

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday 26th July 2026

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THIS WEEK

Monday

27th July

Tuesday

28th July

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

Wednesday

29th July

Women's Study 9.30 -11am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

30th July

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

31st July

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

1st August

Nepalese Church
8.30am - 12 noon

Sunday

2nd August

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

On-Line Giving

Account Name

Elizabeth Church of Christ

BSB Number

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It Doesn't Cost to be Kind

Recently I was sitting with an older gentleman having a coffee in a local café. Although he had become frail in the 4th quarter of life, his hands still showed of the trade that supported his family, his eyes were still filled with the same passion and vigour that he chased after life with, and his words flowed with a subtle confidence of experience. I must admit this is one of my favourite aspects of my calling. I often find myself immersed in the life story of others. I can sit and listen to the wealth of knowledge, that has been lived over decades, all day long.

On this particular day we covered the journey of a lifetime. We ventured deep into the hurt and insecurity that a dysfunctional parent can cause one's life. We walked the journey of realising how those hurts have created patterns of behaviour and beliefs that have shaped adulthood. Yes, some patterns were not so good, however some had become foundational systems that led to an effective way of life.

The conversation continued as this seasoned veteran of life opened a box of biscuits his wife had sent along for our chat. He and his wife have been married 54 years I believe. In those 54 years they had established a beautiful family of kids, in-laws and many grandkids. As you would expect his demeanour shifted to a delightful tone as he spoke about family. It was clear to me that his childhood became a driving force behind his longing to be a good husband and a great father. He made it very clear this was only possible because of Jesus Christ and the faith he had found in our Lord. As the discussion was continuing, he shifted focus to the influence God had given him with his grandchildren. In one story he spoke about a life lesson he was trying to pass on to one of his grandson's. He leaned in toward me with a gentle yet serious look and said, "I told my grandson, it doesn't cost to be kind." This phrase, this simple epiphany, has been something I continue to ponder. He's right, there are moments in our everyday that we could offer a kind word or kind gesture and it really doesn't cost us anything.

This week as we continue in 2 Peter, we look

at the idea of mutual affection or brotherly kindness. This attribute of our faith markers is one that really displays how our growing belief becomes a witness of God's goodness. As we exhibit such qualities as kindness (fruit of the spirit) we are representing Christ to those individuals. It reminds me of something Jesus encouraged his listeners within the Sermon on the Mount: *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16) Our acts of kindness, our good deeds driven by love for God and others will draw people to Jesus. Isn't that fantastic! The fact that kindness doesn't cost us anything, but it could be the very thing that brings someone to the feet of Jesus is remarkable.

I hope you all know how much I love hearing your story and being a part of your life. I am often inspired and challenged from our coffee and chats. I will see you Sunday, in the meantime display the kindness of Jesus to someone, it won't cost you anything and it might bring them everything they need. (Jesus)

Bless ya
Pastor Brent

Senior Pastor Ballot 2026

Vote to renew Brent's
position for an ongoing basis

Ballot papers available
July 26th, August 2nd & 9th



You're invited
to a
New Comer's Lunch

Sunday 16th August
12.30pm
Cafe Hope

RSVP to the Church Office on 8255 2467

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 reminding us Godliness means we have a loyalty to God and to others. Mark 12:30 - 31
- Opportunity for people to meet and worship the Lord at the prayer and praise night at the church on Sunday night.
- The doctors, nurses and other health professionals who care for us during times of illness and operations.

PRAY FOR:

- All the people in our church family who have been impacted with colds and flus or are recovering from recent operations.
- The Winter Shelter program which is still struggling to attract homeless people to take the opportunity offered to have a safe warm place to sleep.
- A temporary replacement to oversee the Café Hope after Alistair retires. Pray for the rest of the Café team as they adapt to the upcoming changes.
- Teachers, students, staff, families and students as they begin the 3rd term for the school year.
- People in the world who have been affected by natural disasters.
- The Loveday and Taylor families as they both grieve the loss of close loved family members.
- Pray for those in the world who are affected by hostile environments.

Heb. 11: 1 „Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do see”.



Tuesday 28th July – Talk N Do

Wednesday 5th August – MumCo

Sunday 16th August – New Comers lunch

Saturday 22nd August – Family Quiz Night

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Tuesday 28th July @ 6pm
At the Elizabeth South
Community Centre



Church History with Ferdinand



As it is time for Brent's Ballot I thought we would have a look back over the years at the many different Minister's that we have had here at Elizabeth.

Ray Ewers was our first from 1958-1963. Then from 1966-1972, after a few years of assistant

preachers there was Rick Sercombe. Elizabeth Church of Christ appointed its first female

minister in 1973 in Norma Hall. Norma also worked with an Assistant Minister Dave Tandy (no picture). In 1980 Bart Burt was appointed for a year (no picture) and then in 1981-1985 Wayne Clinton was the Minister, fresh out of Bible College. (I



remember Wayne breaking his leg and still preaching and playing keyboard while in

plaster!) Steve Tregloan was next from 1986-1988, another young Pastor straight out of Bible College.



The 80's were the era of beards!



Ralph Oke was here from 1988 to 1994 and then in 1995 Lindsay Mayes came to Elizabeth. In

his time at Elizabeth Lindsay also had associate ministers in Tim Clark, Brian Hill, Robyn Mitchell



Graeme Robgerson and Brent Rutland, who worked in areas from Youth and Families to Pastoral Care.



TERM 3 CURRICULUM: The curriculum for Term 3 is called **"Bible Chefs."**

Each week kids will look at something that makes for a great dish – sweet, salty, hot, fresh – or something that can ruin a dish – cold, sour, spoiled, burnt – both in the kitchen and in life. They will cook up their *own tasty snacks – no oven required, as they learn about* all the good things that God has cooking for those who love and follow Him. We look forward to sharing what we will learn this term with you all at our next Family Service on Sunday 20th September.

KID'S MINISTRY VISIT TO ADELAIDE MUSEUM 15TH JULY.

We were blessed with beautiful weather for our excursion to the museum. For one child it was their first time travelling on a train and a tram so that was an exciting experience. They especially enjoyed seeing the animals on the ground floor and the hands-on exhibits on level 3. A picnic lunch followed by games on the grass allowed time for the children to get to know each other more. Some families hoping to come were unfortunately struck down with viruses and missed out this time.



Thank you from the Kids Ministry Team



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