



**Longbeach**  
Anglican Church

**11 –18 January 2026**

**Our mission is to:**

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

## **Archbishop Ric Thorpe**

The Rt Revd Ric Thorpe was installed as the 14<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Melbourne and Metropolitan Victoria, in the Anglican Church of Australia on 30 November 2025. Formerly Bishop of Islington, Archbishop Ric brings to our diocese of six million people (a fifth of all Australians) significant experience in church revitalisation – as well as an infectious confidence that the long-term decline in Anglican church attendance is giving way to a new season of hope, vitality and growth. On this he is emphatic: in both England and Australia: “the Lord is preparing his Church for renewal and revival”.

Archbishop Ric and his wife Louie are passionate about evangelism and are known to ask people, ‘So why aren’t you a Christian?’ In his homily, the new archbishop honoured his predecessor for ‘almost two decades of faithful service,’ and shared that his priorities for the diocese are prayer, mission, church planting, developing leaders and schools. Archbishop Ric also affirmed his commitment to unapologetic evangelism as he stated, ‘I will proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, as long as God gives me breath.’

This year marks a decade since Archbishop Ric was recognised as the Church of England’s ‘bishop for church plants’ and founded CCX, the Gregory Centre for Church Multiplication, which has helped to support sustained growth in a number of new worshipping communities within the Church of England. Please continue to pray for Archbishop Ric and his wife Louie as they settle into life in Melbourne. Also pray that God would give them wisdom as they make changes that will make an impact on building God’s kingdom among us.



## **Bible Reading January 18—Micah 5.1-7**

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### **Please pray...**

- Pantry started again this week and it was a very hot day, but a very worthwhile one. Thank the Lord for the amazing team and for their commitment to providing this ministry to the community.
- Pray for Derek and Rosie Snibson as they prepare for Long Service Leave in March and then into their home assignment. Praise God for the many leaders they have developed over the years and for the pastoral encounters that have made such a difference. Please pray for healing for Rosie's back and for wisdom as she liaises with doctors as she manages this.
- Pray for those on holidays that they will come back refreshed and be kept safe in their travels.
- Pray for Bishop Paul as he provides teaching for leaders in Myanmar and then is on leave.

### **Lunch with the Vicar**

You are invited to the vicarage for lunch on Saturday 24 January at 12.30pm. If you have been before you are most welcome to come again. Please put your name on the list in the Parish Centre or let Sue know.

### **Thank you to all who helped over Christmas/New Year**

Thank you to all those who set up both centres with lights, nativity scenes and decorations to make our Churches look spectacular over the Christmas period. Also, a big thank you to those who participated in our services.

### **Thank you Thank you Thank you...**

...to all those who knit or crochet for Winter Warmers. They have plenty of supplies for 2026 and are not yet collecting for 2027.

### **Farewell to Jaqueline**

Jaqueline's last day as our Administrator will be Thursday January 29. She has done an incredible job over the past nine years and we will miss her generosity of spirit. We are planning to have a retirement party for her on Sunday 1 February over morning tea. If you are able to bring something for morning tea, could you please let Sue know.

### **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.

**Pantry 5000 Food of the Week— Canned Vegetables**

# Dates for 2026

1 February	Jaqueline's retirement party
18 February	Ash Wednesday Services
14 March	Fete
26 April	Concert – Wayne and Carol
16 May	Jumbunna Prayer Day
21 June	Concert – Chelsea Concert Band
2 August	Mojo Concert
23 October	Trivia Night
15 November	Concert - Southern Stars Band

## Small Groups and Other Prayer Groups

Small groups are a great way to develop strong connections to other members of our church family and to develop a deeper relationship with God. The following groups would welcome new members...

- 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 - Meditation group via Zoom
  - 3rd Sunday of the month—5pm - Healing prayer at St Aidan's
- Please see Sue if you would like to join one of these groups.



## Fete raffle tickets for sale

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.

## 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*  
*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

11 & 18 January 10am Combined services at St Chad's  
11 & 24 January Lunch with the Vicar  
25 January 10am service at St Chad's and 11am service at St Aidan's  
1 February Jaqueline's retirement party  
18 February Ash Wednesday Services  
19 February 1pm Coffee and Chat at St Chad's  
14 March Fete at St Chad's  
26 April Concert – Wayne and Carol  
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### Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

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

### Offering Via Direct Debit—Our bank details are:

**Account Name: Anglican Parish of Longbeach**

**Bendigo Bank BSB No. 6 3 3— 0 0 0**

**Account No. 1 5 3 7 4 5 2 2 9**

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