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ELIZABETH CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13th August 2017

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Colossians 4:5-6

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

Following on from Brent's powerful message on the **Great Commission** last Sunday, this morning Naomi Mathiesen will help us learn how to put that challenge into practice!

Naomi presented this message to the MOPS mums some time ago, and we believe will help us grow in our witness to those around us. You are also encouraged to reflect on this passage from Paul's letter to the Colossians;

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Col 4:2-6

We welcome **Ben Sarre** from **Habitat for Humanity** to our morning services today. Ben will inform us about this amazing international organisation which has been enabling people to own their own home all over the world for many years, including here in Playford!

Continuing our emphasis on being transformed as disciples of Christ the Term 3 study **Understanding the Bible** will continue at 5.00pm tonight with Rob Ferguson, along with **special activities for the children and youth**



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preparing them for mission! See the recently published brochure for more information about these and also many other opportunities to go deeper in your discipleship journey.



CHURCH PLANT PRAYER AND INTEREST MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

There is another opportunity for people to hear more about the new church being planted in Andrews Farm next Sunday, August 20th. There will be a time of worship, prayer and sharing about the next steps as this new Baptist Church takes shape. The gathering will start at 6.00pm at St Columba College, President Avenue, Andrews Farm.



The Vanuatu Short Term Mission Trip is coming soon. This is our church reaching out in global mission, transforming communities.

Mark in your diary the next fundraising event, the Spring Fair on Saturday 26th August.

Any donations would be very much appreciated; baking, jams & preserves; plants, books, clothing, toys etc. See Chris Fazakerley or Val Zerna for more details.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY

14th August

TUESDAY

15th August

Talk N Do 9am
Girls Brigade 6.30-8.00pm

WEDNESDAY

16th August

Young Mum's Study

9.30am - 11am

Esther

KYB 12.30pm
Worship Practice 7.30pm

THURSDAY

17th August

ONE50 Dance 3.45pm

FRIDAY

18th August

Engage Youth 6.30pm-8.30pm

SUNDAY

20th August

9am Worship Service

10.30am Worship Service

2pm Grace Community Church Service

5:00pm Small Groups



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PEOPLE AND PRAYER

- The next **Pastoral Care meeting** will be held at the Church on Monday **14th August** at 2.45pm. If you have any pastoral care needs or concerns, please contact Brent Rutland or one of the other members of the Pastoral Care Team.
- This week's focus is on **The Global Missions Team**. Every month the Team (Val & Mark Zerna, John Mathiesen, Celian Kidega, Ben Mendekia and Cheryl & Steve Hudson) meet to report, discuss, pray for and put into action any Global Mission opportunities that may arise. Another function of the group is to prayerfully allocate money from our Church's "Giving to Others Fund" on a regular basis and also as a one off donation to various Mission groups or people i.e. South Sudan and GMP. Thanks guys!
- As the **Vanuatu Team** prepare for their short term Mission trip to Vanuatu at the end of September, **please pray**: that all that God has purposed will be accomplished so that God's name will be glorified. For great wisdom and cultural sensitivity for the leaders of the team. For excellent relationships within the team and with the Ni Vanuatu people. That hearts will be humble and open to all that God wants to teach.
- Also for the safety and practical needs of the team as they travel and work on Tanna.
- We **praise God** that the shipping **containers have reached Port Vila** and pray that they will be on Tanna by the time the Team arrive in September.
- Last Saturday at the **Seniors' Lunch**, 70 people thoroughly enjoyed the tasty food and greatly appreciated the message brought to them by Doug Freer's music plus Meg Popham's testimony. Thank you to the team who set up, cooked and cleared away afterwards. They say the decorations were outstanding as well!
- Praise God for the wonderful time of celebration last Sunday as **Brent Rutland** was **commissioned** as the new Senior Pastor of Elizabeth Church of Christ and **Lindsay Mayes** was **commissioned**, along with the support of several others to begin the new Andrews Farm Church plant. May God lead us into the future with praise and thanksgiving for all He has done and will do.
- **Sam Chowns** would like to say "thank you" for the anonymous gift left in her pigeonhole recently. Also, we thank **Sam & Andy** and **Lorraine** for their creative table settings at the Seniors Lunch, and Andy for his handyman skills in securing the round tables
- Last Sunday we had over **40 visitors** worshipping with us for the Commissioning Service. Doug Walladge (State President Churches of Christ), Mayor Of the City of Playford, Glenn Docherty, Lee Odenwalder (Member of Parliament), Andrew Turner (Baptist Churches of SA), Graeme & Bronwyn Rogerson, Bryan & Jill Sellars (NCOH), Daryl Sapsford (Gawler Baptist Church) and so many others. Other visitors were Mikaela, Heather, Maisie, Elsie and Kaitlyn. Great to have you with us and we pray you were truly blessed by the time you spent with us.



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BECOMING ONE
DISCOVERING GOD'S HEART FOR MARRIAGE

This will be a great opportunity for all married couples to invest into their marriage with clear and strong Biblical teaching. See Brent for more information.

Commissioning of Brent Rutland as Senior Pastor last Sunday morning



The Church Plant team being commissioned last Sunday morning.

Special guests Lee Odenwalder MP, Churches of Christ State President Doug Walladge and Playford Mayor Glenn Docherty following last Sunday's commissioning service.



COMING EVENTS

17-18th August – Lifewell Conference 2017
20th August – Prayer & Interest Meeting for Andrews Farm Church Plant
26th August – Spring Fair for Vanuatu fundraiser – starting at 9.00am
31st August – Church-wide Prayer Meeting – 7.00pm
8th September – Ironmen – 7.00pm
27th - 29th October - Marriage Weekend - see Brent Rutland