



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 Afghanistan: Continue to pray for hope, stability and safety for Afghans – especially Christians. Afghanistan has now overtaken North Korea as the world's worst persecutor of Christians.
- Pray for our communities: Pray for the many people who remain dead in their sins, imprisoned by Satan's deception. Pray the Lord would show His power, grace and mercy to the people of Newcastle by redeeming the lost by Word and Spirit.
- Pray for our church: Pray that we would be faithful witnesses to the truth. Pray for wisdom and understanding, that we would know God's word and be able to communicate it with others. Pray for peace and unity within our church and among all the churches that believe the gospel. Pray division would not taint the message of peace.
- Pray for Compassion: Please pray for children and their families that they may have hope, dignity and restoration. Pray that they may know they are loved, fearfully and wonderfully made, and that they matter. Pray for justice for the world's most vulnerable.



What's Happening?

Focus for April – Easter

As we approach Easter it is important that we again come to grips with the importance of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Without it our faith is futile and we are still lost in our sins. Please try and spend some extra time this week, prayerfully reading one of the gospel accounts of the last week of Jesus' life. What Jesus has done for us is truly amazing and we should always live in the light of it.



Upcoming Events

06/04/23	Last Supper Service	Swansea 4:30pm Charlestown 6:00pm
07/04/23	Good Friday	Swansea 8:00am Charlestown 9:45am
09/04/23	Resurrection Sunday	Swansea 8:00am Charlestown 9:45am Charlestown 6pm

Annual Congregational Meetings

Many thanks to everyone who came and participated in last week's annual meeting. It was a good time for questions, comments and unity. The following decisions were made: Elected Mal Wardrop as a new elder, elected Caleb Gillard, Letitia Wigney, Ean Sutton, Debi Tunnicliffe, and Stuart Blanch to the COM the power to add up to 3 others, approved the Church Building Redevelopment project with \$1.2 million burdge and approval to apply for a \$500,000 loan from the Church trustees, elected a Construction Working Group of Ross Logan, Christ Laity, Stuart Blanch, Ennete Phillis, Cheryl Gillard, plus one to be added, chaired by Stephen Taylor, elected a Mercy Ministries Team of Matt James, Jo Barlow, Robynne Wardrop, and Karen Logan, noted that in November 2023 the Charlestown congregation will turn 100, and thanked all our staff and volunteers for doing a great job.

Easter Fun Day | Sunday 2nd April

Join us after Church today for games, sausage sizzle, craft, Easter egg hunt and more! \$4 pp or \$10 per family, with guests free.

Prayer Meetings

This week we will be closing all our small groups down and replacing them with two church wide prayer meetings. Meetings to be held on Tuesday 4th April (BYO dinner 6:45pm, Prayer from 7:30pm) and Wednesday 5th April (BYO Lunch 12:30pm, Prayer from 1:30pm). There is so much to pray about! We want to keep the Lord at the forefront of all that we do.

School Holidays

Over the school holidays our regular church activities will go into recess. If you would like to serve in any way in Term 2, please let us know.

Marriage Course

The Church is thinking of running the Alpha Marriage Course on either a Thursday night or a Saturday afternoon in Weeks 3-9 of term 2. At the same time we are hoping to have a child minding option. If you are interested in being a part of this, please let Stephen know by Easter Sunday. We will make a final decision based on numbers in late April.

It's just not fair!

Readings: Matthew 27:1-14, Matthew 27:15-31

1. In justice

2. Justice

3. Mercy

Songs: The Chorus of the Saved
With All My Heart
Nothing but the Blood of Jesus
His Mercy Is More

AM Sermon Series: Towards the Cross

02/04 Matthew 26:57-27:31 It's just not fair!
07/04 Matthew 27:32:66 It's time to stand up!
09/04 Matthew 28:1-20 How do you solve a problem like Jesus?



Charlestown

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Services

Charlestown: 9:45am & 6pm

Swansea: 8am

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Sunday 2nd April

Welcome & Prayer

Song Praise to the Lord

Bible reading Matthew 27:1-14

Announcements

Song On A Hill Far Away

Pastoral Prayer

Bible reading Matthew 27:15-31

Sermon It's just not fair!

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Song The Servant King

Closing Prayer

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