

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

the beacon

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 31st May 2026

a beacon of
hope

THIS WEEK

Monday

1st June

Buddy Blanket Making
10am-12pm

Tuesday

2nd June

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

Wednesday

3rd June

Women's Study 9.30 -11am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

4th June

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

5th June

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

6th June

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

Sunday

7th June

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

On-Line Giving

Account Name

Elizabeth Church of Christ

BSB Number

105 121

Account Number

441343540

I'm beginning to wonder whether we might all be able to recite the opening verses of 2 Peter from memory in the not too distant future.

I kind of hope we can.

It's a letter that was written in the light of Jesus showing Peter that he wouldn't live for too much longer.

In response, he writes to fellow Christians about what he wants to remain in people's minds and hearts after he's gone.

He reminds us that we, the readers of his letter, have a faith "as precious as ours".

He sees no distinction between our faith and his, or John's, or Paul's, and he calls us into living out the amazing treasures that God has planted in us.

He's pretty emphatic that we should "make every effort" to add the very nature of God to the faith that has already saved us.

That's terrific ... until we see what he's suggesting we aim for.

It starts with adding "goodness". Uh-oh.

And we all respond with "God is good but I'm not", which is true.

But that response dishonours the truth that we - untidy as we feel we are - can participate in the divine nature.

Goodness is a frightening word.

We sometimes think of it as being holier than thou.

Or maybe we think it's a set of rules like don't swear, don't smoke, don't drink too much ... add the thing that's easiest for you to not do here.

But the goodness our brother Peter speaks of is way more than some self-endorsing man-made list.

The Greek word he uses refers to moral and spiritual excellence, or reaching your full potential.

It's what Paul calls living in the spirit rather than the flesh.

This is about moment by moment decisions in which we're called to act like someone we say we love and follow, because we truly can.

The only excellent man we know of is Jesus. We've believed for too long that we can't be like Jesus, which may be why God is taking our church through this period of refining. This week we'll unpack the shocking truth that God is graciously inviting us to accept and walk in the ability to choose the right way every time.

Maybe we've missed it so far, but it's definitely in the flat pack of Christian life. Let's dig it out and ask God to help us use it.
John Parker

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Monday 1st June @ 7pm
At the Rutland's House

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY!

**80th Birthday Celebrations for
Colin Sieber**

Colin and Pam are hosting an Open House
at their house on

Monday 8th June between
10am and 5pm.

All welcome

No gifts please.

Love to see you there for a cuppa, scone
and conversation.

Contact Pam or the church office for the
address

life^{FM} Buddy Blanket Workshop

Monday 1 June

10am - 12pm

**Bring your iron and come help
make a Buddy Blanket!**

OFFICE: 38 Ashfield Rd Elizabeth SA 5112

PHONE: (08) 8255 2467

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

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

SMALL GROUPS: 5pm

WEBSITE: www.elizabethcoc.org

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FACEBOOK: Elizabeth COC

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:

- Brent's message last Sunday reminding us that Gods' ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9) we cannot understand why God does what He does. That is why we must live by faith and just follow His instruction and stop trying to work everything out by ourselves.
- Sheila Case who shared her testimony at the 10.45am on Sunday morning.
- For God's abundant provision for all of our needs.
- For the refreshing rain that is helping to prepare our soil ready for future crops.

PRAY FOR:

- The Rutland's as they spent time with Peta's family during this week, celebrating Peta's parents' 50th wedding anniversary.
- Pray for opportunities to share our faith with others that we do life with outside of the Church.
- 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 those who are affected by the current war conflict.
- Politicians as they navigate the country through these difficult times.

Psalm 3:3-5 "But you, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high. I call out to the LORD, and he answers me from his holy mountain. I lie down and sleep: I wake again, because the LORD sustains me".

Church History with Ferdinand



Family help has always been called upon to get things done around the church. From laying concrete to erecting store rooms, the church has called on volunteers from the congregation to help out on a weekend (or maybe even during the week) to get different jobs done around the place. Age was never a barrier in working bees as all family members came along and got involved in any task at hand.



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WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

KYE'S BIRTHDAY

SATURDAY JUNE 6, 2026
4PM-8PM (DINNER AT 5PM)
CAFE HOPE -38 ASHFIELD RD, ELIZABETH

BBQ MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DRINK TO SHARE

RSVP TO PETA ON 0401417910

COME JOIN US FOR UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Sunday 31st May – Youth Fundraising Lunch
- Monday 1st June – Buddy Blanket Making Day
- Tuesday 2nd June – Talk N Do
- Sunday 7th June – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope
- Monday 8th June – Public Holiday
- Wednesday 10th June – MumCo

Church Name Badges

Do you want a church name badge?
I will be putting an order in soon if you are wanting a magnetic church badge with your name on it.
Cost is \$9.50
Let me know if you want me to order one.
Thanks Chantel

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST INC

boomerang CENTRE

URGENT SUPPLIES NEEDED

OPEN TUES, THUR, FRI 9am-12noon

Winter Clothes
Jackets & Jumpers,
Pants & Trackies,
Towels, Curtains,
Tea-towels,
Bric-a-brac

Youth

FUNDRAISING LUNCH

Today



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

