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CHRISTIAN CENTRE

CONNECT

APRIL 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

A range of events are coming up this month.

Have a look inside to familiarise yourself with what is taking place in the life of our church.

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BUILDING OPENING

New Life Christian Centre has undergone major facility upgrades.

The new facility will officially be opened this month!

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OUR TIME IN SRI LANKA

Pr Mike and Kelly Groom, and Chrioni and Mikaela Geno, recently travelled to Sri Lanka to visit our children's homes.

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WELCOME TO ACC

Welcome to our April Connect News. We have a number of events coming up this month, including Easter, so please familiarise yourself with the details down below.

In April we are doing '21 Days of Prayer and Fasting' as a church. I trust you are enjoying the daily devotionals and I believe you will experience a break through in the areas you are praying for as you continue to trust in the Lord.

If you haven't joined our Facebook group for '21 Days of Prayer and Fasting', please scan the QR code in the adjacent column. We have posted various prayer points in the group for our different churches. We are also posting the daily devotionals in the group.

Please refer to our website for all information relating to our church ministries, including Equip Training College, children and youth ministry, global missions and more.

You can also look online for all the activities and information relating to Adelaide City Care and Adelaide Christian Schools at www.adelaidecitycare.com.au and www.acschools.edu.au.



MINISTRIES PRAYER

For all details regarding our church ministries, please refer to our church website and Facebook groups.

If you would like to join a mid-week connect group, please contact the church office or visit our website: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/connect/connect-groups/

Grow Kids: www.facebook.com/groups/515902745980537

Elevate Kids: www.facebook.com/groups/elevateacc

Empower Youth: www.facebook.com/groups/empoweryouthacc

Engage Young Adults: www.facebook.com/groups/engagesturtstreet/

Missions Prayer Requests

- Pray for our staff and students at Bethel International Training College in PNG. Our 2025/2026 academic year has begun and we have more than 50 students across four courses.
- Pray for our preschool in Vanuatu. They have begun classes for 2025 but they are still believing for more students to enrol and attend.
- Pray for all of our dedicated missionaries who are serving overseas and in Tennant Creek.

Church Prayer Requests

- Please contact the church office if you have any prayer requests.



INTERNATIONAL FIESTA SUNDAY Sunday 6th April

Our next International Fiesta Sunday is coming up at the start of April. We are looking forward to a multicultural focused service, a market-style lunch with food from different nations, and seeing you all in your national dress!



SENIORS CATCH UP Friday 11th April

All seniors are welcome to join us for our next event. Meet at 10:30am in the chapel for a time of praise, worship, prayer and the Word. A trip to the Botanic Gardens will follow lunch to view the Chichuly Glass Sculptures.



PRAYER AND PRAISE NIGHTS Thursday 10th and Tuesday 15th April

In April we are carrying out '21 Days of Prayer and Fasting' in the life of our church. Everyone is encouraged to join us for two Prayer and Praise Nights. Both nights will run from 6:30-7:30pm and they will be held in the chapel.



EASTER SERVICES Friday 18th and Sunday 20th April

Easter is coming up this month! On Good Friday we will be having a service at 10:00am. On Easter Sunday we will hold our regular 10:00am service but we won't be having a night service. Invite your friends and family along.



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

New Life Christian Centre's New Building Extensions and Refurbishment

We are excited to announce the official opening of our church building will be on Sunday 13th April. It has been a long but exciting journey to reach this point.

The church began as a home group at Mrs McMurtrie's house in the late 1950s, when people stepped out in faith to plant a church in the South. This small gathering soon grew into a vibrant congregation, meeting first at the Old Noarlunga Institute, then the CWA Hall in Port Noarlunga, before purchasing the current site. The church facility was built and extended throughout the late 1960s and 1970s. Over the years, it has been a spiritual home for hundreds, many of whom were saved and baptised here – a wonderful testimony to God's grace.

While we are deeply grateful to past members and pioneers for their vision, sacrifice, and contributions, which provided a debt-free property for the church, it became clear that our ageing 1970s-style building – with its 'dunnies' out the back – needed renewal.

We explored various options, including relocating or a complete rebuild, but ultimately decided to maximise our existing land by refurbishing and extending the facility.

Our journey towards renewal began in the late 2000s when we approached Mr Lin Andrews of Lin Andrews Real Estate (LARE) with a question: "What can we do

with our vacant land across the road to raise capital for a renewed facility?" After much discussion and consultation, we established a property trust to develop the land.

In partnership with the Lin Andrews Property Group (LAPG), we built an office complex and completed other commercial projects for lease or sale through the Trust. These ventures have been truly fruitful, enabling New Life Christian Centre (NLCC) to raise most of the necessary capital while retaining investments through our Property Trust.

