

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday 9th August 2026

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THIS WEEK

Monday

10th August

Tuesday

11th August

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

Wednesday

12th August

Women's Study 9.30 -11am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

13th August

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

14th August

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

15th August

Nepalese Church
8.30am - 12 noon

Sunday

16th August

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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As a Christian, answering most Bible Study questions is easy.

You just say "Jesus" and you can't really go wrong.

But the deeper issue we need to address is what we really mean when we say that magnificent name.

Jesus asked his disciples who people thought he was.

There were mixed answers – most had respect for him but they saw him in different ways.

But then Jesus asked the pointed and deeply personal question "who do YOU say I am?". Peter responded with one of the greatest statements you'll find in the Bible: "*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.*"

Wow! Even Jesus said Peter didn't come up with that himself, but it was given to him by God.

We know the right answer now, so we can trot it out on demand. But who do we really say Jesus is?

Is He a great moral teacher?

Is he the main character in a book we love to study?

Is he the one I need to impress so I can get to heaven?

Is he the friend I visit once a week?

Is he the subject of love songs I enjoy singing?

Or is he really the Messiah, the son of God, God himself in human flesh, who rescued me from utter sinful depravity?

If he's the Messiah, he's infinitely holy and worth of our deepest worship, devotion, gratitude and praise.

He is the one before whom all of creation will bow and confess he is Lord.

That surely must impact every part of our lives.

He came on a rescue mission to bring us out of sin and despair, to bring life from death and to give us eternal hope.

The question of who we say Jesus is will be presented to us over and over in our daily lives.

What does each of our decisions and actions say about who we believe Jesus is?

Jesus said if we truly love him we will keep his

commandments. That's not about legalism, it's about love.

Do we believe in him enough to love others, to follow him and put ourselves last, to give as he gave?

Do we believe in him enough to know that he is sufficient for every situation in our lives - that victory is indeed ours, despite what circumstances and the world tell us?

Will we live like that?

After Peter's great confession, Jesus spoke of its eternal power, saying the gates of hell would not prevail against it.

That means we're free to live apart from the law of this hellbent world.

It means we can live in outrageous love and sacrifice, and that eternal victory is and will always be ours.

That's the good news. That's who Jesus is.
John Parker

Senior Pastor Ballot 2026

Vote to renew Brent's
position for an ongoing basis

Ballot papers available
July 26th, August 2nd & 9th

You're invited
to a
New Comer's Lunch
Sunday 16th August
12.30pm
Cafe Hope
RSVP to the Church Office on 8255 2467

5:00 PM
FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT
SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST
BYO FOOD FOR YOUR TABLE

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 last Sunday reminding us to put into practice what Jesus is teaching us, otherwise we may miss the opportunity to glorify Him in everyday life. We can do this with confidence because He has given us everything we need to succeed. We just need to continue to press into Jesus.
- Rose-Marie's amazing testimony showing us that through adversity we can still be vessels of God's glory here on earth.
- For His provision of a warm building and fellowship on Sunday mornings.

PRAY FOR:

- Continue to pray for Tristan Rutland who has glandular Fever.
- Robyn and Alistair Thompson who have both been very unwell.
- Tony Marrone who had a hip replacement operation this week.
- Continue to pray for the rough sleepers who struggle to keep warm during the cold weather. Pray for God to guide us when we are trying to meet their needs.
- People in the world who have been affected by natural disasters.
- 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."

Church History with Ferdinand



Over the years there have been many opportunities for outreach and growth for children outside of the usual Sunday School program. Kids Club, an afterschool club held once week with craft, games and a bible message was used for quite some time to reach out to local kids to tell them about Jesus in a fun way. This was held at both local schools and here at the church. We have also had Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade here over the years. Both forming our young men and women into discipleship. Girls Brigade had up to 80 girls at one stage and the Boys Brigade had 34 attending at its height. How would you like to wear those uniforms?



ELIZABETH
SOUTH
COMMUNITY
CENTRE

**LISTEN
LOVE
LEARN**



**Helpers
Needed**

Sunshine Cafe, Shop 16

Elizabeth South Shopping Centre

Volunteer Chefs, Kitchen Hands and Waiters are all needed to keep serving low-cost meals to bless the local community.

Also, well worth a visit for an excellent economical meal.
See Michelle Stevens for more details.



Tuesday 10th August- Talk N Do

Sunday 16th August – Newcomer's lunch

Wednesday 19th August - MumCo

Saturday 22nd August – Family Quiz Night

Monthly Prayer Meetings

Thursday 13th August @ 10am
At Lorraine Shephard's House

Thursday 13th August @ 7pm
At Graham & Yen Crocker's House



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



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