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ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024



a beacon of hope

## THIS WEEK

- Monday**  
13th May
- Tuesday**  
14th May  
Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room.
- Wednesday**  
15th May  
MumCo 9.30-11.30am  
KYB 12.30pm
- Thursday**  
16th May  
ONE50 Dance 3.45pm
- Friday**  
17th May  
Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm
- Saturday**  
18th May  
Bhutanese Church  
8.30am - 12 noon  
Grace Community Church  
Music Practise 12noon-2.30pm
- Sunday**  
19th May  
9am Worship Service  
10.45am Worship Service  
2pm Grace Community Church Service  
6pm Pentecost Service at Chin Christian Church

**On-Line Giving**  
**Account Name**  
 Elizabeth Church of Christ  
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## It Just Works

I am not a mechanical engineer. I would even say I am not that mechanical at all. But what I do know is that gears work. Gears come in all shapes and sizes and are used in various mechanisms. I don't know a whole lot else, except I know that if they are connected properly they will transfer the power (from things like an engine) to the moving parts (like the driveshaft of the wheels). They will do their job and it makes the car move.

I am a bit flabbergasted by the working of God's church as well. I don't claim to understand how people from all backgrounds, generations, ethnicities, and viewpoints can join together and transfer the gospel power into the community, but it works. When we are joined together (like the gears) and the power of God is moving, our lives are spun in away that God's glory is moved through us. It is quite remarkable. I know that may be a poor example, but it is vital that we use our giftings and callings to be unified. If those gears are side by side, but not interwoven they will not all spin. If they don't all spin the power is not transferred. Matter of fact, the one that is spinning freely from the others could spin out of control. The mechanical working depends on them spinning together. This is also true of the Body of Christ.

*<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

*..... <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows, and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:11-13&16*  
 We are gifted, called, and equipped to be like Jesus. It is when the world sees Jesus

in our unified lives that the power of the Gospel connects and does its work. Therefore, we must do our part, we must obey where God has placed us and how he has purposed us. Our unity does matter. When we are unified it just works, I can't explain it, but it works.

See ya Sunday!  
 Pastor Brent



*Praying for all women today as we celebrate Mother's day.  
 For the women who are tired and weary.  
 For the women who are overjoyed.  
 For the women who long to be a mum and those who have lost a child.  
 For those who have lost a mother.  
 Our prayers are with you all.*

**Monthly Prayer Meetings**

This week's Prayer meetings are at:  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May @ John and Chris Fazakerley's**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
 SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 6PM  
 GUEST SPEAKER REV. MARK SANDERS  
 BAPTIST CHURCHES OF SA&NT  
 FEATURING CHOIR FROM ADELAIDE CHIN CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
 ADELAIDE CHIN CHRISTIAN CHURCH SHILLABEER ROAD, ELIZABETH PARK



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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:**

- Brent's sermon from Ephesians 4: 1-6 last Sunday encouraging us to make every effort to keep unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.
- The valuable work for the Kingdom that the Gideon organisation achieves through their distribution of free bibles and much more.
- The continuing run of clear warm days and beautiful autumn colour.
- Our Church Administrator, Treasurer and Management team as they oversee the church finances.

**PRAY FOR:**

- The "Jobs for Life" program that will be starting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The staff at the Munno Para Primary school as they grieve the recent death of a student. Pray that the morning tea, which people in our Church have provided, will be a blessing to them.
- Family members within our Church who are caring for loved ones who are suffering serious illness, disabilities, dementia or depression.



**Wednesday 15 May - MumCo**

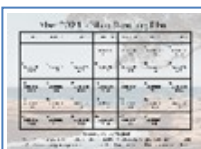
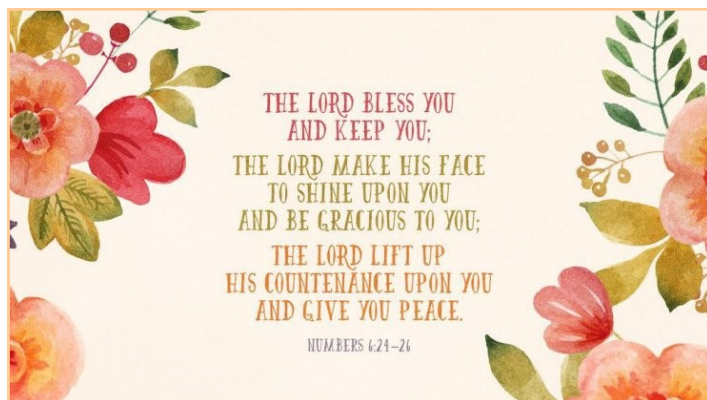
**Sunday 19 May - Café Lunch**

**Sunday 19 May – Pentecost Sunday**

**Tuesday 21 May - Talk N Do**

**Sunday 26 May - Youth Fundraising Lunch**

**Saturday 15 June – Quiz Night**



The **May Bible Reading plan** is available at the information desk and on the church website



**3E YOUTH TERM 2**

Every Friday 7pm-9pm

WEEK 1	Message + Worship
WEEK 2	Real Talk + Small Groups
WEEK 3	Games Night
WEEK 4	Message + Worship
WEEK 5	Combined Youth
WEEK 6	Games Night
WEEK 7	Message + Worship
WEEK 8	Real Talk + Small Groups
WEEK 9	Games Night
WEEK 10	LAST WEEK OF YOUTH

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