmer Hamper Postie Party Fundraiser

You are Invited to a Postie Party at Glenis Peterson's, 32 Luxton Terrace, Seaford, on Saturday November 8 at 1pm. For catering purposes please phone Glenis on 0449172729 if you are coming. Cost is \$5. There will be a door prize and some raffle prizes as well. After viewing the Postie Fashions enjoy a delicious afternoon Tea.

Level 1 & 2 Safe Ministry Training

We will be holding another training session on Saturday 22 November from 2- 4pm if you are able to come. You can also complete this training on line. Go to <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/governance/professional-standards/safe-ministry-training/> and select the training required. There is a charge of \$15.

Funeral for Margaret Larkin

Sadly, Margaret died last Sunday and we will hold a memorial service for her in the chapel at St Chad's on Monday 3 November at 3pm.

Wooden pews for sale \$100 each

See Sue or Jaqueline if you are interested.

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week ... Rice

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 (October 30)
Fri 10am	Quilting & Craft at St Chad's (October 31)

Upcoming Events

3 November	1pm Alpha continues at St Chad's
8 November	Postie Party Fundraiser for Winter Warmers
16 November	Chelsea Concert Band at St Chad's
20 November	1pm Coffee and Chat at St Chad's (last one for the year)
23 November	Guest speaker from the Bible League at both services
29 November	Alpha Away Day at St Chad's
30 November	Annual Parish Meeting
30 November	Children's and Families Christmas Party at the Hendrey's
14 December	Bishop Paul Confirmation Service
14 December	Inter Church Council Carols
21 December	Nine Lessons and Carols

Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

Prayer has been requested for: Baby Stacey, Barb, Chris B, Christine S, Colin H, David, Di, Evelyn, Graham, Joanne, Karen, Kayden & Elisabeth, Kirstie, Lee, Liz, Micheal, Michelle, Nigel & Chris, Nola, Oakley, Paul, Peter, Phoebe, Ross & Irene, Russell, Susie, Tina, Whalen family, Yolanta & Peter

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