

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday 19th April 2026

a beacon of
hope

THIS WEEK

Monday

20th April

Tuesday

21st April

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in
the Parents Room.
Talk'n'Do 9.30am

Wednesday

22nd April

Thursday

23rd April

Friday

24th April

Saturday

25th April

ANZAC DAY

Nepalese Church
8.30am - 12 noon
Grace Community Church
Music Practice 12noon-
2.30pm

Sunday

26th April

9am Worship Service
10.45am Worship Service
2pm Grace Community
Church Service

On-Line Giving

Account Name

Elizabeth Church of Christ

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The book of Isaiah is a remarkable book. Written over 600 years before Jesus was born, it contains some of the most amazing prophecies and descriptions about the Messiah. It has sometimes been called the "Fifth Gospel" because it contains some information about Jesus that is not in the Gospels. It is quoted over 60 times in the New Testament and is the most quoted of all the Old Testament prophets. In fact, it has been estimated that over 90% of the New Testament's 260 chapters refer to Isaiah's writings in some form or other. The Chapters 40 to 53 contain what are called the Servant Songs. The Servant Songs in Isaiah are four distinct poems (Isaiah 42, 49, 50, 52) describing a "Servant of the Lord" commissioned to bring justice, restore Israel, and suffer for the sins of the people. These songs highlight a Spirit-filled, obedient figure we recognise as Jesus Christ. In chapter 42 of Isaiah we are introduced to the first Servant Song and to a new description of the Messiah. He is called the Servant of the Lord. When you think about it, the idea that The Messiah, the Son of God, the Creator and Saviour of the world and the King of Kings would be called a servant, is absurd. In our culture servants have no standing, honour or authority, so why would Jesus even consider taking on the role of a servant. Yet, this is how Jesus lived and chapter 42 gives us clear descriptions of what would be some of things He would do and teach. The question then is what does this mean for us today? I believe that Isaiah 42 challenges us to re-think the way we have been living and acting as God's children. It gives us a fresh perspective on how followers of Jesus, the Servant of the Lord are called to serve.

Mark Zerna



Monthly Prayer Meetings

**Monday 20th April @ 2pm
at Jenny Hughes' House**
**Thursday 23rd April @ 7pm
at Rod & Chris Row's House**



Life FM's Buddy Blankets

Imagine having no place to go, nothing to keep you dry, and struggling to keep warm overnight this winter?

This is where YOU can help make a difference. The Life FM Roadies will be adopting the Crisp Packet Project concept this winter making Buddy Blankets for people in need.

When you finish using your chip packets, wash them and give them to Life FM to create emergency relief blankets for those sleeping rough. The silver lining in chip packets reflect body heat, creating a warm waterproof blanket that's easily folded to carry. All buddy blankets made will be donated to the Salvation Army to provide relief from the cold this winter. Join with Life FM as we aim to bring warmth, love, and hope to the homeless this winter.

This year the Elizabeth Church of Christ is a collection point for Buddy Blankets, so bring your cleaned crisp/chip packets into church and place them in the collection box each Sunday.



**Bring your Alabaster Boxes on
Sunday 26th April**

Bring along your spare change to help offset the Building Loan

Elizabeth Church of Christ

God With Us
Immanuel

OFFICE: 38 Ashfield Rd Elizabeth SA 5112

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9am - 2:30pm

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES: 9am, 10:45am & 2pm

SMALL GROUPS: 5pm

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A special welcome to all our visitors. May you be blessed by the time you have spent with us at the Elizabeth Church of Christ.

PRAISE & PRAYER NEWS

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- For Brent's message last Sunday encouraging us that although we have difficult times in our lives God uses these troubles to help refine us into His beautiful creation.
- The beautiful refreshing rain and the greening of the fields.
- That we live in a beautiful country and that we can still worship freely.

PRAY FOR:

- Those in our community who are seeking meaning in life, may they find it in Christ and not in the ways of the world.
- Teachers, school staff, children and their families as the school holidays begin. Pray for safety on our roads and in our homes.
- Those in our church who are not well. May they find God's peace in their time of recovery.
- Those people who are caring for family members who are sick or elderly.
- Pray for the visitors who come to our church that we make them feel included and welcome.
- Pray for those who are affected by the current war conflict.

Job 23: 10: "But He knows the way that I take; when He tested me, I will come forth as gold."



Sunday 19th April – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope
 Tuesday 21st April – Talk n Do
 Saturday 25th April – Anzac Day
 Wednesday 29th April – MumCo



Adelaide's Men's Convention -
 Saturday 16th May @
 Concordia College Register
 now @



<https://www.adelaidemensconvention.org/>

Church History with Ferdinand



There was great excitement in the humble little town of Elizabeth with the foundation stone of the Elizabeth Church of Christ being laid on 13th July 1958 – "To the Glory of God".

Many people turned up for the special event

1. There was great interest at the unveiling of the foundation stone of the new church being built.
2. Founding member Pat Russell spoke at the unveiling.
3. Home Mission Director Eric Holland unveiled the plaque.
4. Eric Holland introduced to the people of Elizabeth Ray and Mary Ewers. Ray was to be the first full time minister of the new church.



The Gospel of Luke
 Part 3

All ladies welcome

Study starts Wednesday
 29th April

Studies are weekly on Wednesdays

12.30pm to 2pm in the Chapel
 Cost of books \$10

Contact the church office for more information



The April Bible Reading plan is available at the Information Desk and on the church website



Grace Women's Conference 30 May
 2026 Registration open now
<https://www.graceconference.org.au/>

