



the beacon

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 15th March 2026



a beacon of hope

THIS WEEK

Monday

16th March

Tuesday

17th March

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room.

Wednesday

18th March

MumCo 9.30-11.30am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

19th March

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

20th March

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

21st March

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

Sunday

22nd March

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

On-Line Giving

Account Name

Elizabeth Church of Christ

BSB Number

105 121

Account Number

441343540

PROVIDENCE

Are you familiar with any of these phrases: God will work it out, It's all in God's hands, God knows best, Don't worry God's in Control, or even This isn't a surprise to God. I am sure you have heard all of these idioms before. Most likely you have had these words spoken to you when life was difficult or didn't make sense.

When you reflect on these phrases you would have to acknowledge they are true. Yes, God is in control, even if we doubt He is. There is no question God can work out anything for his glory and our good (Romans 8:28). And Yes, you know that nothing surprises God. He is the one who created all things, he is above all things and knows everything that will happen; therefore, he is not surprised.

However, even when we acknowledge these truths we may not always embrace these truths. For instance, if I know God will work it out then why am I stressed? Also, if I know it's in God's hands why do I try to take it back into my hands? My conclusion is we can often struggle with the providence of God. What should bring us great comfort can cause us to resist the uncertainty of God's plan.

To clarify my observation, look at this definition of providence: **the protective care and guidance of God, who will ensure that all events unfold according to His greater plan.** If we believe that God is carefully watching over all of humanity, you can see why the above sayings are often shared when life is challenging. We need to be reminded that Our God is in control. God has a plan and nothing nor anyone can hinder his purpose. Yes, this is why we embrace purpose, and why people tell us not to worry. If it is God's plan nothing will stop it.

Unfortunately, there are those who find the providence of God a little unsettling. They struggle to relax in the idea that there is a God who is orchestrating life for his purpose and their good. Yet, when we get to know God and understand his heart this uneasiness is replaced with unfathomable trust. Yes, to know God is to know peace. That is why these stories, like Moses' origin story is so vital to our faith journey. Through these stories we see the Sovereign God at work in the everyday lives of humanity. No, he doesn't force his plan, he doesn't make people like robots. Instead, he uses His wisdom and knowledge to work out the problems created in life. He rests in his Power to guide, even the wind and waves, for his end. Jehovah stands in justice toward evil while flowing in mercy and

grace to offer us a second chance to walk in his wonderful plan. God is not a puppet master trying to control our every move. He has given us free will. Yet, because God knows all things, has power over all things and is present in all things He walks confidently into every situation with the hope and peace humanity needs. We could say so much more about God's character, but I think you get the picture. God in his sovereignty is forging the pathway to his purpose. Let's embrace that purpose and rest in the comfort of God's providence.

Join me Sunday as we continue to see how God is working in Moses' life in his early years.

See ya Sunday,

Pastor Brent

2026  **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
SUNDAY
22 MARCH
12.15PM



Annual reports have been sent via email. If you would like a paper copy they are available at the information desk or the church office

ABOUT Men
Men meeting for fellowship, activities and outings

Tuesday 24th March

A pleasant drive in the hills

Partners welcome - Car-pooling available
RSVP to the office by 20th March

Easter

GOOD FRIDAY
9.30AM

EASTER SUNDAY
7AM DAWN SERVICE
7.30AM BREAKFAST
9.30AM SUNDAY SERVICE

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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 encouraging us to embrace our purpose with courage and strength.
- Our family here at Elizabeth Church of Christ who is able to stand around us in times of need to help and support each other.
- The Kids Ministry leaders, Junior Youth Leaders, Music and Media Team members, Sunday helpers and Café team helpers who give up their time on Sundays to help in the different ministries that happen on Sundays.
- Our pastoral care team, led by Mark Zerna, looking after the many people who call Elizabeth Church of Christ home.

PRAY FOR:

- The Sieber's as Colin recovers from recent surgeries.
- Those people who are caring for family members who are sick or elderly.
- The Timor Leste mission trip in July, that more people may be called to sign up.
- Those who have attended the "Connected Communities" studies, that God may impress on their hearts the next step in their journey in connecting with their 'twos and threes' as they step forward in missional community.
- Pray for those who are affected by the current war conflict.
- Our monthly prayer meetings, that more people will be drawn by the Spirit to either open their home to a prayer group or to attend a group that is already established.

Proverbs 3:5-6 : Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.



Sunday 15th March – Sunday lunch @ Café Hope
Wednesday 18th March – MumCo
Sunday 22nd March – 12.15pm AGM
Tuesday 24th March – Talk N Do
Saturday 28th March – Kids Ministry Picnic
Sunday 29th March – 10am FAMILY SERVICE



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



TIMOR LESTE Mission Trip 2026

Are you interested in the Mission trip to Timor Leste In July 2026? Put your name down on the sign up sheet in the foyer on Sunday to find out more information.



Diary of a Church Mouse...

Ferdinand

Oh the great flood of Summer 2026! The weather man cautioned us all. He told us to prepare for the worst. A tropical storm was coming they said. Sand bagging stations were set up around the state and so the Maintenance team was set into ready mode. Over the years when the rains come hard and steady we have had a bit of trouble with flooding to the Boomerang Centre. You see the water tends to naturally drain to that point in the yard and even though sumps and pumps have been put in place over many years... when the rain comes down the floods come up (so the song goes!). Unfortunately the Boomerang is in the prime position of Noah's next Ark project, if you know what I mean.

So when the Bureau of all things of weather said the rains were coming Andrew rustled up his team to make sure the Boomerang Centre would be safe in the event of any possible flooding. They came down and stuck plastic up and put sandbags down in the hope to stop any water leaking in to dampen the Op Shop clothing but alas it was just a passing drizzle.

Best to be prepared in case of the worse! Thanks to the Maintenance team for looking out for what we have here at the church. It certainly saved a lot of hours of possible re-washing of waterlogged clothing and drying out of soggy carpets if there was a flood!



KIDS MINISTRY FAMILY REMINDER



PICNIC

Saturday 28th March - 11am
Harry Bowie Reserve
BYO Picnic Lunch



Monthly Prayer Meetings

Sunday 15th March @ 7pm at
John and Chris Fazakerley's House
Monday 16th March @ 2pm at
Jenny Hughes' House