



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
- Kids' Church begins about 10am and goes until the end of the service
- 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 Jordan: Pray for current religious freedom to remain despite increasing pressure to suppress it. Pray for the multitude of refugees who have crossed into Jordan to clearly hear the true gospel. Pray for Christianity to be held in high regard so that God's work in this strategic part of the Middle East would not be thwarted.
- Pray for King Charles III: "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turns it wherever he will" (Prov. 21:1). God save the king!
- Pray for Josh Montzka: Pray The Four project will work well, enabling sharing of the gospel and will launch soon as planned. Pray for gentleness, grace, civil conversation, and open hearts for the gospel while Josh streams. Pray that everything comes together for #Hack with a big positive impact. Please pray there are no new issues with the Power To Change website.



What's Happening?

Focus for September – Devotions

This month we have been looking at how we might spend quality time with the Lord on a regular basis. We have talked about reading the Bible and prayer but this time might also include singing worship songs, walking in nature, journalling, meditating on a verse of Scripture, Bible memorization, and many other ways of growing in your dependence upon God. Often some things work for a season and then need to be changed up. Other times you hit the right formula for you and can keep going. But it would be good for all of us to consider how we could improve our time with the Lord.



Upcoming Events

23/10/22	Complementarian Seminar	2:30-4:30pm
30/10/22 - 03/11/22	Parsons Visit	
05/11/22	Gala Concert	
19/11/22	Men's Breakfast	
19/11/22	Moderator's Visit	
26/11/22	Gingerbread House Night	
10/12/22	Gather Round Christmas Celebration	

School Holidays

NSW school holidays begin this weekend. That means that our regular church activities go into recess for two weeks while schools are on holidays. The plans for holiday Kids' church over the Sundays during school holidays are: All children will start in the church building as usual. When it is time for the children to leave - Sprouts/crèche go to the crèche room in the cottage as usual, Seedlings and Saplings (preschool to year 2) go to the church hall, kids in years 3-4 have the option of going to the hall or staying in church, kids in years 5-6 are to stay in church. Kids' activity sheets will be left in the back row of seats in the church for the kids staying in church.

Term 4 Training

For the first two weeks of term 4 we are closing down our small groups and running some ministry training times. We hope to be running sessions on sound, welcoming, reading the Bible in public, praying in public, visiting on behalf of the church, connecting with missionaries, leading a small group, family and catechism, and personal evangelism. You will get to choose the Session you want to do. Unfortunately not every session will be held on every occasion. The plan is that we will meet at the Charlestown Church/Hall on Tuesday 11th and 18th October (6:45pm BYO meal, 7:30-8:30pm training) or Wednesday 12th and 19th October (12:15pm BYO lunch, 1-2pm training). More details to come.

Christmas Boxes

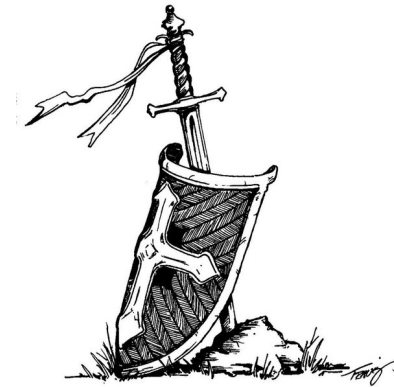
There are again three options for boxes this year; fill a box yourself, collect a box and \$8 pack and provide some extras, or pay \$10 to have a box filled on your behalf. Each option also requires \$10 postage per box. For payment, please give to the Church account with the description Christmas. For questions please speak to Kathryn O or visit the Samaritan's Purse website. <https://occ.samaritanspurse.org.au/>

The Secret Weapon

Readings: Isaiah 63:15-64:12, Matthew 26:36-44, Ephesians 6:10-20



Sunday 25th September 2022



The Secret Weapon Services

Charlestown: 9:45am & 6pm
Swansea: 8am

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Songs: Heavenly Father, Beautiful Son
Christ Our Hope in Life and Death
A Christian's Daily Prayer
O Church Arise

Sunday 25th September

Welcome & Prayer

Song Holy, Holy, Holy

Bible reading Matthew 26:36-34

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Song What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Bible reading Romans 8:26-27, Ephesians 6:10-20

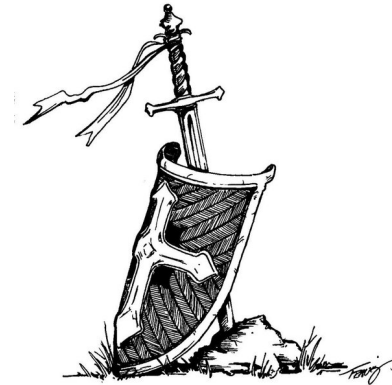
Sermon The Secret Weapon

Song Who Is On the Lord's Side?

Closing Prayer



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