

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday 18th October 2026

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THIS WEEK

Monday

19th October

Tuesday

20th October

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am

in the Parents Room

Talk N Do 9.30-11.30am

Wednesday

21st October

Women's Bible Study 9.30am

KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

22nd October

One50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

23rd October

3E Youth 7-9pm

Saturday

24th October

Nepalese Church 9.00am

Sunday

25th 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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Account Number

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"Lord, teach us to pray..." Luke 11:1 [NASB]

Think back to your last prayer. Ask yourself, "what was the purpose of that prayer?"

It's telling that prayer is a part of essentially all major world religions. Christians, Catholics, Greek and Russian Orthodox, Buddhists, Muslims, Shintoists, Hindus. All believe in some form of prayer. And with it, many of these religions have established public places of, and rituals for, prayer. Buddhist monks chant in unison under temple alcoves, Muslims attend mosques and all pray in a specific direction, and Shintoists cue at local public shrines to clap and recite prayers to their local nature god. Sadly, people can spend hours in prayer, to a god other than God, with no real certainty that anything will happen. Some religions have attempted to explain away this lack of effectual prayer, claiming mental and emotional benefits prayer supposedly brings to your personal life. Others have made public ceremonies out of it.

On Sunday we will see that Biblical prayer takes a radically different form. In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches us how to pray. He provides clear examples of what prayer should and shouldn't be. As we go through, we will see that effective prayer centres on something vastly different to eloquent phrases, how many times we clap, or which direction we're facing. It requires a simple, yet deep fundamental perspective shift. We're going to examine this critical shift as we walk through each of the examples Jesus gives us, at each step considering the question, "what was the purpose of this prayer?"

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 1:7 [ESV].

Joel Zerna



DEDICATION SUNDAY

October 18

NATIONAL COLLECTION

OCTOBER

12-26



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

Call out for Parenting Books

Do you have any old parenting books that you no longer need? Want to give them to someone who could use some extra help? Sarah Graetz is needing them for an outreach programme. Please bring them into the church office and we will pass them on to her.

Monthly Prayer Meetings

This Week

Monday 19th October @ 2pm

at Jenny Hughes' House

Thursday 22nd October @ 7pm

at Rod and Chris Row's House

OFFICE: 38 Ashfield Rd Elizabeth SA 5112

PHONE: (08) 8255 2467

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

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

SMALL GROUPS: 5pm

WEBSITE: www.elizabethcoc.org

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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 Brent's message last Sunday encouraging us to all work together in the harvest, whether we are reaping or sowing, together we all reflect Jesus.
- The amazing testimonies that the youth shared of their different highlights of the dNow weekend.
- For our KidsCo (Mumo) carers who give up their time to look after the children in MumCo to give the mums a break once a fortnight.

PRAY FOR

- Students, teachers, school staff and parents as they return to school for term 4.
- 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.
- Those in our congregation that have been unwell with colds, flus, hay fever and chest infections.
- 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.

2 Corinthians 5:15 "And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."



Sunday 18th October - OCC Shoe Box Dedication
Sunday 18th October – Sunday lunch @ Café Hope
Tuesday 20th October – Talk N Do
Wednesday 28th October – MumCo
Sunday 1st November – Faith Conversations

Church History with Ferdinand



As Brent and Peta celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary this week we look back at the church's 40th Anniversary, 30 years ago! In 1997 we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Elizabeth Church of Christ. A very young Lindsay Mayes (right), the first Minister Ray Ewers (left) and State MP Hon Lea Stevens were on hand to cut the cake to celebrate the day.

ELIZABETH SOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

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CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Approx. \$30 value
per bag
Boys & girls bags
available

Please return by November 15th



FAITH CONVERSATIONS

how to share
your faith
confidently &
naturally

sunday
1st nov
@ 4pm



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PRAY



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