

## THIS WEEK

### Monday

13th April

**School Holidays Begin**

### Tuesday

14th April

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room.

### Wednesday

15th April

### Thursday

16th April

### Friday

17th April

### Saturday

18th April

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

### Sunday

19th April

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

## On-Line Giving

### Account Name

Elizabeth Church of Christ

### BSB Number

105 121

### Account Number

441343540

## If Gold Could Speak

I am not sure if you are a person who loves gold or not. However, gold has been around a long time. Gold is a metal, that when it has been refined, becomes something of beauty. There is a danger in its beauty though, it can become something we worship, something we fashion into our own idols. For instance, we see the Israelites take their gold, heat it up, and then fashion it into a calf. This supposedly represented their god and they worshipped it.

Have you ever thought about what gold would say if it could speak to us? Here are a few things I think gold may say:

- 1) I wasn't always this pure and beautiful.
- 2) The refining was hot and painful.
- 3) I am glad to be free of all the impurities.
- 4) I am finally who I was created to be.
- 5) I don't think I was supposed to be worshipped.

Gold is a created element of the earth, created by God. Gold is found in the earth bound with rock, minerals and other impurities. It has to be taken through a refining process to become its pure form again. This refinement is meticulous and time consuming. If gold could feel, it would also realise the process is very painful. Although, when the method is complete, the gold is pure, beautiful and back to what it was created to be. Did you realise that God is a refiner?

*<sup>6</sup>In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith-of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

1 Peter 1:6-7

It is true. God uses our everyday trials and struggles to refine us. He allows us to go through the fire so that our faith will be made pure (genuine). Our genuine faith is greater than gold. We are more valuable than one of the most precious metals of the world. Our Creator has rescued us from the rivers and caves of sin, through the work of Jesus Christ. As his prize possession he begins to refine us through the sanctifying work of Holy Spirit.

Refining is a lifelong journey, but our Refiner's desire is to bring us back to the purity and beauty that he created us for. This process is not one of simplicity or ease, but it is a progression that is worth every painful step. We must trust the

Refiner as he begins to burn away the impurities of our lives. Please understand that being restored to our original purpose also cost the refiner everything. He has invested his life to give us freedom. Therefore, the pain, the heartache, and even the despair that you may feel in life is not something the Refiner cant understand. Christ himself walked through the fire first so he could lead you through.

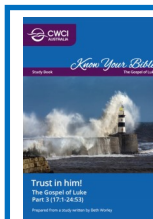
*<sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

1 Peter 2:20-21

No, Christ didn't need to be refined, but he walked through life's journey so that he could empathize with our every weakness (Hebrews 4:15). Another thing to note is the refining process will not destroy you. Unlike gold, which will still perish after being refined (1 Peter 1:7), We will not perish. Christ has walked the walk and made a way for our refining to restore us to the image of our King and to live eternally for his Glory.

Join me Sunday as we jump into the fire, knowing that the trials of life will produce genuine faith. We too like Gold have much we could say to the world around us. Our lives should result in praise, glory and honour to Jesus our King, yet never glory for ourselves.

See ya Sunday,  
Pastor Brent



## The Gospel of Luke (part 3)

Chapters 17-24

KYB Study

All women welcome

Study starts Wednesday 29th April

12.30-2pm in the Chapel

Cost of books \$8

See Church office for more information

## Monthly Prayer Meetings

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April @ 7pm  
at John and Chris Fazakerley's House

**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 all to trust in Jesus and believe what He says. He is victorious over sin and death.
- For the 50 people who came and celebrated the Dawn Service on Easter Sunday, followed by a great time of fellowship over breakfast.
- For the knowledge that we have that He is Risen and that the Lion of Judah is Triumphant!

**PRAY FOR:**

- Those in our community who are seeking meaning in life, may they find it in Christ and not in the ways of the world.
- Those in our church who are not well. May they find God's peace in their time of recovery.
- Those people who are caring for family members who are sick or elderly.
- Pray for the children, youth and young adults as they walk in their faith each day. Pray for us all as we walk in relationship with an amazing creator God.
- Pray for those who are affected by the current war conflict.
- Our State Government, that they may have wisdom, integrity and justice as they lead our state through the next four years.

*2 Timothy 1: "Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us."*



Diary of a Church Mouse...

Ferdinand

Easter is always such a special time in the life of the church. I often think that over Easter I feel most emotional when coming to church. I am not sure if it is because the service is often quieter and more reflective than others or simply because it is the time when we really focus on the sacrifice completely. We turn to the cross and look at what it means to us as Christians. What the sacrifice means to us as mere sinners that have all been saved by God's amazing grace. We look at the fact that Jesus chose to put His life on the line to say 'that is enough', "It is finished!". He took the place of our sins. The place of our death. So we could live together in a full relationship with our Heavenly Father forever.

And the best part of Easter is that we know the ending. There is no need to mourn. We only need to reflect. There is no need to mourn because we know that Jesus won the fight over evil. He conquered death and rose again on the third day showing that He is LORD! We can celebrate everyday knowing that we serve a Risen Saviour! We live and walk each day with a God who is alive and wants to be a part of our life. It is so special when family members, who don't usually come to church, come at special times like Easter and Christmas, as it is our hope that they hear this good message of hope, love and grace that is open for all people. For all children of God.



A 16 week course focusing on encouraging and motivating students to develop soft skills required to be a dependable employee



Applications close April 14<sup>th</sup>

Being run on Wednesday afternoons @ Elizabeth Church of Christ.



- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – School Holidays Start
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Talk n Do
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – MumCo

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