ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST

the beacon

ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26th April 2026

a beacon of hope

THIS WEEK

Monday

27th April

Tuesday

28th April

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

Wednesday

29th April

MumCo 9.30-11.30am
KYB 12.30pm

Thursday

30th April

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

Friday

1st May

Youth Group 7.00-9.00pm

Saturday

2nd May

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

Sunday

3rd May

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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Pathway of Promise

My grandparents lived about 500m up the road from our place. Although it wasn't far from, because I was young, my parents wouldn't let me walk on the road to their house. Therefore, my memories of going to my Maw Maw and Paw Paw's house was always a delight. We would walk across the driveway, down through a ditch (which was in our yard) into a 100mx100m garden spot. We would cross through the garden spot and into the woods. We would enter the woods via a path. This path would curve left and right around trees and avoiding briar patches until it eventually came out in the edge of my grandparents' yard.

The path was always the exciting bit for me. I loved walking through the woods and kicking the oak leaves during the autumn season. I would also discover huge vines that I could grab and swing on as well as many other wonderful occurrences. I remember my Paw Paw took me down the path one afternoon. We moved about 20ms off the path to an area covered with pine straw and leaves. He then grabbed two large sticks and said, "Watch this." He placed the end of one branch firmly on the ground and then took the other stick and started rubbing up and down on the branch placed in the ground. This caused a vibration to begin to go through the ground and in seconds all these worms (nightcrawlers) began to come slithering to the surface. We used these worms for fishing, and they were everywhere out in the woods once you knew how to get them to come up to the surface. As I mentioned, I loved walking down this path and exploring. Later I realised the path gave me comfort and courage to explore the surrounding woods. The comfort of seeing the path nearby reminded me that I wasn't lost and I could always get home. The path became my constant. I loved the path.

If we fast track about 10 years, I now have a brother who built a house on the other side of my parents. There were also woods in between Wayne's (my brother) house and mine. I am a bit older now but still loved exploring in the woods. However, tracking to his house was not as easy. There is no path to bring confidence or even to get there easily. I had to forge my own path. I had to work out what is the quickest and best way to get to my brother's house. This took several months of winding through the woods, removing some briars and other obstacles from what would become a new pathway. I had to also make sure there were no holes on what would become the new found path. I eventually did it, but it gave me new respect for the path I had walked for years to my grandparents. Someone before me had walked that path and created a way forward. I now understood how hard that would have been. I am now gaining my own appreciation for shaping a path.

Our spiritual journey is very much the same. The path (God's constant presence) is our place of comfort and certainty. As we explore life's journey there are remarkable things to discover, but there are areas that can be dangerous and worth avoiding if possible. Yet, knowing the path of God's presence in nearby, we are filled with courage and comfort.

There is something to note, however. Our path with God has to be forged by ourselves. Why? Walking someone else's path doesn't help us to discover God personally. It is only when we venture into the frontier of faith that we will discover God for ourselves. I really enjoyed walking the path to my grandparents. Although I now have realistic understanding of the path after I pioneered one. Your faith is your journey. You can't walk the path of another and fully grasp what caused this path to be shaped. We must live out our own faith.

God can and will use the difficulty of working out your own salvation to establish this pathway. Imagine a path being shaped through those difficult moments you are facing. As you encounter them (with God) and overcome them, you have now created a path through the trial. This pathway becomes your comfort if you ever face that trial again. Why? Because it establishes God's presence in the trial (He will never leave you nor forsake you). The path becomes a place for you and Him to always be connected and for you to always know his presence. A place you grow and learn to love him in the deepest facets of life and its trails. We need these pathways. They establish our ability to keep walking in the faith and letting God fulfil his promise in our lives.

12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.
Philippians 2:12-13

Keep living by faith, Pastor Brent

SALVATION STORIES

If you would like to share your salvation story with the church please get in touch with Brent and let him know. We would love for you to share your story in a Community Connection Spot during a Sunday service.

This year the Elizabeth Church of Christ is a collection point for Buddy Blankets, so bring your cleaned crisp/chip packets into church and place them in the collection box each Sunday.

