

THIS WEEK

Monday

26th October

Tuesday

27th October

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am
in the Parents Room

Wednesday

28th October

MumCo 9.30-11.30am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

29th October

One50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

30th October

3E Youth 7-9pm

Saturday

31st October

Nepalese Church 9.00am

Sunday

1st November

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

4pm Faith Conversations

On-Line Giving

Account Name

Elizabeth Church of Christ

BSB Number

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God's Glory

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2

Over the last few weeks, we have come to grips with the value of God's will when it comes to following Jesus. A couple of weeks ago Jesus pointed out to his disciples that the will of God is what he longs for. God's will will be what brings him satisfaction in everyday life. If we are going to become more like Christ there must be a hunger and passion for the will of God. Joel followed up this past week with a wonderful message around prayer. Holy Spirit used Joel to help us realise that prayer is an avenue to align our hearts with the Father. It helps us to make sure we are approaching life from a standpoint of God's will. This means we long to see God's name: Distinct, Revered and Famous. What a great approach to everyday life. We should long to see God glorified in our everyday life. Hallelujah!

We must now grapple with what that means in the practical. How do we know that our everyday decisions will bring glory to God. The first few verses of Roman's 12 outlines some key aspects of understanding God's will. We are reminded, because of God's mercy, we can offer our everyday life to God. We can choose to live for God and no longer for ourselves. If we want God to be glorified, then we focus on him and not ourselves. Secondly, we must be able to resist the world and not be shaped by the deceitful influence. The attachment and attractiveness of the world is a strong pull on our lives. However if we want God to be glorified, and not the world, then we must not conform to the worldly patterns. Instead of being conformed into the likeness of the world, we have been given the ability to be transformed into the image of our Good Shepherd. How beautiful. This happens when we allow our mindset to be renewed by the Holy Spirit. If we long for God to get all the glory, then we are willing to have our

attitude and actions reflect him and nothing else. Yes, God's glory is what we are here for, and we must continue to be refined into the image of Jesus. This means offering our lives, resisting the world, and longing to understand our king.

According to the end of Romans 12:2, it is then, after we have submitted our everyday life to God, after we have said no to the influence of the world and yes to the transforming power of God, that we can test and know the will of God.

But what happens when the Will of God doesn't make sense? What happens when we are asked to put our lives in danger for the will of God? This Sunday, as we keep walking with the Disciples, we will be challenged to trust the will of God, especially when it is not simple or easy to do so. Remember it's about His Glory not our comfort.

See ya Sunday,

Pastor Brent

Monthly Prayer Meetings

This Week

Tuesday 27th October @ 9.30am
in the Parent's Room here at Church
Tuesday 27th October @ 6pm
At Elizabeth South Community Centre



Christmas Day Choir

We are calling all angels to get involved in our Christmas Day Choir. If you love singing (especially carols) we would love you to be part of our team. Please put your name on the sign up sheet on the information desk. Practice will be on Tuesday Nights starting in November.



Café Help – We need paper bags

The café are in need of paper bags for the food giveaways that we hold twice a week. If you have any bags that you can give to the café, we would love to take them off of your hands. Thanks from Sharon, Helen & Team

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 Joel's message last Sunday encouraging us that if we find it difficult to know how to pray, we should follow Christ's example given to His followers, as written in Matthew 6: 5-15.
- The Operation Christmas boxes that have been lovingly packed for the many children around the world who do not receive gifts. Praise God that they will also receive, included in their boxes, the message of your greatest gift to all mankind, Your son Jesus Christ.
- Our Church Administrator who works above and beyond to make sure everything runs smoothly around the church.

PRAY FOR

- Operation Christmas boxes and the volunteers along the way that make it possible for the boxes to arrive safely to the children who will receive them.
- For the Year 12's preparing for final exams.
- Direction and renewal for the South Sudanese church who meet at our church on Sunday afternoons.
- A moving of the Holy Spirit across our nation drawing more people to Christ.
- Those in our Church and community who are caring for sick or disabled family members.
- The people in the world who have been affected by the natural disasters.
- The Christians in other countries that are being persecuted because of their beliefs.
- Pray for those in our community and the world who are affected by hostile environments.
- For our Government and leaders who make the difficult decisions that will affect our nation now and in the future.

Matthew 6:6 "And when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."



Wednesday 28th October – MumCo
Sunday 1st November – Faith Conversations
Tuesday 3rd November – Talk N Do

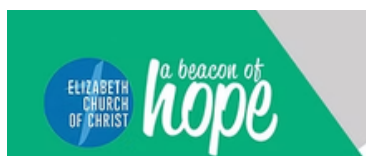


Diary of a Church Mouse...

Ferdinand

It was great seeing the OCC Christmas boxes being sent off in prayer last Sunday morning. When you think about it, it is really a simple gesture. Filling a shoe box with a few items to bless a child that you haven't met and probably will never ever meet. But the point of it being that it is all about Jesus. We don't do these things for our own glory, but for the glory of Jesus. To point people to Him. We want people to see this undeserved gift is like the undeserved gift that Jesus gave us when he came to earth to give us everlasting life. Each shoebox shares this love and hope and each child has the opportunity to go further and find out more about God in the *Greatest Journey* discipleship program. Let's continue to pray for the gifts as they are sent over for processing, shipping, and onto the children who receive them.

PS It really is hard work sending the boxes overseas. Here is a picture of some of the workers, (I think you know them) at the warehouse taking a well earned break!



BLESS



PRAY



WORSHIP



LEARN



FOCUS



GO

Together