

# ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

## the beacon

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

a beacon of  
hope

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday

13th October

#### Tuesday

14th October

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am  
in the Parents Room.

#### Wednesday

15th October

MumCo 9.30-11.30am  
KYB 12.30pm

#### Thursday

16th October

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

#### Friday

17th October

#### Saturday

18th October

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

#### JESUS IN THE PARK 11-4

#### Sunday

19th October

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

##### Account Number

441343540

As Brent is travelling home from the mission trip at the moment I thought I would take this moment to share a bit about our recent Jobs for Life course and graduation.

At the end of September we celebrated our 4<sup>th</sup> Jobs for Life Graduation. It was a great evening filled with smiles and a lot of pride from the team as we saw our eight students take to the stage and talk about what the course meant to them. For some it was their first time speaking in public! It was great to see so many of their family members and friends come and support them in their completion of the 16-week-course journey that they have been on.

I love the Jobs for Life course, mainly because it gives people focus for their life. Alongside a mentor, it teaches them to strip everything back and look at what they are good at and what they really want to achieve in life. It gets them to make a game plan for life which sets them on their way to working towards their Job for Life. It is also a great course in that it teaches the students all about their identity in Christ and how, even though we may have had some roadblocks in life, which have stopped us from doing things, there is always a way that we can work around them in the future to move forward.

In one session this year students had to write a roadblock that had been holding them back in life, say it out loud to the group and then screw it up and toss it in the bin. Done. That roadblock is no longer going to be a hindrance in their life. But while we were doing this God showed me that although we have roadblocks in our life, and yes we need to move past them and not let them control our future, they can also be a very powerful part of our testimony and maybe even our ministry.


Roadblocks can become a great way for us to connect with people in similar situations. We may be able to use our testimony of moving through them to bless others who are also trying to wade through the same problem. A person who has struggled with anxiety for years may be able to be a voice

of calm and hope for a youth that cannot see the other side of their own crippling anxiety.

Just like the role models that we use in the course from the bible that work through their roadblocks to get to their promised land, these students are also on their journey towards finding freedom in a their purpose in life through whatever God has asked them to pursue.


We pray that these eight participants, and those that have gone before in past years, continue to seek God for guidance and hope as they walk on their journey. Their mentors will continue with them as they work towards their game plan in life.

Chantel Birkin - one of the JFL teachers



*Happy Birthday in  
October*

Nathan G turns 40 on the 19<sup>th</sup>  
KerryAnn N turns 40 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Leanne D turns 50 on the 28<sup>th</sup>



*Know Your Bible*

Term 4 Ladies' Bible Study  
Begins Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup>  
October, at 12.30pm  
in the chapel  
We will be studying  
*Philippians*,  
Paul's letter to the Christians in Philippi.  
All ladies of all ages are welcome.  
Study book \$9 - Contact: Office 8255 2467  
or Margaret Mount

*Monthly Prayer  
Meetings*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October @ 7pm at  
John and Chris Fazakerley's**

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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FACEBOOK: Elizabeth COC

**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:

- Hamanda's message last Sunday and testimony on being obedient to what God is calling you to do in your life and how obedience invites God's love, builds intimacy and unlocks purpose for our lives.
- The Mission team who have all arrived safely home.
- The beautiful Spring weather over the long weekend.

### PRAY FOR:

- Student, teachers, school staff and parents as they finish off their school holidays this week and prepare for the last term of the school year. Pray for those students who are starting to swot up ready for upcoming exams.
- Families who are experiencing domestic violence in their homes.
- The planning and volunteers needed for the upcoming "Jesus in the Park" event to be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. in Fremont Park.
- Members who are struggling with colds, viruses or recovering for recent surgery.
- The East Timor mission team as they readjust to life back in Australia. Pray that the experiences that they share with others here will reflect God's amazing love.

**John 16: 33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world"**



Diary of a Church Mouse...

Ferdinand

I was thinking the other day about Mission. It is such a daunting word. Being sent to somewhere different to spread the word of Jesus' light to others. Usually when you think of mission and missionaries you think of brave people that go overseas like those who have recently been in Timor Leste or those who have gone before to Vanuatu to help build villages and share the message of Jesus. Or there are also some of the missionaries we support as a church who translate the bible in areas where it is forbidden, or Doctors that have served overseas in areas of need. But we can be involved in mission right where we are in little old Elizabeth. We can be involved first and foremost through our prayers – that is the greatest need of any mission. We can support mission through financial giving. The church tithes ten percent of what we receive to mission needs both here and overseas. We can also support mission through our everyday walk with Jesus. Did you know that you are in God's mission field now! God has placed you where you are for a reason and you are his missionary in his field. Be the light of his love to those around you and share his love with those you meet. Mission work starts at home. Step by step and you never know where God may take you. Maybe next year he may ask you to go to Timor Leste too!



Safe Water September – still collecting funds through October. Go to [www.safewaterseptember.org.au](http://www.safewaterseptember.org.au)



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Start of OCC Shoebox Collection

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – MumCo

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Jesus in the Park

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Shoebox Dedication Sunday

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Talk N Do

**Keep packing your shoeboxes**

A wow item, a personal care item, school supplies, clothing & accessories, craft & activities, toys & a personal note

**Dedication Sunday - 19<sup>th</sup> October**

**Together**

**SAT 18TH OCT 11 - 4**

**JESUS IN THE PARK**

FREMONT PARK  
ELIZABETH  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
**FREE ENTRY**

*One touch from God changes everything*

Family Event • FREE Food and Drinks • Open Air Worship • Baptisms • Market Stalls • Prayer & Prophetic Tents

**LIVE LOVE**

[www.livetolove.com.au](http://www.livetolove.com.au)  
To volunteer email [info@livetolove.com.au](mailto:info@livetolove.com.au)

Bible Society

### Volunteers still Needed

Prayer tent - for one hour

Church tent, Kids tent

BBQ, Op Shop

SIGN UP SHEET IN FOYER

### Craft donations - happy for op shop stuff

pavement chalks, Inflatable balls

Inflatable globes, small cuddly toy bears

squishy globes, stickers (Christian themed)

outdoor games e.g large snakes and ladders

Bubble wands (Kmart are the cheapest)

25 piece water colour sets from kmart or Target - \$5