

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 o-3 years.
- If you have a hearing aid, switch it to "T" to access our induction loop.



For Your Prayer

- Pray for Kuwait: Pray for God to use His unlimited resources to make Himself known to Muslims. Pray for the salvation of Kuwaitis studying in nations where the Gospel is openly proclaimed. Pray for expatriate believers to be fearless speakers of truth.
- Pray for our government: Pray they will seek peace and wisdom. Pray they will defend truth and righteousness.
- Pray for the Christmas season: And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people." Pray that many Australians will meet the Christ of Christmas. Pray that many would believe in Him and find true joy and peace.
- Pray for the Applebys: Give thanks for Sarah as she finishes her final medical exam and will start work as an intern. Pray for the HOPE school's 20th anniversary event and staffing needs. Pray for wisdom with plans regarding Ruth's diagnosis and treatment needs and that she would be able to be in Cambodia for the weeks between her operation and radiotherapy to attend celebration events.



What's Happening?

Focus for December - Christmas

Life is manic at the moment and that is why we need the manger! In the midst of the busyness of life, if we pause for a while we see God slowly going about his business, bringing about our salvation. Conception. Birth. Growing up. 30 years. Everything happens pretty slowly at first before Jesus begins to step out of the Nazareth shadows. If we stop and reflect on that it might help us when our world moves past us at a break neck speed. Maybe the greatest gift of Christmas is the opportunity to step off the treadmill

and be reminded of what is truly important. Don't forget that this year!



Upcoming Events

18/12/22 Christmas Carols

24/12/22 Christmas Eve Service 6pm Charlestown 25/12/22 Christmas Day Service 8am Swansea

Christmas Day Service 9:30am Charlestown

Vanuatu Trip

Please keep praying for those going on a short-term mission trip to Vanuatu in January. There are seven of them; Cheryl & Caleb Gillard, Jannah Pittman, Juliette McAlister, Luke Wigney, Rebecca Causley and Stephen Taylor/ If you would like to sign up for prayer updates or support the cost of materials for our projects, please see either Stephen or Cheryl G.

School Holidays

NSW school holidays begin later on this week which means that many of our regular activities in the Church will go into recess very soon. Before they do can we take some time to thank the leaders of our different groups, that is almost 100 people! Thank you so much! We ask the Lord to bless you in the same way that you have blessed us.

Discipleship Group

In 2023 we are starting a weekly home group focussed on discipleship for Christians of any age. If you would like to know more please chat with Stephen Taylor or John and Miranda Harris.

Gather Round Christmas Celebration

Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make last night such a great night.

Kids' Church Presentation | Sunday 11th December

This morning is our time to celebrate what we have learned this year at Kids' Church and to thank God for all that he given us this year. This means the kids will perform some items in Church before receiving their prizes and having their own celebration. A special thanks to all the teachers who have spent so much time and effort in teaching and to Suzie who each year does a mammoth task of coordinating our Kids Church programme and teachers.

Kids' Church over the School Holidays

Holiday kids church is on! 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 as usual, Seedlings and Saplings 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 building for kids staying in church.

Rome coming!

Readings: Acts 27:1-26, Acts 28:11-31

1. Travelling to Rome

2. Teaching in Rome

3. Transitioning from Rome

Songs: Almighty Maker

This is Amazing Grace Will Your Anchor Hold? Facing a Task Unfinished



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Services

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

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Welcome & Prayer

Song All Creatures of Our God and King

Bible reading Acts 27:1-26

Announcements

Song Servants of the Gospel

Pastoral Prayer

Bible reading Acts 28:11-31

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Song Will Your Anchor Hold?

Closing Prayer



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