

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 Sundays of the month

This Week

Mon 10am Pastoral Care Meeting
Tues 11:30am Matt's Place at St Chad's
Tues 11:30am Lunch Church in the Parish Centre
Wed 9:30am-1pm Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's

Upcoming Events

8 November Blessing of Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes
11 November Open evening with Lauren Raiter (details soon)
15 November CMS Lauren Raiter visits
15 November Concert - Southern Stars Band
19 November 10.30am Coffee & Chat
29 November Annual Parish Meeting (proposed)
24 December Bishop Paul visits for Christmas Eve

Looking for a Small Group?

Small groups are a great way to build relationships while becoming familiar with God's word. We currently have multiple groups meeting on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Talk to Sue Bluett if you'd like to join one of our groups.



Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

Prayer has been requested for: Carol, Chris B, Colin, Daryl, Di, Gerry, Jacky, Jessica, Lisa, Mary V, Massy, Nigel & Chris, Nina, Rachel, Ross & Irene, Wayne, Yvette

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Our mission is to:

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

A Christian's Response to Halloween

This Saturday, 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.

Bible Reading November 8 — Matthew 12

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Please pray...

- Pray for our Archbishop Ric Thorpe and his vision for the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. Pray that God will strengthen the diocese's foundation and our spiritual lives.
- Pray for our state politicians as parliament is dissolved this week prior to the upcoming election. Pray that all involved will participate with fairness and Christian values underpinning all promises made.
- Praise God for the provision of a great variety of foods for the Christmas Hampers for Pantry 5000. There have been an amazing number of new connections for food in the past week.
- Pray for Bev Featonby's family as they grieve her loss.
- Pray for our refurbished building of St Barnabas. Give thanks for the VEC who are now renting the building. Pray that the teenagers who are damaging the building can have their energies redirected in more positive ways.

Operation Christmas Child

Over the past years, we have invited parishioners to make up a Christmas shoe box for children overseas who don't have much. It is encouraged that we fill the boxes with something to: write with, wash with, wear, play with, love and is special. You can either make this up yourself, or you can fill a box online by paying the money up front. If you would like to donate, please bring the boxes to either centre by 8 November and we will pray a blessing over the boxes on that day.
<https://occdonations.samaritanspurse.org.au/product/pack-a-shoebox-online/>



Lauren Raiter Visits from Spain

11 Nov—Open Evening with Lauren

15 Nov—Lauren at St Chads Services

Over the past few years we have been praying for and supporting Lauren Raiter who is one of our link missionaries with CMS in Spain. She will be visiting our church to speak at St Chad's at 8.00am and 10.00 am on Sunday 15 November. There will also be an opportunity to meet with her on Wednesday 11 November at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre at St Chad's. If you would like to come on Wednesday night, could you please let Sue know.



Sunday 15th November @ 1:30PM
Followed By A Tasty Afternoon Tea

St Chad's Chelsea
12-14 Thames Promenade, Chelsea

EARLY BIRD TICKETS **TICKETS FROM NOV 9**
ADULT: \$15 **ADULT: \$20**
CONC/SENIOR: \$12 **CONC/SENIOR: \$17**

Tickets available via QR or:
<https://zeffy.com/ticketing/southern-stars-concert>



News Bites

- **Pantry 5000 food of the week: Pasta Sauce**
- Ice-Cream containers with their lids are needed in the kitchen at St Chads. Containers of any size would be very welcome.
- Please let Natalie know in writing if you are not free for the December or January rosters—this will include Christmas services
- Coffee & Chat will take place on the 19th of November at 10.30am. All welcome.

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 29 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 18 November.