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ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th November 2026

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THIS WEEK

Monday
9th November

Tuesday
10th November
Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in the Parents Room

Wednesday
11th November
MumCo 9.30-11.30am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday
12th November
One50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday
13th November
3E Youth 7-9pm

Saturday
14th November
Nepalese Church 9.00am

Sunday
15th November
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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Not another sermon on prayer! That was my first thought when I sensed God directing me towards preparing a topic for this sermon. What else is there to learn about prayer? Actually quite a lot I discovered. I was lead to look at Revelation chapters 4,5,6 and 8 and found a lot of references to prayer from the point of view of what is happening in heaven. We know in Revelation chapter 4 John was taken in the spirit and was led to a doorway that opened up into heaven. What John saw there was absolutely beyond comprehension. He was taken to the very throne room of heaven, the centre of the universe. He saw things that were beyond his capacity to describe. He witnessed the awesome power and majesty of the one who sits on the throne. But in the midst of this he also saw prayer at work in ways that we probably don't think about.
We will explore what happens to our prayers and how God uses our prayers and how much He values our prayers. We will see the Lamb who was slain standing at the centre of the throne interceding for us before the Father as our prayers are offered up to Him. My prayer is that as we look at what happens in heaven we will be inspired and encouraged by what our prayers can do on earth. I pray that it will inspire us in our private and corporate prayer lives to pray with increasing power and passion with a deepening understanding as to how important our prayers are in participating in God's work here on earth.

Mark Zerna
Pastoral Care Pastor





The Elder's ballot for 2027 will be held on Sunday 15th, 22nd and 29th November 2026. If you are a member please, see Chantel on these dates to collect your ballot papers. Once you have prayerfully considered and completed your ballots they must be returned to the red ballot box by Sunday 29th November 2026.

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. Practice will be on Tuesday Nights starting on November 17th at 7pm. Sign up at the information desk today!



A free Tabor College Professional Development Workshop in Pastoral Care is being held at our church on **Friday 20th November from 9am to 1pm**.
Hear from speakers, Dr. Matthew Gray and Sam Smith as they share relevant and informed ministry and counselling practice for the contemporary church setting. Registrations are essential, for catering purposes.

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 that Christ is wanting to build our faith as we continue to walk in His footsteps, so that when the unbelievable happens it will strengthen us in our faith journey.
- For the safe arrival of Hamanda and Pate's new baby girl, Lyla Babi.



PRAY FOR

- Elizabeth South Community Centre as they finalise the plans for the upcoming children's Christmas party.
- For the Year 12's sitting their final exams.
- Direction and renewal for the South Sudanese church who meet at our church on Sunday afternoons.
- 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 that are suffering financially due to increasing costs.
- For our Government and leaders who make the difficult decisions that will affect our nation now and in the future.

1 Peter 5:6 "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time."



Wednesday 11th November – MumCo
Sunday 15th November – Sunday lunch @ Café Hope
Tuesday 17th November – Talk N Do
Friday 20th November – Tabor Pastoral Care Training





Christmas is certainly coming, isn't it! It feels like only yesterday we could go about our every day business, blissfully unaware as to the season, but now wherever we look we know Christmas is coming. Decorations are on sale in the stores, Christmas ads are on TV and even the Woolworths truck has a strawberry santa plastered on the side! Yes the season for the commercial Christmas is here. But what about the real reason for Christmas? Have you thought about the real reason? The virgin unsuspecting, the man willing, the angels declaring, the shepherds rejoicing, the wise men coming. All to proclaim the birth of our King. Our Saviour. The one who was born into poverty. The one who had to flee with his family to ensure he wasn't killed by a vengeful ruler. The one who was raised as a normal, playful boy. The one who came and who walked this earth to be tempted, and to experience life as we do. To walk as we walk and to feel as we feel. This man, Jesus, who we celebrate at Christmas, came born as a peaceful baby, into a world of turmoil to bring peace and light. It is a peace and light that you can see in the small things and the big. In creation, in a childs giggle, in the birth of a newborn, in the hug of a loved one, in the embrace from the Holy Spirit. Remember in the busyness that this season holds that it also holds the majesty of our King Jesus. The one who came to save us all, through peace and light.





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