

## THIS WEEK

### Monday

11th May

### Tuesday

12th May

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room.

### Wednesday

13th May

MumCo 9.30-11.30am  
KYB 12.30pm

### Thursday

14th May

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

### Friday

15th May

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

### Saturday

16th May

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

### Sunday

17th May

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

## No One Understands

*For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.*

Hebrews 4:15

Have you ever felt like no one understands? Your situation brings many opinions, advice and even correction (think about Job), however their input just doesn't seem to hit the mark. No matter how much you explain or try to be open with a person you just simply feel like no one can grasp your situation.

This is an extremely hard and horrible place to be. We long for people to be able to sympathise with us. We are encouraged when others can relate to our hardship or trial. Yet when, it appears no one gets us, we can begin to spiral into a deeper depression and isolate ourselves even more.

The refining process of God can often make us feel this way. We can feel misjudged, wrongly accused and even all alone. Think about Joseph's journey from a few weeks ago. He spent 2 years in prison forgotten by the one he helped. I am certain he would have felt overlooked and concerned that God had forsaken him. Yet, God had not forgotten him. God in His providential care was orchestrating the way to fulfil His purpose for Joseph.

Today I want to encourage you to remember you have a High Priest (Jesus Christ) who can and does sympathise with your every struggle. He has not forsaken you. He has not moved on without you. He has not given up on you. No, our Good Shepherd is walking us through the refining process. He is always there and will always provide what we need to make it through. This is why we can come to the throne room of Grace and receive what we need. (Hebrews 4:16)

This Sunday I want to invite you to approach God's throne of Grace. I want to invite you to find in Christ all that you need. After all he is our everything.

This Sunday we unpack Psalms 18:1-3. I believe God wants to impress on our hearts who it is that journeys with us. We will discover that Christ is our: Rock, Fortress, Strong Tower, Deliverer and maybe a few more (if we have time). 😊

Most importantly I want you to realise that you are understood and never forgotten. The God of all creation calls you His own and loves you beyond your comprehension. Be comforted, be encouraged, as a

matter of fact, be excited you have Christ sympathising with you.

Bless ya, Pastor Brent



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

I would like to thank our church family who packed boxes, donated goods or money to send the boxes. Your commitment to this great ministry and sacrificial giving has brought great blessings to many children and families and given them the opportunity to hear the Good News of God's love for them.

Our boxes last year went to Cambodia – 16,603 from SA, but 138,000 from Australia!

We look forward to you joining us again this year.

Chris Fazakerley

"It's all about Jesus"

## SALVATION STORIES

If you would like to share your salvation story with the church please get in touch with Brent and let him know. We would love for you to share your story in a Community Connection Spot during a Sunday service.



This year the Elizabeth Church of Christ is a collection point for Buddy Blankets, so bring your cleaned crisp/chip packets into

church and place them in the collection box each Sunday.

## Monthly Prayer Meetings

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May @ 10am  
at Lorraine Shephard's House  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm  
at Graham & Yen Crocker'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 John Parker's message last Sunday reminding us to make Jesus the first priority in every part of our lives.
- For Sandra Lewis's testimony last Sunday, of how she came to faith at a young age, being nurtured by her faithful Christian parents and a supportive Church family.
- For another young person confessing their faith in Christ at the 10.45am service.

**PRAY FOR:**

- Wisdom and God's leading for our Elders, Ministers, leaders and Staff gather for a retreat on Saturday morning.
- The family and friends of Val Waterman as they grieve over her recent death.
- 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.
- Families who may be experiencing conflict among its members.
- Pray for the visitors who come to our church that we make them feel included and welcome.
- Pray for those who are affected by the current war conflict.

*John 6:51: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This is my flesh which will I will give for the life of the world."*



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – MOTHER'S DAY  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – MumCo  
 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Talk N Do



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



Ladies do you know you are a blessing? Just as you are! You may not think it. You may not realise, but you are. We may be too tied up in our own lives to realise that we have an impact on other people's lives but we do. In the quietness of the craziness of life we can look at the people around us and see who has an effect on our lives.

Unfortunately, there are some people that may negatively impact our lives. These are the people that we need to hand over to God and move on from but there are many that have an amazingly positive impact on our lives and we should celebrate that.

Mother's day is a very hard day for many people, for many different reasons. Maybe they are missing a loved one. Maybe they are mourning a dream unfulfilled. It is also a joyous day as we celebrate the women in our lives. The sacrifices they make in their lives every day to do the mothering things that they do. Their mothering heart and head never stops and we love them for that, even though we rarely thank them for it!

When I look around this church I see so many women who I consider beautiful Women of God. They may not have birthed or fostered a child and may not have got the title of Mum, but they have nurtured the children in our church in some way over the years. They have prayed for the children and youth as they have grown. They have walked alongside them along the way.

To all the women in our church today I pray you have a blessed day and thank you from the bottom of my long, long tail for all that you do in loving on, providing for, scheduling, cooking, cleaning, mending, first-aiding, counselling, being a friend for, praying for and just being there for the children of our church.



**Playford Gathering**  
 10am to 4pm  
**Saturday 23 May**  
 Playford Baptist Church  
 29-21 Haydown Road  
 Elizabeth Grove

