

# ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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hope

## THIS WEEK

### Monday

19th May

### Tuesday

20th May

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

### Wednesday

21st May

Women's Study 9.30 -11am  
KYB 12.30pm

### Thursday

22nd May

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

### Friday

23rd May

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

### Saturday

24th May

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

### Sunday

25th May

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

## DEFEATED

<sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: *"Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."* <sup>62</sup> And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:61-62

This Sunday we are looking at our last encounter with the Good Shepherd. Jesus has dealt with Mary's despair, the two disciples' anxiety as they travelled to Emmaus, and last week Thomas' doubt. This week we find Jesus on the shores of defeat. Peter had done the one thing he vowed to never do and that was deny his Lord. Now, as a failure, he is unsure what to do with life.

Have you ever felt like a failure? It is a very disheartening feeling. When we make a mistake, the enemy makes sure we don't forget it. Our mistakes make us feel like failures, they bring us to a place where we become totally defeated. Here is the problem with one who is defeated. They see no hope. All the time they invested into achieving the goal seems wasted. All the efforts to learn and train in an area seems useless. The other things they sacrificed to achieve this goal was absolutely in vain. A person who is defeated simply packs up their dreams and walks away. It is a horrible place to be.

This is exactly where Jesus found Peter. Peter was living in a defeated mindset. Can you imagine what Peter was going through? He probably heard those words, "I DON'T KNOW THE MAN!" over and over in his mind. Every time a rooster would crow, he most likely would see the eyes of Jesus piercing into his soul. He undoubtedly played those moments over and over in his mind and each time felt the pang of regret. Defeat always makes us look back and think about what we could have done differently. Yet, here is the reality. Peter couldn't change the past; he needed to move forward. Peter needed to realise that his mistakes were why Jesus had come in the first place. Peter needed to embrace the power of forgiveness in his life. It is in the assurance of forgiveness that we will find the passion to keep going. Forgiveness not only releases us from our mistakes, but forgiveness also reinstates us for our future. Yes, when we walk in the forgiving grace of our Lord, we shake off the mistakes, learn a valued lesson and keep moving forward for his glory.

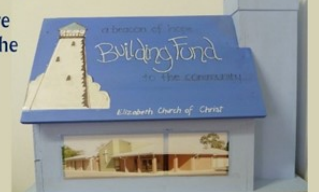
I am sure we can all relate to Peter. I know I have certainly made mistakes when it comes to following

Jesus. How about you? If the truth is known, right now there are people in our church family who are unwilling to be involved because they feel like a failure. Individuals who are living with shame and regret, which is causing them to be defeated. I pray this Sunday you too can experience the joy of our Lord's forgiveness. It is time for us to start feeding the sheep instead of feeding the fish.

See you Sunday  
Pastor Brent

## Bring your Alabaster Boxes on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Bring along your spare  
change to help offset the  
Building Loan



NCN  
NORTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERS NETWORK

# Pentecost SUNDAY

6pm Sunday 8th June 2025

COMBINED CHURCHES PENTECOST CELEBRATION  
Northern Christian Leaders Network

Adelaide Chin Christian Church  
20 Shillabeer Rd, Elizabeth Park

featuring choir from  
Adelaide Chin Christian Church



Guest Speaker  
Pastor Wendy Radford  
Austral-Asian Community Church

Pastor Cung Hnin - cungte4u@gmail.com  
Pastor Lindsay Mayes -0418 834 785



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

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](http://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 encouraging us not to be overwhelmed by doubt that can make us feel out of control, as Our Risen Good Shepherd is there to care for all of us in times of doubt and trouble.
- The recent small showers of rain. Pray for a break in the drought conditions.
- All those who volunteer their time to empty bins, renew paper towels and toilet rolls and clean our toilets. Thank you so much.

#### PRAY FOR:

- The "Jobs For Life" that is having a meet and greet for the mentors and students.
- Bev Nicolai and Kathryn Soar who are both back home after time in hospital, that they will soon return to full health
- The physical and mental health of farmers who are still battling drought conditions.
- The planning for the Winter Shelter and that more Churches and volunteers come forward to help.
- Those in our congregation, families or neighbours who are suffering from ill health or depression.
- The innocent people who have been affected by war and unrest in their countries.

*Psalm 50:15 "You can let doubt, fear, and worry overtake you, or you can call upon the Lord. God has promised that if you call upon Him, He will deliver you. The deliverance may not look exactly like you expect, you can be 100% sure that He will help you."*



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Talk N Do

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Youth Fundraiser Parents Night Out

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Bring your Alabaster Boxes

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May - MumCo

## Monthly Prayer Meetings

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May @ 2pm at Jenny Hughes'**  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May @ 7pm at Rod & Chris Row's**



## YOUTH CAMP FUNDRAISER #1

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

**MAY 24TH**

**FROM 5PM - 9PM**

**Drop Off**

Kids aged 2-11 in the Youth Shed

Drop and Run - \$30  
Dinner and a Movie - \$60

You can drop your kids, run and have a night to yourselves or enjoy a night at the church with dinner and a movie on the big screen!

RSVP to Jadyn 0432605528 by 22<sup>nd</sup> May (include no. of children and adults, as well as food allergies)

**\*\*Disclaimer for "Parents Night Out" – Children under 2 are more than welcome, but due to Child Safe regulations we are not permitted to change nappies. If your children are not toilet trained, you will not be able to drop and run.**

**YOUNG ADULTS**

**DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

Guest Speaker: **PETER STEICKE**

When: **31/5-1/6 4:30-7:30**

**DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED**

Register Now



**About Men** are meeting for a BBQ lunch out the backyard of the Pastor's Offices on **Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Cost is \$15 for a hardy BBQ lunch  
RSVP to Garry, Malcolm, Dennis, Rod or Kevin by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May.