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 from the book of Isaiah, highlighting how Christ the Messiah, the Son of God, The Creator and Saviour of the World would be called a servant and how it gives us a fresh perspective on how we as followers of Jesus, the Servant of the Lord are also called to serve.
- The young people in our congregation who are stepping up and accepting active rolls within our church family.
- The crisp mornings and warm days of autumn.

PRAY FOR:

- Those in our community who are trapped in violent or abusive family situations.
- God's leading and wisdom as our Elders and Management team met together on Tuesday night.
- Those in our church who are not well. May they find God's peace in their time of recovery.
- Pray for Val Stafford who will be having an angiogram on 30th April to determine how much damage has been done to her heart after a recent Influenza A infection.
- Those people who are caring for family members who are sick or elderly.
- Pray for the visitors who come to our church that we make them feel included and welcome.
- Pray for those who are affected by the current war conflict.

Isaiah 53:5: "But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, by His wounds we are healed."

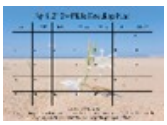
Saturday 25th April – Anzac Day
Sunday 26th April – Youth Fundraising Lunch
Wednesday 29th April – MumCo
Tuesday 5th May – Talk N Do

Bring your Alabaster Boxes THIS SUNDAY

Grace Women's Conference 30 May 2026
Registration open now
https://www.graceconference.org.au/

LIFE IN THE DUST:

Adelaide's Men's Convention - Saturday 16th May @Concordia College Register now @ https://www.adelaidemensconvention.org/



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

KIDS MIN CURRICULUM in Term 2 is called **"Eternity and Beyond."**

Kids will set off on an adventure, taking on the role of space explorers. Along the way, they will learn about the most important mission in the galaxy: following Jesus. The mission is full of adventure and challenges, but it comes with the ultimate reward: those who follow Jesus will spend all eternity with Him in heaven.

The MEMORY VERSE FOR TERM 2: "Fight the good fight along with all other believers. Take hold of eternal life. 1Timothy 6:12a

KID'S MINISTRY VISIT TO SALISBURY FIRESTATION FRIDAY 8TH MAY 6:30 PM -7:30 PM: An excursion to the Salisbury Fire Station has been planned for Friday 8th May. We have received 20 RSVP's and we still have room for 20 more so if you would like to come please come see me. Children must be 4 years and older.

MISSIONS GIVING: For the month of April and early May the children will be raising money to support the firemen in the local community who keep them safe. We plan to buy packet mixes to bake cupcakes, biscuits or chocolate brownies to take to the Salisbury Fire station on the 8th May. It would be great if families would bake one packet mix with their child to bring on the night. In May and June we will continue raising funds to purchase two Bibles in the native language of the country we decide to send them to which will enable Pastors to study and spread the word of God within their communities, and to buy 4 fruit trees. Our target is $100. So far this year we have reached $42.

SONGS FOR THE TERM 2 FAMILY SERVICE: The date for the family service is Sunday 28TH June at 10 am.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=2uS09nzZW-M For the Family Service Term 2 "Revolutionary" - by Josh Wilson

We are also learning the books of the Bible. These songs will help.

https://youtu.be/3rEp-8AmmnU?si=kApo6dlHH9fjSec5 Books of the Old Testament

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8njRidwOhM&list=RDR8njRidwOhM&start_radio=1 Books of the New Testament

FACEBOOK PAGE: I am very thankful to Julia Hill who is managing our Facebook page for Kids Min. Take the time to see what is on there. The Facebook page is by invitation only, so if you have not been able to access it let us know and we will send you an invitation.

We are so blessed to have so many young families in our church and we love working with your children. Pray for our children that they will come to a saving faith in Jesus and for our Leaders that they will be led and empowered by God's Spirit as they work with the children.

Blessings,
Anne Carr (Kid's Ministry Coordinator)

The Gospel of Luke
Part 3

All ladies welcome

Study starts Wednesday 29th April

Studies are weekly on Wednesdays

12.30pm to 2pm in the Chapel
Cost of books $10

Contact the church office for more information

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