

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

the beacon

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19th July 2026

a beacon of
hope

THIS WEEK

Monday

20th July

Tuesday

21st July

Prayer Time 9.30-10.30am in
the Parents Room.

Wednesday

22nd July

MumCo 9.30-11.30am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

23rd July

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

24th July

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

25th July

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

Sunday

26th July

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

On-Line Giving

Account Name

Elizabeth Church of Christ

BSB Number

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The Mark of Godliness

Were you a family that marked your children's height on the wall? My parents (nor Peta and I) have ever done the growth chart, yet I find it really cool. I think it would be fascinating to go each year and see how much one of my kids had grown over the last 12 months. (I think Mallee has grown a metre in 2 months) However if we had done a growth chart I can imagine there would have been a competition between Kye and Tristan. (Tristan would be winning.) You know, I can just see Tristan running up to the last year's mark and hoping he was taller than Kye's mark. I am also certain that Tristan would have been sneaking over to the marks throughout the year and measure to see if he were taller than Kye's mark yet. There is something about being the little brother and wanting to be bigger and taller.

I don't think God has a measuring stick on his wall for us to measure ourselves by each year. However, God's desire is for us to be growing in our faith. This week we continue to look at the wonderful markers of 2 Peter 1:5-7. Remember these markers are not in a specific order of how we are to grow. These marks are also not a competition for us to compare ourselves to other family members. These markers are a list of areas that our Gracious Refiner continues to mould and shape us through. God longs to shape us more and more in the image of Christ, and I love that.

This Sunday we zoom in on the marker of Godliness. What exactly does Peter mean by Godliness? Well according to one theologian:

"Godliness" (eusebeia) The term denotes a life of piety and reverence for God and for the way of life he has regulated. Several scholars (e.g., Davids, Harvey and Towner) have noted that this works two ways: respect or piety toward God along with a corresponding respect and consideration toward all who are related to him, namely, our fellow human beings. As G. Green (2008:194) says, "In the ancient world this virtue was understood as the demonstration of due reverence and loyalty to the gods, parents, relatives ... and fellow citizens," so for Peter "the virtue points up the necessity of loyalty to God and to the community in which the readers are embedded."

Yes, Godliness means we have a loyalty to God and to others. That sounds a bit familiar to me. It sounds a lot like something Christ said to a teacher of the law:

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-31

As we gather Sunday, I can't say I would run up to the mark of Godliness to see if I measure up. As a matter of fact, I am certain that I would not even want to glance at the markers. I know I am a bit short (as always). Yet, in my heart I long to grow and be more like Jesus. What's going to help me do that? Well, come Sunday and we will unpack it together.

See you Sunday brothers and sisters,
Pastor Brent

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST - BALLOT FOR SENIOR PASTOR

After prayerful consideration the Elders of the Elizabeth Church of Christ recommend to the congregation the re-appointment of Brent Rutland as Senior Pastor for an ongoing basis, commencing 8th August 2026.

Voting will be held on Sunday 26th July, 2nd and 9th August.



WORSHIP NIGHT *Seek*
An Evening of Praise, Prayer & Worship
JULY 19TH 5:00 PM TONIGHT
"Seek First His Kingdom"
ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST



Monthly Prayer Meetings
Monday 20th July @ 2pm
at Jenny Hughes' House
Thursday 23rd July @ 7pm
at Rod & Chris Row's House



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

OFFICE: 38 Ashfield Rd Elizabeth SA 5112

PHONE: (08) 8255 2467

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9am - 2:30pm

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES: 9am, 10:45am & 2pm

SMALL GROUPS: 5pm

WEBSITE: www.elizabethcoc.org

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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:

- For Mark's message last Sunday encouraging us to have a "fresh encounter with God's word" by reading and exploring the Bible so that we can use His word to bring transformation to our lives.
- The people who have volunteered to help out with the Winter Shelter Trial.

PRAY FOR:

- For families who have recently lost family members. Pray for peace in their time of loss.
- For our maintenance team as they faithfully continue working without several team members who are recovering from surgery and ill health.
- All the people in our church family who have been impacted with colds and flus.
- A temporary replacement to oversee the Café Hope after Alistair retires. Pray for the rest of the Café team as they adapt to the upcoming changes.
- Families who have been affected by marriage breakdowns
- People in the world who have been affected by natural disasters.
- The churches in India that are facing a time of insecurity due to changes in government legislation.
- Those in our community that are sleeping rough in this cold weather.
- Pray for those in the world who are affected by hostile environments.

Phil.2: 3-5 „Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.”



Sunday 19th July – Sunday Lunch @ Café Hope

Sunday 19th July – Worship & Prayer Night 5pm

Tuesday 21st July – Prayer with Elders

Wednesday 22nd July – MumCo

Tuesday 28th July – Talk N Do



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

*We are
Gathered
in His Name*



Diary of a Church Mouse...

Ferdinand

I noticed on Sunday there were a few people missing from Church during the service. I know it is holidays so some families are away enjoying family time. Some are off visiting family in different states and awaiting the arrival of new family members! But I know some people have been away from church as they haven't been well. It is a time of year when the colds and flu's spread around. We have had a few people who have had operations on knees, shoulders, eyes and other parts of bodies. These people need time to rest at home and to recover and as a family we are here to help look after each other. (Good thing they can still join in on the livestream!)

Mark talked of the Pastoral Care team in the service on Sunday and all of the things that they do to look out for the people in our church. Praying for, looking out for and making sure people are okay. Visiting people who are in hospital or unwell, helping out with meals or other jobs around the place. As a family we can all help out our friends when they are not well or need some extra care. Have a think of the people around you today and how you can come alongside someone to help them out today, We are all family. We can all be part of the pastoral care of our family.



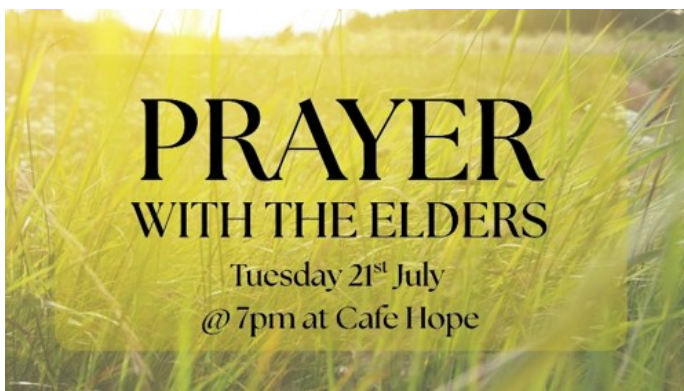
*Ladies' Know Your Bible (KYB) Bible
Studies*

*will recommence on
Wednesday, 22nd July at 12.30pm.*

*We meet in the church main area at
12.30pm, then break into 3
smaller groups for the Bible Study time,
finishing by 2.30pm.*

*This term we will study Romans chapters
9-16. Workbooks cost \$10 each.*

*All ladies are welcome. For more information, contact
Chantel in the Church office*



Together