



## Welcome

We're really glad you could join us! We hope you find warm friendship with us and clear practical help to follow Jesus. You might like to note the following

- Toilets are located at the rear of the Church
- A parents' room is available in the church. Care is provided in the cottage during the second half of the service for children 0-3 years.
- If you have a hearing aid, switch it to "T" to access our induction loop.



## For Your Prayer

- Pray for the country of Iraq. The Iraqi government discriminates against Christians in various contexts. Blasphemy laws can be used to punish Christians who try to spread the gospel. Properties owned by Christians who fled the country during the war have been illegally seized. Pray for an end to violence in Iraq, and for the country to have lasting peace. Pray God would turn the hearts of Iraq's leaders to Him, strengthening them to lead with wisdom and mercy. Praise God for the opportunities Iraqi believers have received to share the gospel. Pray the gospel will continue to spread.
- Pray for the COVID-19 response. Pray for a sense of calm as we seek to navigate the difficulties of receiving the best vaccines for our population.
- Pray for our Church. Pray for our small groups and small group leaders that they would grow in knowledge of the word, love for each other and a heart for the things of God.
- Pray for the Applebys in Cambodia. Pray for our small groups and small group leaders that they would grow in knowledge of the word, love for each other and a heart for the things of God.
- Pray for the Queen and the royal family as they grieve the loss of Prince Philip.



## What's Happening?

### Prayer on ZOOM

For the month of April we will have the meeting every Wednesday at 7am. All are welcome. The link is on Facebook and can be sent if requested.

### Focus for April – Family Devotions

How do you start a family devotions with your children, here are some ideas from Sandy Galea (Kidswise)

- It's never too early to begin reading the Bible to children. From a very young age establish the routine - Bible, bath, bed (or bath, Bible, bed).
- Establish a regular time when you read the Bible with your child (breakfast, dinner or bedtime).
- Regular and short is better than irregular and drawn-out.
- Use age-appropriate Bibles.
- As children grow older, encourage everyone in the family (adults as well as children) to ask one
- Be creative - draw, dramatise or retell the Bible story. Use dress-ups, lego, toys, collage, paint, or playdough

### School Holidays

The regular activities of the Church will start back tomorrow! There will be a modified Kids' Church for 0-12 at the usual time.

### Change of Service Times

From today our services times have changed to Charlestown 9am and 10:30am. We will have a combined morning tea at 10am for both services. So if you normally come to the first service, please try and stay for morning tea as well, and if you normally come to the second service please come early for morning tea! Why not come to morning tea today?

### Webbs Visit

Our link missionaries the Webbs are visiting us on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April and will be speaking about the work in Broome at all our services. They will also be returning on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April for lunch (12-1:45pm) and dinner (6:30-8:30pm) for a meal together (please bring a plate) and a more detailed discussion on their work in Broome and the work of the gospel amongst Aboriginals in rural Australia.

### Working Bee | Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 8am

The Charlestown Church is planning to have a working bee. There will be lots of jobs, big and small, skilled and unskilled. Please come and help keep our buildings in their best possible shape.

### Church Giving

It would be great if you are able to give any freewill offerings via bank transfer. Our bank details are BSB: 062829 Account: 10194850. Please write "Charlestown" or "Swansea" in the description field, depending on which church you attend. If you would prefer to give cash, there is now an offering box in the entrance way to the church at Charlestown.

### Church Directory

This term we want to update our Church directory so we are asking everyone during May to go to Elevanto and check their family's details, update them if necessary and send a recent picture to Liz. There will also be a paper copy to tick off from next Sunday. This is a big undertaking but if we all do our little bit we will have a great outcome.

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**Readings:** Isaiah 5:1-7, John 15:1-17

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2. Communion with Christ



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



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