

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday 6th September 2026

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hope

THIS WEEK

Monday

7th September

Tuesday

8th September

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in
the Parents Room.
Talk'n'Do 9.30am

Wednesday

9th September

Women's Study 9.30 -11am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

10th September

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

11th September

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

12th September

Nepalese Church
8.30am - 12 noon

Sunday

13th September

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

On-Line Giving

Account Name

Elizabeth Church of Christ

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Twos and Threes

When Brent talked to our Connect group about twos and threes I was in two minds. I loved what we had going on as a group. Catching up fortnightly, digging into the word together, we had a good rhythm. Why change a good thing? But I also felt that when we went around the group and asked how we were all going we were sometimes a bit superficial (sorry, myself included!). We didn't always open up and talk that personally about what was happening in our own lives and maybe how God was convicting us in our own walks. This twos and threes idea seemed a bit less threatening to me. I am not a big people person and in big groups I tend to only speak up when something profound comes to mind, so opening up to someone one-on-one is a bit more my scene. It still took a while to warm to the idea and to split off into groups but I can now see the fruit of our labour. Once a fortnight Michelle and myself meet in a café and talk about a study that we have individually gone through during the week. We have decided to go through a Francis Chan study on James through the You Version app and it has been great. We get together and first check in with each other. See how our weeks have been and if there are any updates on prayer requests from our last catch up. Anything we may need to get off our chest from the day or the week and then we dig into the word. James has been an amazing book to look into. It has confronted us, challenged us and has given us things to ponder and reflect on. Most of all it has shown us how we should be walking as Jesus followers.

Each week, after discussing the verses we have been looking at, we give ourselves some homework – something we can work on in our own lives, our walks with Jesus and others. Something we can do to make us better Christ followers. Then we finish off with looking at how we can help each other in prayer – whether it be through work concerns, future dreams, family or in our other spheres of influence. We are there for each other to be each other's prayer warriors. I really look forward to our catch ups over peppermint tea each fortnight where I can also grow deeper with God with a great new friend and now as a Connect Group we all meet as more of a family. Once a fortnight we are still meeting, but differently. We meet for a meal. We all bring ingredients to make the meal, and we make it together as family. With kids

running around us and with much talk and laughter we eat and we share conversation. Closer conversations than we had before. People are sharing more about what is happening in their lives and any challenges they are having. We also touch base with each other about what we are learning in our twos and threes when we dig into the word.

So, the hesitation to start this process was the usual hesitation to change. We have been doing Connect Groups that way for so long, so why change? Who knew that we would be able to go so much deeper with God and with others by doing it this way?

I am glad we took on the challenge. It hasn't always been easy. You need to find the rhythm that suits you (and I suppose the person that suits you) but is it worth the time and effort.

So take the challenge – spend some time with someone – one hour a fortnight or week – one cup of tea – some time in the word – it could change your life, and hopefully others.

Blessings

Chantel Birkin

Church Administrator

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Monday 7th September @ 7pm
at the Rutland's House

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

To all the men in our lives -
thanks for all that you do,
for your guidance, support,
strength and most of all,
for your bad dad jokes!

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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 last Sunday from Colossians 3:12 -17 encouraging not to bear with one another, forgive one another, put on love binding us together in unity, letting the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell amongst us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom singing praise to God. And in all we do in the name of Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
- The beautiful sunshine as we came together after church on Sunday, to celebrate and honour Alistair Thompson's ministry and start of retirement with a BBQ lunch.

PRAY FOR

- Glenys Taylor and family as we celebrated Trevor Taylor's life at his funeral.
- Judy Huberchsen who fell and damaged her hip replacement. Pray for her recovery after recent surgery to fix the damage.
- 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 Nepal that have been affected by the devastating floods.
- The Christians in other countries that are being persecuted because of their beliefs.
- Pray for those in the world who are affected by hostile environments.

Psalm 27: 13-14 "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

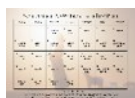


Sunday 6th September – Father's Day

Tuesday 8th September – Talk N Do

Tuesday 16th September - MumCo

Sunday 20th September – FAMILY SERVICE



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

Testimonies

We have loved hearing stories from our church family of their faith journeys.

If you would like to share yours, please contact Brent and he will schedule you in to share yours during a service.

Church History with Ferdinand



Over the years the church has used many ways to tell the story of the bible and for a while (starting in the 80's) the Elizabethans were all the

rage. The Elizabethans were a family of puppets that would "pop-up" and share stories with the church congregation about various things in life. Plays were scripted but often went off script when the puppeteers would lose their spots and would have to ad-lib to get back to the main point. The characters were Mum and Dad (original names!), Jeremy, Jessica, Jenny and Jamie. They certainly liked the letter J!



And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds

Hebrews 10:24



TO GOD

Choose a portion of scripture to read individually during the week. Then share the word together and talk about what God is saying to you.



TO OTHERS

Talk about what is going on in each other's life and how you can pray and support one another.



OTHERS TO GOD

Everyone has a sphere of influence. Talk about the people in these spaces that God has pointed out to you and take time praying and encouraging one another.

Connect

 **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



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

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