

THIS WEEK

Monday

20th May

Tuesday

21st May

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

Wednesday

22nd May

Women's Study 9.30 -11am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

23rd May

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

24th May

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

25th May

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

Sunday

26th May

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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What am I Wearing Today?

People notice the clothes we wear. I am sure you have had someone comment on your shoes, shirt, pants and other accessories. I am certain you have been given a compliment or a critique around your wardrobe. Why? People pay attention to what we are wear.

For this reason, there are many of us who spend hours picking out the right outfit, making sure everything is 'matchy matchy' and is fashionably in season. Now we do understand that different occasions call for different attire therefore we are looking for the appropriate clothes. For example, you have to be dressed a certain way for a formal dinner, a family gathering or a date night. There may be some similarities, but you certainly wouldn't wear shorts to a black-tie affair. You probably wouldn't turn up to a family meal in a suit and tie. There is a dress code in certain situations, and we do our best to dress accordingly.

Now, my question is: How much time do we spend on our spiritual clothing? It takes time and effort to put on the right clothes for a specific event. It also takes intentionality when it comes to being spiritually dressed for the occasion of life. Paul begins to talk about "what we wear" in the second half of Ephesians 4. Look at this passage:

²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds;²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

As believers there is an appropriate attire for us to be wearing. But don't worry, it is awesome. There is something wonderful about our Christian life. We get to wear the greatest fashions, the most expensive accessories and the most wonderful foot wear. We have been given a new wardrobe, a new life in Christ. This life clothes us with a much different attire than what we are used to. It is now up to us to intentionally take off the old and be clothed with the new. We need to examine what we are wearing out into everyday life. Are we still wearing the dingy, dirty wrinkled clothes of our

sinful life, or are we walking in the crisp, clean and beautiful robes of righteousness. It's up to us what we put on each day.

I look forward to seeing your Sunday best this weekend. No, not the latest fashion from Hollywood, but the greatest fashion of Christ himself. Things like kindness, humility, joy, peace, and love. I wonder what you will be wearing on Sunday, I can't wait to see.

Pastor Brent



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: 11 – 13 & 16 last Sunday reminding us that we are gifted, called and equipped to be like Jesus. It is when the world sees our unified lives that the power of the Gospel connects and does its work.
- The unique gifts and talents He has given to each individual, to help grow His kingdom.
- All the volunteers who freely give their time to serve others.
- All the women in our Church, who nurture and care for others.

PRAY FOR:

- The "Jobs for Life" program that will be starting on May 29th.
- Unity among Christians so that we may use the talents and gifts God has given us all to grow His kingdom within our own sphere of influence and beyond.
- Rain for our gardens and farms.
- Our spiritual leaders that their ministry; will be well received; that they will have joy in their ministry; that they will make right decisions and stay in the will of God; and that they will feel strong and refreshed in their spirit, soul and body.
- Those in our world who are facing physical and emotional hardship caused by natural or man made disasters.
- Family members within our Church who are caring for loved ones who are suffering serious illness, disabilities, dementia or depression.
- Families in Australia that are affected by the current rises in living costs and shortages in housing.



Diary of a Church Mouse...

Ferdinand

The ebb and flow of a church building is something to behold. You never know what each day will bring and if you have forgotten what day it is, then you are in for a treat. Each day comes with its own sounds, smells and sights.

One day you may be smelling the delights of the monthly BBQ community lunch and the next you are smelling the toilets being cleaned. You may hear the quiet prayers of a group of faithful people or the loud noises blaring from the speakers during a band practice. You may see children running on the lawn or a congregation standing in reverence and awe of our maker.

Each day I know there is one thing in common, and that is without the family of people we call our volunteers none of this would be possible. I am sure that Brent wouldn't be able to wrangle 20-30 toddlers during a MumCo session by himself, or Mark be able to cook up a batch of scones for the hungry congregants on a Sunday while getting ready for Kids Ministry. But I am sure that none of the excitement, activities or outreach that happens in our church, would not be possible without our fantastic volunteers that help out at the church every day of the week. Without you we would be lost. Thank you to all of our volunteers.



Sunday 19 May – Lunch at Café Hope

Sunday 19 May – Pentecost Sunday

Tuesday 21 May – Talk N Do

Sunday 26 May – Youth Fundraising Lunch

Wednesday 29 May - MumCO

Saturday 15 June – Quiz Night



BOOMERANG CENTRE

The Boomerang Centre is in need of good quality towels. If you have any spare that you no longer need please bring them in.



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

