



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 North Korea: Pray for the Almighty God to deliver a nation long-enslaved by a brutal regime. Pray for the Church to persevere and multiply amid horrific persecution. Pray for Truth to reign and liberate the nation from the regime's indoctrination and lies.
- Loving Father, may we see you as love, not with anxious and doubtful thoughts, nor questioning your good-will and kindness, but seeing in your heart the fountain of all goodness. May we not look on you as a frowning father, but a Father who is most kind and tender.
- Pray for the Applebys: Pray for Ruth's second operation in early Feb and planning for radiotherapy. Please pray for Lydia's schooling as it is disrupted being in Australia, and for wisdom for Gilbert and Ruth through this time.



What's Happening?

Focus for January – Rest & Refresh

At the start of the year, you don't want to hurry around like you did prior to Christmas, you instead want to take some time to stop, to rest, to relax and refresh. So how can we do that? Why don't we start with prayer. Trying to find extra times this week to spend time with God. Thanking him for the good things of 2022, praying for the issues that worry you the most and committing yourself to him for 2023. Could you find a time every day this week for example for 5, 10, 15, 30 minutes just to pray? For if we can be refreshed spiritually that will go a long way to help us be ready for all the twists and turns the new year will bring us. All our regular activities will go into recess until the NSW Public School Holidays end on Friday 27th January. Please take that time to rest and refresh – come to Church on a Sunday and

enjoy a rest from Church activities for the rest of the week.

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.

TEAR Fund

During the Christmas services we had a retiring offering for the work of TEAR Fund. As a Church we believe that Christmas is a great time to think about those less fortunate than ourselves. There is still chance to contribute, if so pick up a brochure from the front table.

Church Camp | 3rd - 5th March 2023

For your diaries.

Studies in Discipleship

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.

Vanuatu Mission

A team of seven people are on two projects (painting the Church at Wahala and helping build extra accommodation on the Hog Harbour Presbyterian Church site). They will also be encouraging the locals through personal relationships as well as running kids' and youth nights, teaching on discipleship and leadership, preaching at services and strengthening the strategic partnership that we have with these two communities that has been going for the last six years. Please pray for them.

Church Giving

Would you like to give regularly to the work of the church so that our ministries can be sustained or even grow? If so the easiest way is by setting up a direct debit from your bank account. You just decide you much you would like to give on a weekly basis and then organise that amount to go to our Church each week. If you would like help to set it up then please speak to Letitia. Otherwise, the Church Bank details are Charlestown Eastlakes Presbyterian BSB 062-829 Account 10194850

Kids and Families Worker

With Suzie leaving our position in January this year, we will be advertising and interviewing prospective candidates for her replacement in February/March this year. This position is for approximately 8-10 hours per week. For more information, please see Jon or Stephen.

A Searching Psalm

Readings: Psalm 139:1-12, Psalm 139:13-24

1. God knows

2. God goes

3. God grows

4. God's foes

5. God shows

Songs: Hallelujah to the King of Kings
Jesus is the King
Search Me O God
Take My Life



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

Sunday 1st January 2023



**A Searching Psalm
Services**

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

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Welcome & Prayer Sunday 1st January

Song Immortal, Invisible

Bible reading Psalm 139:1-12

Announcements

Song Undivided

Pastoral Prayer

Bible reading Psalm 139:13-24

Sermon A Searching Psalm

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Song Search Me O God

Closing Prayer



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