



21 December 2025

Our mission is to:

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

A Reflection from Sue

What a terrible week we have had. There was the death of 15 people at the Bondi beach mass shootings and closer to home, at Mordialloc beach on Wednesday there was a mass wild brawl of young people who also ransacked the local supermarket. What is our world coming to? Where can we find good news?

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen the glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:14

At Matt’s Place, Lunch Church and Pantry, we stopped to remember those who have been impacted by the dreadful massacre at Bondi Beach, especially the Jewish community who celebrated Hanukkah around the world.

Many solutions have been posed by politicians around the world, like greater restrictions on gun ownership and knives, fewer demonstrations that evoke hostile emotions, increase a police presence, increase penalties etc. However, we need to address and tackle the root causes rather than just impose more control and regulation. How can we build our cultural environment so that these horrific events cease?

We are now in the season of Advent and are reflecting upon the hope, peace, joy and love that Jesus birth, death and resurrection can bring to a broken world. The coming of Jesus is Good News for all. We are all made in God’s image and are called to treat everyone from all cultural backgrounds with love and respect.

At this Christmas time, it is the Church’s role to bring this good news into the lives of people around us whether they are family, friends, local community or society at large. It is hard, it takes lots of prayer, it needs wisdom that comes from God, but it is vital if we are to build God’s kingdom. Only the Church can build the community we need for the future in God’s strength.

Bible Reading December 25—Luke 20.1-20

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Please pray...

- We pray especially for family and friends of those who were shot at Bondi. Grant them strength and peace in the days ahead. We pray with a spirit of compassion and grace for the Jewish and broader Bondi community, as they come to terms with their grief and shock. We ask you, Gracious Lord, to heal and restore all those who are still recovering in hospital. Be with them and their families as they travel the road to recovery.
- Strengthen the efforts of leaders of different religions as they reject violence and hatred and seek to encourage respect and tolerance for others.
- Pray for all the Christmas services over the next week that they will bring Good news to a world that is in desperate need of hope.
- For those who cannot be with family at Christmas.

Baptism

Anderson Jules Engel, a member of St Aidan's, is being baptised by full emersion at Seaford beach on Sunday December 21st at 11:30am. AJ has asked for public Baptism as a declaration of his acceptance of Jesus as his Saviour. Please pray for this young man not only as he gives his testimony and is baptised but also as he grows and matures in his faith.

Thank you to all who helped at the Interchurch Service

On Sunday night we had a wonderful celebration of Christ's birth with all of the other Churches in our area. Thank you to those who set up and packed down all that was needed for the service. Thank you to the musicians, singers, puppeteers, sound people and dramatists who made the night memorable. This was run by the interchurch council and thanks to Lissie Crombie and the team who did so much work to put this together.

Lunch with the Vicar

You are invited to come to the vicarage for lunch on either Sunday 11 January or Saturday 24 January from 12.30 onwards. If you have been before you are most welcome to come again. Please put your name on the sheet in the Parish Centre or Foyer or let Sue know.

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week—

Thank you to all our parishioners for all your donations throughout the year and many, many thanks to all the businesses and members of our community who have supported pantry in 2025. We are very grateful.

What's on at the Longbeach Church for Christmas 2025

Sunday 21 December at St Chad's

10am Seven Lessons and Carols at St Chad's

Wednesday 24 December

7pm Family service at St Chad's

(With the pageant and puppets)

11pm Holy Communion at St Aidan's

Thursday 25 December

9:30am Holy Communion at St Chad's



Opening and closing times for our outreach programs

Matt's Place & Lunch Church

Will reopen on Tuesday 20 January 2026

Pantry 5000

Wednesday 24 December & December 31 PANTRY CLOSED

Wednesday 7 & 14 January 9:30am-1pm

Services in the parish over the New Year

On the Sundays following Christmas we will have combined services on the following dates, times and churches.

December 28—10am Combined Service at St Chad's

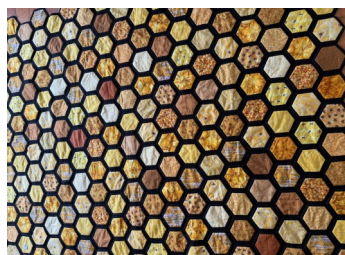
January 4, 11, & 18 — 10am Combined Service at St Chad's

25 January—10am Service at St Chad's and 11am at St Aidan's

Sue is on holidays from 12-18 January.

Please save your used Christmas Cards...

...they can be handed into the office at St Chad's
or given to Miriam at St Aidan's.



FETE - 14 March 2026

Our fete will be held on the 14th of March next year. Quilt raffle tickets for our beautiful BEE quilt and another raffle for a set of fantastic gift cards are available from Soula or the church office. Please take a booklet or two to sell to family and friends.

Donations for Jaqueline and Julia

If you would like to put some money towards a gift for Jaqueline or Julia, please place this in an envelope with their name on it and give to the office or place in the offering bowl.

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 having a break until 2 Feb 2026
Tues 11:30am Matt's Place returns Jan 20, 2026
Tues 11:30am Lunch Church returns, Jan 20, 2026
Wed 9:30am-1pm Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's reopens Jan 7, 2026
Wed 1pm Church Prayer Meeting having a break until 4 Feb 2026
Thurs 7pm Singing group at St Chad's having a break until Feb 2026

Upcoming Events

21 December Seven Lessons and Carols at St Chad's
28 December 10am Combined Service at St Chad's
January 2026 Sunday 10am Combined services at St Chad's
11 January Lunch with the Vicar
24 January Lunch with the Vicar
19 February 1pm Coffee and Chat at St Chad's
14 March Fete at St Chad's

Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

Prayer has been requested for: Andrew, Barb, Christine S, Colin & Kate H, Di, Jessica, Joanne, Karen, Kirstie, Micheal, Michelle, Nigel & Chris, Nola & Paul, Oakley, Paul, Phoebe, Ray, Robert, Ross & Irene, Sue T, Tina, Yolanta & Peter

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