

#### 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 o-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 Ethiopia: Pray for a resurgence of the deep Christian beliefs held by this nation from the earliest Church history. Pray for Muslims to know the truth of Jesus Christ and to stop persecuting believers.
- Pray for the NSW State Election, 25 March: Pray for MPs and candidates to share clear, detailed information about their policies and values, so voters can be fully informed and vote wisely.
- Pray for our church: Pray the Lord would make us good soil to receive the good seed of the word. Pray that Christ may be formed in us and live in us so that all our thoughts may be brought into captivity to Him. Pray our hearts will be established in every good work forever.
- Pray for the Applebys: Praise God for the 25,000 people who came to the Gospel Centenary Celebrations. The media and government representatives, including the Prime Minister and his eldest son, saw Cambodian Christians coming together in unity, changing the stereotype that to be Christian was to be a traitor to your culture. Please pray for Ruth and Gilbert as they seek direction for ongoing results and treatment for her cancer in Australia that they be in alignment with God's purposes in and through this situation.



# What's Happening?

#### **Focus for March - Connecting**

How do we connect with someone? There are plenty of ways we could do that. We could talk to them over a cup of coffee; We could invite them over for a meal, you could go for a walk with them, you could introduce them to another Christian person/couple/family; you could invite them to your

home group; you could sit next to them at Church. Or we could be creative and find others ways to do this.



# **Upcoming Events**

12/03/23 Lord's Supper

19/03/23 Kids' Church Training

02/04/23 Family Fun Day

### **Lord's Supper**

The Presbyterian Church tends to have the Lords Supper once a quarter. In this way it can be a way we reconnect with God and think through our relationship with Jesus and his people. Please, if you are able, spend time preparing your hearts and mind for the bread and the wine.

#### **Church Camp**

Many thanks to those who made the camp weekend so successful. It was a lot of hard work for a lot of people but as a Church we certainly enjoyed it!

## **Church Seating**

During our morning services, most of the spare seats are towards the front of the church. To make things easier it would be most helpful if we could fill up the seating from the front of the building, and move towards the middle of each row, also allowing space on the aisle. The back row of seating is made available for families with young children.

### PWA Rally | Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 11am

At East Maitland Presbyterian Church. Bring a sandwich lunch. For more details, speak to Bev Paterson on 0409 571 141.

## **Annual Congregational Meeting**

At our annual meetings we will electing a new elder at Swansea, and at Charlestown we will be discussing forming a Deacons Court, discussing our 2022 finances, agreeing to a 2023 financial budget, making a decision on a possible Church Redevelopment and electing a new CoM for the next 12 months. Please come along and have your say on these important issues.

# Women's Event | Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2-4pm

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

### **Church Redevelopment**

Last weekend the Building Working Group released their recommendations for an extension of the Charlestown Church. Please familiarise yourself with the report they sent to all our regular attenders. This week and next week there will be question and discussion times on these recommendations after each of our Charlestown services. A decision will be made at our ACM.

# Why should I let you into my Heaven?

**Readings:** Matthew 25:31-46

1. Heed

2. Heaven

3. Hell

4. Hope

**Songs:** Sooner Count the Stars

Praise My Soul Behold the Lamb

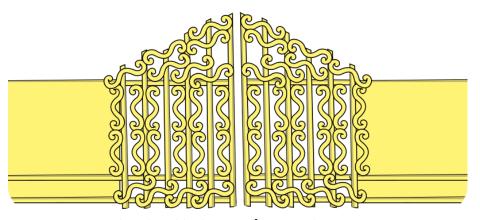
Brother Let Me Be Your Servant

#### **AM Sermon Series: Towards the Cross**

19/03	Matthew 26:1-20	A beautiful thing?!?
26/03	Matthew 26:31-56	The flesh is weak
02/04	Matthew 26:57-27:31	That's not fair!
07/04	Matthew 27:32:66	Putting the good into Good Friday
09/04	Matthew 28:1-20	The reaction to the resurrection



# Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023



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**Services** 

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

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Welcome & Prayer Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Song** O Worship the King

**Bible reading** Matthew 25:14-30

**Announcements** 

**Song** A Christian's Daily Prayer

**Lord's Supper** 

**Pastoral Prayer** 

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#### **Closing Prayer**

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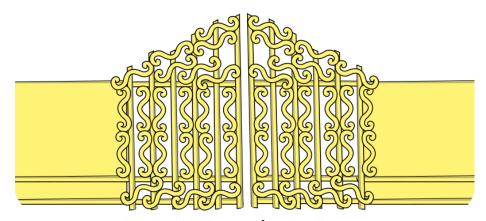
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