



## 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 India. The country is in chaos at the moment following the second outbreak of COVID-19. Pray for the many people who have lost their jobs in rural India because of the pandemic. Pray God would provide for them and the churches would continue to show mercy to the poor. Pray for peace and comfort during this time of crisis.
- Pray for our missionary Josh Montzka (Power to Change, Melbourne). Thank God Josh recently found somewhere to move into and that his work is progressing well. Pray for his family that they would come to know Jesus. Pray for Josh for improved spiritual and mental health. Pray for wisdom to make decisions that best glorify God.
- Pray for our church's building project. Pray for Stephen as he seeks to consult with various ministries. Pray for unity as a church in how best to go forward. Pray we would be missional with our planning.
- Pray for men in church. Thank God for men's breakfast. Pray for friendships to grow. Pray for men to grow in holiness. Pray for dads that they would love and lead by example in their homes.
- Pray for Women of Truth Conference on 29<sup>th</sup> May. Pray it would grow women in faith, hope and love.
- Pray for the word to do its work among us. Thank God his word is powerful and at work in us. Pray we would have a hunger to hear the word and grow.



## What's Happening?

### Focus for May – Mission

Jesus' last words in the Gospel of Matthew were "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have

commanded you.". We are disciples who are sent to make other disciples. This should be happening in our local area but also beyond our backyards and across the world. The challenge for all of us is to have this global perspective. We are not Australian Christians we are world Christians so what can each of us do to be partners in this sort of world mission?

### Church Buildings

Over the next few weeks we are trying to think about what we might do with our church buildings. We would love everyone's feedback in one of two ways. You could fill out our survey online or via a paper copy at the door of the Church. Also Stephen is visiting all our small groups and ministry activities to talk to them about our needs. Please pray for our future plans.

### Elvanto

This has the capacity of greatly reducing our workload if we all could get into the habit of using it. Please when you are looking for service details, people's mobiles etc. can we try to go to Elvanto first.

### Church Picnic | Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 12:15pm

Please join us for a church picnic at Speers Point Park. The picnic will provide a great opportunity for fellowship. We will meet on the grassed area, closer to the children's playground. BYO lunch and picnic blanket/chairs. Further information, contact Simon Mulready 0404 942 544.

### Women of Truth | Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 8:45am - 12:30pm

Meet together with women of the Hunter for a time of teaching, fellowship and encouragement. This year it will be held at Metford Baptist Church. Cost \$25. Register by 21<sup>st</sup> May. For enquiries contact Linda 0422 014 250.

### Kids' Church Training Day | Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 11:45am - 1:45pm

All teachers and helpers involved in kids' church this year, would you please keep this time free to attend our training day in the church building. This is a great time to learn what is happening this year, learn some more skills to help you lead, meet with other team members and pray together. Contact Suzie for more information.

### Kids' Spot

In our last week learning from Proverbs, we look at some farmers and ants to help us learn that when we work hard we are both loving God and loving others! Question for the week: What is the pattern God showed us in creation for work and rest?

### Financial News

<i>Budget for March 2021</i>	\$24,005
<i>Actual for March 2021</i>	\$24,775
<i>Surplus for March</i>	\$770
<i>Deficit for Jan - March 2021</i>	\$8,452

This is the first time we have reached budget this year. Many thanks to those who are sacrificially supporting the work of the church.

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1. Paul's motives

2. Paul's methods

3. Paul's maternal instinct



# Charlestown

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Gospel Truth. God's Love. Real Change.*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021**



**Gospel Work  
Services**

**Charlestown: 9:00am & 10:30am & 6pm**

**Swansea: 8am**

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