ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

the beacon

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Sunday 15th November 2026

a beacon of hope

THIS WEEK

Monday
16th November

Tuesday
17th November
Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room
Talk N Do 9.30-11.30am

Wednesday
18th November
KYB 10.30am

Thursday
19th November
One50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday
20th November
Pastoral Care PD 9am-1pm
3E Youth 7-9pm

Saturday
21st November
Nepalese Church 9.00am

Sunday
22nd November
9am Worship Service
10.45am Worship Service
2pm Grace Community Church Service

On-Line Giving

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Elizabeth Church of Christ
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Will Only a Few be Saved?

Have you ever been down a narrow passage? I am a bit claustrophobic and don't usually find tight spaces comfortable. If I come across a tight spot (like caving) I have been known to avoid it if possible. When teaching (Matthew 7:13-14) Jesus mentions that the way is narrow and that only a few find it. Maybe, this is why the world often avoids the way of Jesus. They examine His way and find it to be uncomfortable, a bit too narrow for their liking. Therefore, many try to discover a different way or even create their own way. This is the broad road, and the problem is all those pathways join and lead to destruction. If you are walking in the rhythm of 2s&3s you will discuss this more in your time together this week.

Although, in our sermon Sunday we are going to walk with the disciples through a remarkably similar teaching. Jesus is asked, *"Lord, are there only a few that will be saved?"* (Luke 13:23) Jesus responds with a comparable idea to His teaching in Matthew 7, *"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to."* (Luke 13:24)

We live in a world where luxury is often measured by vastness: a big house, big ring, a large bank account, and a million followers. However, in God's kingdom magnificence is measured by a narrow gate. A gate that opens to a life abundant.

Jesus will continue to reveal many things about this gate and the Kingdom it leads to. Make sure you are with us on Sunday as we walk with Jesus through a conversation on the narrow gate.

See you Sunday.

Pastor Brent





The Elder's ballot for 2027 is being held on Sunday 15th, 22nd and 29th November 2026. If you are a member please, see Chantel on these dates to collect your ballot papers. Once you have prayerfully considered and completed your ballots they must be returned to the red ballot box on the information desk by Sunday 29th November 2026.



A free Tabor College Professional Development Workshop in Pastoral Care is being held at our church on **Friday 20th November from 9am to 1pm**.

Hear from speakers, Dr. Matthew Gray and Sam Smith as they share relevant and informed ministry and counselling practice for the contemporary church setting. Registrations are essential, for catering purposes.



Christmas Tree Call Out

Do you have a spare Christmas Tree that we can *borrow* to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. If you are happy to lend us one for the month of December please see Chantel or Lorraine.

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 Mark's message last Sunday reminding us that Christ channels our prayers to God for us and that all our prayers are heard.
- For the many bags lovingly filled with toys, that have already been donated, ready for the Elizabeth South Christmas party.

PRAY FOR:

- Hamanda, Pate and family as they adjust to family life with the addition of baby Lyla.
- Elizabeth South Community Centre as they finalise the plans for the upcoming children's Christmas party.
- Direction and renewal for the South Sudanese church who meet at our church on Sunday afternoons.
- A moving of the Holy Spirit across our nation drawing more people to Christ.
- Members who are isolated and unable to fellowship with us, due to a disability or ill health
- Those in our Church and community who are caring for sick or disabled family members.
- The people in the world who have been affected by the natural disasters.
- The Christians in other countries that are being persecuted because of their beliefs.
- Pray for those in our community that are suffering financially due to increasing costs.
- For our Government and leaders who make the difficult decisions that will affect our nation now and in the future.

Micah 6:8. "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."



Sunday 15th November – Sunday lunch @ Café Hope
Tuesday 17th November – Talk N Do
Friday 20th November – Tabor Pastoral Care Training
Wednesday 2nd December - MumCo
Sunday 6th December- 10am FAMILY SERVICE



Church History with Ferdinand



It is getting closer to Christmas and so out come the carols and also the choirs! While digging through the church photos I came across some photos of some old choirs held at Elizabeth. Above is a Junior Choir from the 70's performing *The Sound of Music.*



To the right is a photo of the ladies Choir who performed at the 40th Anniversary Service for the church.

Maybe in years to come there will be pictures of this years choir posted in the Beacon!







