



Welcome

We're really glad you could join us! We hope you find warm friendship and clear practical help to follow Jesus. You may 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.
- A prayer group that runs from 9:00-9:30am each Sunday at the front of the Church. All welcome.
- If you have a hearing aid, switch it to "T" to access our induction loop.



For Your Prayer

- Pray for South Africa: Pray for reconciliation among all races. Pray for healing and support for those affected by HIV/AIDS. Pray for missionaries who invite slum-dwellers to become children of the King.
- Pray for our nation: Pray for more Australians to be alert, engaged, and wise in political matters. Pray that political issues wouldn't divide the church, but we would be united to speak up to defend the most vulnerable from abortion and euthanasia.
- Pray for the sick and suffering: Pray the Lord would have mercy on them. Pray the eternal God would be their refuge. Pray God would shine on them and give them strength.
- Pray for the Parsons: Pray for Steven and Sandra as they prepare to serve remotely from Australia for the short term. Pray for Steven's short trip to Japan as he prepares for this role. Pray for peace for Sandra as she grieves and determines what her role will be in Australia, and for this difficult decision.



What's Happening?

Focus for February – Vision

Our aim this year is to "Preach the Kingdom of God boldly and without hindrance" (Acts 28:31). Our desire is to unify around the growth of the Kingdom of God and to ensure we are not working against what God wants to be done in this place. Our hope is that this gives us a sense of purpose where we can all find what our part to play is and then prayerfully rely on Him to do it through us.



Upcoming Events

03/03/23	JOY – Belmont 16-Footers	10:00-11:00am
12/03/23	Lord's Supper	
26/03/23	Annual Congregational Meeting	11:30am
02/04/23	Family Fun Day	

Church Camp

We have had a tremendous response to our Camp over the weekend of March 3rd-5th. For those who are unable to join us we will be running all three of our services at their regular time. We will be a bit short staffed so if you can help out in any way please let Stephen, Jon or Liz know.

Small Groups

We have had a number of new people come to our Church in the last few months. One way to get to know others is by joining a small group. Just speak to Jon or Stephen or one of the elders.

World Day of Prayer | Friday 3th March 11am

The theme is "I have heard about your faith". At Swansea it will be at the Caves Beach Uniting Church. All welcome.

Church Soccer

If you are interested in playing and would like to commit to our church's soccer team, we would love to have you. We love having inviting our friends into our teams so feel free to invite a friend. Soccer is played each Saturday from April until the end of August. For more information or to participate, contact Cheryl G on 0438 527 307.

Women's Event | Saturday 25th March 2-4pm

Join us for afternoon tea and encouragement together at the Church Hall. RSVP by 20th March to Linda on 0422 014 250 or Jannah on 0490 956 147 for catering purposes.

Swansea SRE Information Event | Sunday 5th March 5pm

If anyone is interested in the work of SRE in our local schools there is a BBQ to be held at Swansea Baptist to discuss SRE in 2023. See Stephen for more details.

Children and Families Worker

We are currently looking for a person who is willing to be our Children's Worker from Term 2, 2023. For a full job description and for details of our remuneration package see Jon or Stephen. Applications close 1/3/23.

Offerings for January

Budget offerings for January	\$31,333
Actual offerings for January	\$26,796
Deficit for January	\$4,537

Prodigal God

Readings: Luke 15:1-10, Luke 15:11-32

1. The younger son

2. The older son

3. The gracious God

Songs: Only A Holy God
Jesus Paid It All
O Breath of Life
Amazing Grace

AM Sermon Series: Jesus' Parables: The Sting in the Tale

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05/03 Luke 10:25-37 Faithful in little...
12/03 Luke 10:25-37 Are you a sheep or a goat?



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Sunday 26th February 2023



**Prodigal God
Services**

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

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Welcome & Prayer

Song Immortal, Invisible

Bible reading Luke 15:1-10

Announcements

Song By Faith

Pastoral Prayer

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Sermon Prodigal God

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Closing Prayer

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