

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

the beacon

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Sunday 27th September 2026

a beacon of
hope

THIS WEEK

Monday

28th September

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START

Tuesday

29th September

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in
the Parents Room.

Wednesday

30th September

Thursday

1st October

Friday

2nd October

Saturday

3rd October

Nepalese Church
8.30am - 12 noon

Sunday

4th October

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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If you've ever been in a crowd crush, you'll know how overwhelming it can be.

The human tide can just carry you along, and pushing your way to anywhere is pretty tough.

I figure it was a bit like that when Jesus met the woman with an issue of bleeding.

This woman needed healing but she had to navigate a big crowd, fully aware that she was considered unclean and that anyone she touched would have then been in the same state.

But surprisingly and courageously, she battles the odds and risks to somehow touch the hem of Jesus' gown.

What happens next teaches the disciples and us about what it means to follow Jesus.

Among all the praise from an adoring crowd, Jesus stopped and dealt lovingly with the quietest and most broken of them all.

He even asked his disciples who in the jostling crowd had touched him - as though they should know.

That would have been tough on them because they were clearly close to Jesus, and quite likely busy protecting him from the mob.

But in this moment, Jesus showed the importance of a heart for people on the margins, even in the busy-ness of life.

Here was a lady with no social standing. She'd been used and abused and was isolated from the broader community and most likely her own family.

But Jesus saw her, recognised her need, healed her and welcomed her in as family. When he called her "daughter" her life changed.

I believe Jesus would have us remember this in our personal lives and in our church. Some people who are looking for Jesus might seem hopelessly lost or even unclean by broader social standards.

When we meet as a church or in our homes, it's easy to shout praises to Jesus as the crowd would have done, or get in a holy huddle to talk endlessly about the Bible.

But we can very easily miss the one who needs to be healed.

I truly hope we don't do that here, but it's something we need to think about.

We're called to be intentional about including the people on the margins.

When we're catching up with our own people, or gathering around Jesus, our eyes need to be open and welcoming to the one who feels unseen.

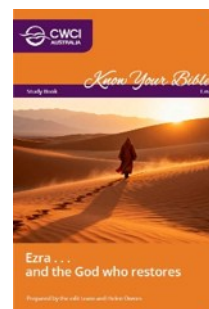
Jesus showed us the way.

Let's walk with Him.

John Parker

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Every Tuesday morning
@ 9.30am in the Parent's Room
here at Church



All Women are invited to hear NOLA HILL as she introduces the Term 4 *Know Your Bible* Study of EZRA, at Elizabeth Church of Christ, on Wednesday, 7th October, 2026, beginning with morning tea at 10.00am.

For more information, contact Raynour or the church office on 8255 2467.



How to read your bible for yourself

Sunday 27th September
4pm

Here at the church

Don't forget your bible!

OFFICE: 38 Ashfield Rd Elizabeth SA 5112

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9am - 2:30pm

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES: 9am, 10:45am & 2pm

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:

- For Tristan's message last Sunday challenging us to put our trust in Jesus when we face life's challenges and not to stubbornly rely on our own wisdom and strength.
- A truly joyous celebration of God's love for us shown at our multi-generational church during the combined 10am service last Sunday. Praise God also for a time of fellowship after the service and for those who prepared, served and cleaned up afterwards.
- For the glorious spring weather and abundance of spring flowers and new growth.

PRAY FOR

- Healing for Val Stafford, Denis Obrien, Judy Hubreschen, and Colin Sieber.
- The Nepalese Church who meets in our church on Saturdays, who were unable to meet last week due to health reasons. Pray for health and healing.
- Direction and renewal for the South Sudan church who meet at our church on Sunday afternoons.
- Those in our congregation that have been unwell with colds, flus and chest infections.
- That we look to God's guidance in finding the right person/s to connect with for our "2 & 3's" within the church, so that together we may find Christ's purpose for us in our lives.
- A moving of the Holy Spirit across our nation drawing more people to Christ.
- Those in our Church and community who 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.

1 Peter 4:11 "If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."



Monday 28th October – School Holidays Start
 Tuesday 6th October – Talk N Do
 Thursday 8th – Sunday 10th October – Dnow
 Wednesday 14th October - MumCo



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



Diary of a Church Mouse...

Ferdinand

I love our church family here at Elizabeth. We are made up of such a wide variety of people. Such a wide range of different personalities that make us all one amazing family. We of course have the one focus, which is Christ and we all try to be good Christ followers, but we all do it differently. We have the ones that are happy to be out the front and being seen. They are naturally gifted with sharing with others in public and are comfortable in doing so. Then we have some that are not so naturally gifted at talking in front of others but because God asks them to, they willingly serve and share out the front on Sundays (they then go home for a big rest in the afternoon!). The family also has those who work behind the scenes holding things together and making sure the little things are done and not forgotten. (You know the ones that for many, many years stay up late at night and make sure the Beacon is edited and ready to go out on to the church on Thursday morning). We all have unique gifts and abilities that when we use them together, we can be such a beautiful symphony. One which honours the Lord. One which highlights His glory and shows the ebb and flow of how He works wonders in making us as diverse as he makes each fingerprint. All unique but all working together for His glory.

SAFE water SEPTEMBER

Drink water Change lives.

Drink only water this September and raise funds to provide safe water for communities in need.

\$25 Provides safe water to one person for life

TAKE THE CHALLENGE

Scan to Sign Up

Take the challenge yourself, with your family or with friends.

Safewaterseptember.org.au

FAITH CONVERSATIONS

how to share your faith confidently & naturally

friday 30th oct @ 6pm
 or
 sunday 1st nov @ 4pm

ELIZABETH SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

LISTEN LOVE LEARN

CHRISTMAS GIFT YEAR 2 - GIRL

Learn Bundle, Colouring Book, Fidget Toy, Make Up Kit, Ball Toy

Made from at least 80% recycled paper. Please reuse and recycle.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Approx. \$30 value per bag

Boys & girls bags available