



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 Albania. Albania remains one of Europe's poorest countries, hindered by inadequate energy and transportation infrastructure, corruption, and high emigration rates. Pray for spiritual maturity in Christians who come from a long history of communism, atheism, or Islam. Pray for Christians to seize opportunities available through religious freedom by ministering to Muslims. Pray for more workers to train nationals to effectively proclaim the Gospel to their country.
- Pray for Born Alive Bill. Pray that the government will adopt MP George Christensen's bill. This bill seeks to ensure that babies born alive in failed abortions will receive essential medical care and pain relief.
- Pray for our national leaders. Pray that God will help these political leaders discern truth and make decisions that keep the door open for the preaching of the Gospel, stand up for the unborn, and protect family and parental rights.
- Pray for kids' church. Pray for training next Sunday that it would be a time where the leaders are equipped and encouraged to continue their work. Pray for kids that would grow as disciples of Jesus.
- Pray for the Presbyterian Church of Queensland which has been placed into receivership. Pray for our brothers and sisters in Queensland. Pray for wisdom and care; for just and clear solutions. Pray for the elderly with Pres. Care and their families and staff that they would not worry but entrust themselves to God.



What's Happening?

Focus for May – Mission

Our Church is involved in four aspects of mission – link missionaries, link churches in Vanuatu and Wee Waa, holistic mission organisations like TEAR,

Compassion, Open Doors and Samaritans Purse and lastly using creation care as a way of looking after God's good creation to reach ordinary Aussies for Christ. We are about to build a community garden to make a link with our local community. And we also want to support the work of A Roche Australia as it pioneers ways of being good students of the environment and good teaching on how we can use the environment to point people to Jesus. Are there other ways where Creation Care can connect us with others in such a way that we can point them to Jesus?

Church Buildings

Many thanks to all those who completed our online survey. We hope to summarise the results and give you a position paper in the next few weeks.

Church Directory

Have you updated your family details yet for our Church Directory? If yes, thank you. If not please do it this week so that we can ensure everyone's details are correct.

Elvanto

We are also hoping that everyone is up and running with Elvanto by the end of this week. If you need any help we can provide one on one help to get you started on Elvanto or to deal with any problems that you have. To access this help please speak to Steve Gillard, Liz Hyslop, Stephen or Jon.

Gospel Hope in an Uncertain World | Wednesday 26th May 7:30-9pm

With the continuing challenges the world faces, the Gospel, Society and Culture committee is launching its first online seminar for the year. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=758245&>. Keynote Speakers on Gospel Hope and Modern Slavery. Also hear live interviews about Youth Mental Health and Finding Hope in COVID-impacted PNG.

Kids' Church Training Day | Sunday 30th 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.

Pets Needed At Playgroup | Thursday 3rd June 10:30-11am

Sparklers playgroup is running a Pets theme day and would love to have some pets come and visit for half an hour. If anyone is free to bring their pet along, please let Suzie know. All sorts of pets are welcome!

Kids' Spot

We continue our series in Malachi looking at Malachi 1:6-2:9 where we will learn that the people and priests disrespected God and gave him their worst. God has given us his very best in Jesus. We are to love and respect God by giving him our best. Question of the week: What are ways we can give our best to God?

Gospel Hope

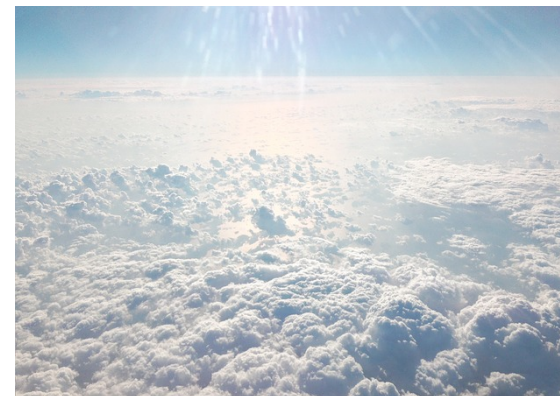
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2. Hope in the face of judgement



Sunday 23rd May 2021



**Gospel Hope
Services**

**Charlestown: 9:00am & 10:30am & 6pm
Swansea: 8am**

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