

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday 5th April 2026

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THIS WEEK

Monday

6th April

EASTER MONDAY

Tuesday

7th April

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room.

Talk'n'Do 9.30am

Wednesday

8th April

Women's Study 9.30 -11am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

9th April

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

10th April

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

11th April

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

Sunday

12th April

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

On-Line Giving

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Elizabeth Church of Christ

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This is Stressing Me Out!

Most of you know about our frustrating problem in New Orleans recently. We were on our way home from the States and our flight kept getting delayed. We sat there for about 8 hours watching the flight get pushed back further and further. Eventually they just cancelled the flight. By the time I waited in line to see what would happen it was 9pm. I was exhausted, Peta was exhausted, the kids were over the airport, and I just wanted to get to Dallas. However, we were told our flight would be rebooked for two days later. I couldn't believe it. I walked away a bit shocked and numb.

Our family had a massive problem. We are now stuck in an airport that is closing, not a lot of cash, two hours away from my mom's house and 24 hours away from my own bed. If I were a person who cried easily, I think the tears would have flowed like Niagara Falls. I was so tired I didn't want to decide. No choice was good enough because my desire was to be on a plane leaving New Orleans.

If you have lived for any amount of time, you know that life is filled with problems. Sometimes they are circumstances out of our control and sometimes they are caused by our need for control (sinful behaviour). Whatever the reason, we face various difficulties in our many trips around the sun.

When we look into Revelation 5, John has encountered a problem of Supreme magnitude. God's plan is waiting to be conducted, and no one is worthy to open the scrolls, no one is suitable to take the deed to the Kingdom. This brings great frustration and heartache to John. So much so that he begins to weep. In his moment of sorrow, an elder steps forward and declares one to be worthy. Who, The Lion of Judah, the one who has triumphed is able to open the scrolls. Jesus has authority over any circumstance, and he has defeated sin and the grave. He is Worthy! This moment brings immense joy and tremendous acts of worship from Heaven and Earth. God has solved the problem, through The Lamb of God/The Lion of Judah. Once again, the Providential Care of God comes through.

It is wonderful to know that Christ is victorious over all things. I am not sure what problem you are facing right now. It could be a situation out of your control, or you could have gotten yourself into a conflict due to your sinfulness. No matter what is causing the problem, just like John discovered, there is one who is Worthy and capable of bringing you a solution. Not just any solution, The Lion of Judah will bring you the perfect solution. The answer that will bring you peace, hope, and victory for His Glory. Therefore, don't be stressed and compelled to tears. Hear the Cry from Heaven, there is one that is worthy, one who is able to solve your problem. Also, guess what, He loves you so much he died to bring victory over your problems. This Sunday as we celebrate Easter, we will honour our King. We will worship the Lion of Judah who is worthy because he has overcome.

See ya Sunday,
Pastor Brent

I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."
Revelation 5:4-5

Join us this Easter Weekend as we celebrate the Lion of Judah. Please note the different service times below.



Join us for Breakfast on Easter Sunday. Please bring some Breakfast to share.

Monthly Prayer Meetings

**Thursday 9th April @ 10am
at Lorraine Shephard's House
Thursday 9th April @ 7pm
at Graham & Yen Crocker's House**

Please note there is no prayer at the Rutland's House this Monday 6th due to the Easter Long Weekend.

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 Brent's message on Sunday leading us towards Easter knowing that the resurrection is the beginning of life for us to continue the will of the Father.
- For the family service celebrating God's goodness as one family.
- For our youth, kids ministry, young adults, Grace community church and all those who were involved in last week's combined family service.

PRAY FOR:

- 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 this Easter weekend. May it be a time that people reflect on Christ's sacrifice for us all and the amazing story of resurrections that we all get to celebrate together.
- 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.

Revelation 5:5 "Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals"



April Birthdays

Val Z turns 70 on the 5th
Eileen Y turns 80 on the 28th



Grace Women's Conference 30 May 2026 Early bird registration open now <https://www.graceconference.org.au/>

Church History with Ferdinand

Easter...reminds me of back in the days when we had the interchurch Easter Prayer Vigils on the grassed area near the Police station. Long before the petrol station and Carls Jnr was there. Every Easter, for a while, the churches would get together and hold a vigil for a night over Easter. Three crosses were erected on Main North Road so passing cars could see what we were meeting about and there was a tent put up for us to meet in. Churches were given a one hour time slot where they would sing quiet worship songs and spend time in prayer for the community and for 24 hours the body of Christ would meet and pray. It was an amazing time. You didn't just have to come when your church was on. You could stay as long as you wanted to and could pray with any denomination. It was a great sense of unity with the churches in the area.

COME JOIN US
UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Friday 3rd April – 9.30am Good Friday Service
- Sunday 5th April – 7am Sunrise Service
- 7.30am Breakfast
- 9.30am Sunday Service
- Tuesday 7th April – Talk n Do
- Monday 13th April – School Holidays Start
- Sunday 19th April – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope

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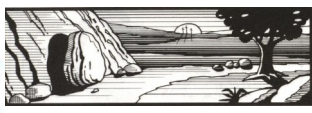
Applications close April 14th
Being run on Wednesday afternoons @ Elizabeth Church of Christ.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Don't forget to turn your clocks back next Sunday 5th April



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

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