

# ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

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hope

## THIS WEEK

### Monday

2nd February

### Tuesday

3rd February

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room.

### Wednesday

4th February

MumCo 9.30-11.30am  
KYB 12.30pm

### Thursday

5th February

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

### Friday

6th February

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

### Saturday

7th February

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

### Sunday

8th February

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

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441343540



## Diary of a Church Mouse...

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This January has given me a lot of time to stop and think about what has happened over the past year. Do I have a story to tell for this week's Reflection / Celebration Service? It has been awfully quiet here without Brent, the last two months have been, and we do look forward to his return, but January hasn't been entirely quiet so before I talk about 2025 let me have a quick chat about the month that has been...

We have certainly had some scorching hot days. We have had a wedding (congratulations Graham and Yen). A Baptism (yay Daniel!). The Maintenance Team have been in shampooing carpets and sanding floors (and drinking a lot of coffee). The Young Adults have still been meeting weekly and I do believe I saw them cleaning up the ministry offices one Sunday afternoon. Elizabeth South Community Centre had an amazing three day training conference to kick off the year to help create a culture focused on Christ-like behavior and the Youth Group have even had a few catch ups. This place certainly hasn't been left vacant for the month. But then again this place rarely is.

We have so much happening in this place and 2025 certainly was another year that was full of new things and opportunities for our church community.

The Young Adults certainly kicked off under Hamanda's leadership, meeting weekly in people's houses under the connected communities model. They have been growing from strength to strength and you can tell they love spending time together, in the word and reaching out to others.

The Youth headed off on an amazing fun and God-filled dNow during the year and all came back ready to be World Changers and then had a camp later on when they continued to be courageous. Jadyn and her team are building youth that are on fire for God and are wanting to learn more about him all the time.

The Kid's Ministry continues to grow with up to 40 kids attending some weeks (including Junior Youth)! The kids that come along are so engaged in the songs, stories and craft. It is great to see their smiling faces both going in to Kids Min and coming out to show their parents what they had made in craft.

Many meetings were held to inform the church about Connected Communities and the new concept of church planting for the future. It is exciting to see where God will lead his church to reach out to the different people in their current sphere's or influence (look out for more training coming soon).

Throughout the week, Talk N Do and Mum Co continue to meet to reach out to the community, the crafters, the mums and the Café is open to offer lunches and a friendly space. The community lunches and free food giveaways continue to be a blessing to our community.

There are so many different programs happening in our church, some I haven't even mentioned that have an impact on God's kingdom here in Playford. It is the bigger things like the Sunday services and the little things like cleaning the toilets that have an impact on how the people in our community see Christ through us and how they see Christ working through us.

Many people are shy at telling their testimony but one way of telling your testimony is to tell why you give your time up for God – why you worship for him, why you come down and empty the bin or serve on a team. How he has transformed your life. God has given us all gifts and talents for a reason. They may just be to help him in his Kingdom, but they may also be to help someone else see Christ clearer.

Someone once told me they don't have a testimony to tell because nothing amazing or life changing had happened in their life to bring them to Jesus. I think if Jesus is in your life then that is pretty amazing and that is worth telling people about.

God has blessed us here at Elizabeth in many ways. We have so many amazing people who have some pretty great stories to tell about how God has walked with them through their life. They are all stories of joy because they are stories of Jesus.

## Congratulations Mel!

### Citizen of the Year 2026 – Melissa Grierson



Melissa Grierson is the founder and operator of I AM ABLE Creatively Connecting Families, where her mission is to enhance parent-child connection through inclusive and innovative programs.

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SMALL GROUPS: 5pm

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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:**

- The amazing messages we have been blessed with over the month of January.
- For Mark, who encouraged us to keep our eyes on Jesus and to listen to His gentle whisper in our lives, showing His power and strength in His presence.
- For Craig Kirkby, who enlightened us in Psalm 23 by showing us the God's unfailing love for us **All** the days of our lives.
- For Hamanda, who in Psalm 103 reminded us of God's goodness in all things and our decisions to praise Him with our whole self.
- For Mike Hey, who gently steered us through Joshua 3 looking at how we can follow God into 2026.
- For the Music and Media team, who has faithfully led us through worship in January.
- For those who have helped out in the services over the January period.

#### **PRAY FOR:**

- The Rutland family as they return home. Pray for a smooth return after a few hiccups with the cold weather in America and for easy acclimatisation once they are back in hot old Australia.
- For the different ministries of the church as they start up for the new year.
- For students and teachers starting a new school year.
- For those who have felt the heat, or the heat has made their illnesses worse.
- The innocent people who are victims of an imperfect world.
- Those in our church who have been unwell.

*Joshua 3:5 Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."*



Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - MumCo  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – KYB Bible Study  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 3E Youth  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 9am & 10.45am Services  
resume

*Great is the Lord  
and most worthy of praise.*  
Psalm 48:1



### *Know your Bible – Women's Bible Study*

#### **Psalms – Part 1**

All ladies welcome

Study starts this Wednesday  
4<sup>th</sup> February

Studies are weekly on Wednesdays  
12.30pm to 2pm in the Chapel

Contact the church office or  
Margaret Mount for more information



Are you interested in holding a monthly prayer meeting in your house?

**What is a monthly prayer meeting?** A monthly prayer meeting is where people come together in your house for about an hour to pray.

**What do I need to do as host?** All you need to do is provide the space and maybe lead the people in prayer.

**When can I host a prayer meeting?** Any time at all. We have had them during the day and at night.

**Do many people come to the prayer meetings?** Sometimes yes and sometimes no. Our hope is to have as many people involved in prayer as possible

**What if I can't host the meeting on one of my scheduled days?** That is completely fine. You can let your usual people know and we can put a note in the Beacon to let people know. You can reschedule for another day for that month.

**What do I need to do if I want to host a prayer meeting?** Come and talk to Brent, Mark or Chantel and they would love to answer any questions you have.

**Schedule for Monthly Prayer Meetings will be available very soon.**

## ABOUT Men

Men meeting for fellowship, activities and outings

**Meeting fortnightly at 10.30am on  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month  
for coffee and fellowship at  
St Peter's Bakehouse Elizabeth**



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

