

THIS WEEK

Monday

13th July

School Holidays continue

Tuesday

14th July

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room.

Talk N Do 9.30-11.30am

Wednesday

15th July

Kids Min Museum Excursion

Thursday

16th July

Friday

17th July

Saturday

18th July

Nepalese Church

8.30am - 12 noon

Grace Community Church

Music Practice 12noon-

2.30pm

Sunday

19th July

9am Worship Service

10.45am Worship Service

2pm Grace Community

Church Service

5pm Worship and Praise

Night

On-Line Giving

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Elizabeth Church of Christ

BSB Number

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A Fresh Encounter With God's Word

It is estimated that God speaks over 2000 times to people in the Bible. God loves to communicate with us. So much so that He has written a book! It is such a good book that it is an all-time best seller! Yet I think we, (myself included,) take the Bible so much for granted. We read it for information, but we probably don't do much listening. It is the main way in which God speaks to us and I think that so often we don't listen for what God might be wanting to say when we open the Bible.

But God's Word is powerful in other ways too. It tells us in Isaiah 55 that it always bears fruit, it always achieves what it is sent to do. It has also been proven that God's Word can change the way we think. C.S. Lewis said that reading God's Word regularly will rewire the brain. If we are struggling with emotional issues, with sin, with addiction or anxiety we can go to a counsellor who will help, but what we don't realise is that meditating regularly on God's Word has the power to change us from within. That's why we read in Psalms 1 and Joshua 1 that it is important to meditate on God's Word day and night. Psalm 1 tells us that if we do this, we will be like a tree planted beside a stream of water, we will bear fruit and prosper. That's also why in Romans 12:2 we are told to not conform to the thinking of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Meditating on God's Word is the most powerful way to renew our minds.

The prophet Ezra realized how powerful God's Word is and we will look at how a fresh Word from God revitalized the Israelites and led them to return to rebuilding the Temple. There were two Biblical prophets, Haggai and Zechariah who spoke into the lives of the people and God used them to bring transformation into the lives of the people of Israel. In the same way God wants to use His Word to bring transformation into our lives as well.

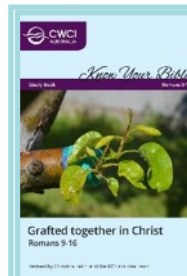
Mark Zerna
Associate Pastor - Pastoral Care



**ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST -
BALLOT FOR SENIOR PASTOR**

After prayerful consideration the Elders of the Elizabeth Church of Christ recommend to the congregation the re-appointment of Brent Rutland as Senior Pastor on an ongoing basis, commencing 8th August 2026.

Voting will be held from Sunday 26th July, 2nd and 9th August.



Ladies' Know Your Bible (KYB) Bible Studies

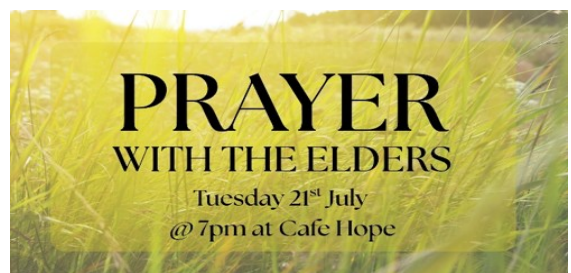
will recommence on
Wednesday, 22nd July at
12.30pm.

We meet in the church
main area at 12.30pm, then break into 3
smaller groups for the Bible Study
time, finishing by 2.30pm.

This term we will study Romans chapters
9-16. Workbooks cost \$10 each.

All ladies are welcome.

For more information, contact Chantel in the
Church office



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:

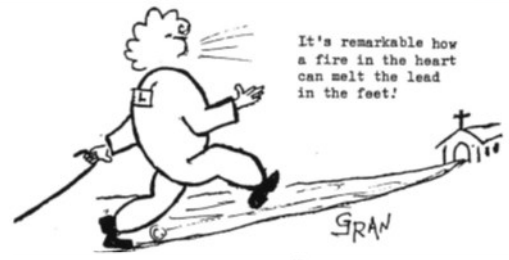
- For Brent's message last Sunday reminding us to continue to be willing to persevere through life's struggles and trusting that God will see us through them. Christ is with us and we will achieve much more than we can imagine if we persevere in faith.
- Our emergency services teams that help support our state during recent severe weather events.

PRAY FOR:

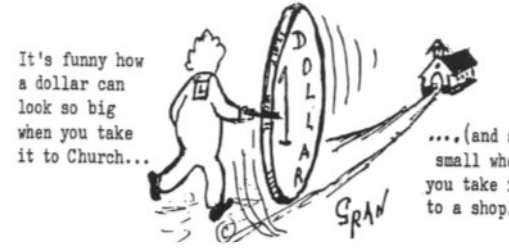
- Pray for healing and patience for Colin Sieber, Denis O'Brien and Steve Hudson as they recover from recent surgery. Pray for their wives who care for and support them.
- God's leading for the Café Hope as Alistair starts to wind back his involvement in preparation for his retirement.
- People in the world who have been affected by natural disasters.
- The churches in India that are facing a time of insecurity due to changes in government legislation.
- Those in our community that are sleeping rough in this cold weather.
- Pray for those in the world who are affected by hostile environments.

Psalm 30:11 -12 "You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever."

Church History with Ferdinand

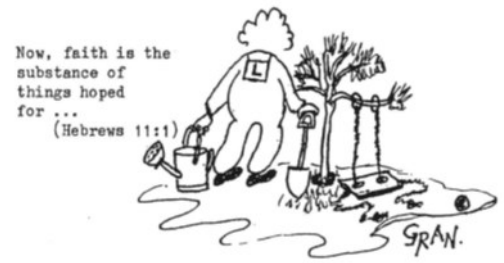


It's remarkable how a fire in the heart can melt the lead in the feet!



It's funny how a dollar can look so big when you take it to Church...

... (and so small when you take it to a shop!)



Now, faith is the substance of things hoped for ... (Hebrews 11:1)



Eunice (Gran) Hanna was a well loved and respected member of our church. She had a cheeky sense of humour and for a number of years contributed thought-provoking cartoons to the church newsletter, The Evangel.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Tuesday 14th July – Talk N Do
- Sunday 19th July – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope
- Sunday 19th July – Worship & Prayer Night 5pm
- Tuesday 21st July - 7pm Prayer with Elders
- Wednesday 22nd July - MumCo



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


help us fill our emergency food pantry!

We need staples:

- Canned food
- Cereal
- Quick meals
- Long life milk
- Noodles
- Snacks
- Toiletries
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Pet food
- Toilet Paper



Thank you so much it all helps: Please drop to shop 16/100 Philip Hwy, Elizabeth South Or to Elizabeth Church of Christ (office Short Rd)



Bev F turns 60
on the 9th

Charlotte P turns 18
on the 13th

Joy J turns 90
on the 31st

Glenys T turns 90
on the 31st

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Every Tuesday morning @ 9.30am in the Parent's Room here at Church