Our co-directors for the Trust, Lin and Mr Anthony Moore, have been outstanding in their role, bringing all the expertise and wisdom needed for the Property Trust's success. We are very grateful to them for their hard work over many years, and to the team at LAPG, and LARE.

A core aspect of our partnership is a shared vision to serve Christ, using our talents and resources for His glory and the expansion of His Kingdom.

Our congregation has also given generously to complete the project. Well done, NLCC!

We are immensely thankful to Mr Peter Claridge and the team at Claridge Construction for their excellent work in turning plans and drawings into reality.

In 2023, we launched 'A Time to Build'! We moved operations to the back hall – cramped, but functional. The congregation showed patience and cooperation during this period.

Claridge Construction laid the foundations and began building new

extensions and refurbishing the existing auditorium.

Working with the Claridge team has been a pleasure, and we celebrated ‘handover’ together in late 2024.

It’s an exciting time for our congregation as we enjoy the new facility. In our church we now have dedicated spaces for fellowship, meals, coffee, and ministry, along with a full suite of toilets, a sound room, a babies’ room, and meeting rooms.

Buildings are essential to the family of God, providing a place to gather, serve others, and reach out to the surrounding community with the love and good news of Christ.

Just like the early pioneers, we have stepped out in faith to build afresh for the coming season and future generations.

All glory to God!

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, “I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.”

In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus said, “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

A local church facility is a physical home for the local church – a base of operations for the mission of Jesus Christ.

Pr Greg Crome



OUR TIME IN SRI LANKA

On Monday 10th March, Chrioni and I headed to Brisbane from Port Moresby and then onto Sri Lanka via Singapore the following day. We spent two weeks in Sri Lanka visiting Bethel Children's Home in Valaichenai, and Pr Somanathan's church in Colombo. This was Chrioni's first missions trip and we had a great time.

Mum and dad arrived in Colombo one hour after us. We stayed the night at Pr Somanathan's house before driving to the children's home the next morning. During our first few days, we spent time with the staff and children, enjoyed their Sunday school, and had a great time in our church on our farm property.

Mum and dad made their way back to Colombo after the church service, but Chrioni and I stayed for another week. Chrioni spent the week preparing the kitchen and dining room for painting. This included patching the walls, sanding and cleaning. He was then able to go in and paint the walls and ceilings. Both rooms looked amazing after they received a much-needed paint job.

I spent a large bulk of my time teaching English. Luckily the students were on one-week break during our visit. It was an unexpected holiday, but it worked out so well. I taught from Monday to Friday. The youngest girls were from 10:00-11:00am, the next group was from 11:00am-12:00pm, all the boys were from 3:00-4:00pm, and the oldest girls were from 7:00-8:00pm.





We went over very basic greetings and sentences, played fun games to learn vocabulary words, and learnt how to introduce ourselves. It was great fun, and I believe everyone enjoyed the lessons.

On top of our painting and English classes, I was able to complete some of my general work and spend time playing games with the girls. Chrioni enjoyed playing different sports with the boys - cricket, soccer and volleyball.

We also enjoyed our time getting to know all of our staff members more. The young couple looking after the boys' home are similar age to Chrioni and I. We really enjoyed our afternoons spending time with them.

We spent the weekend in Colombo with Pr Somanathan's church before we headed to Singapore for a few days on our way back to Papua New Guinea. I was given the opportunity to preach, which I really enjoyed. Chrioni was asked to introduce himself and share about his trip so far. He shared very well.

This was my first time preaching with a translator. I have introduced myself through a translator before, but this was my first time delivering a full sermon. I actually enjoyed it. It was very helpful when Pr Somanathan translated my sentences, as it gave me time to think about what to say next.

Chrioni and I both enjoyed our time in Sri Lanka. It was special being able to travel with my husband, usually I am alone or with dad. Dad, I still enjoy travelling with you, but it was fun travelling with Chrioni. We look forward to our next visit!

Mikaela Geno

ONLINE PRESENCE

Web: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au

YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/c/AdelaideChristianCentre

Private Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/SturtStreet/

Public Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/adelaidechristiancentre/

Instagram: [@adelaidechristiancentre](https://www.instagram.com/adelaidechristiancentre)

CONTACT DETAILS

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GIVING DETAILS

Option One: Online Giving

Visit the giving page on our website: www.adelaidechristiancentre.com.au/give/.

Press the 'Give' button under the first option and follow the next steps.

Option Two: Bank Transfer

Account Name: Adelaide Christian Centre

BSB: 065 005

Account Number: 0090 3471

OTHER CHURCH LOCATIONS

New Life Christian Centre

Address: 105 Dyson Road, Christies Beach, SA 5165

Web: www.newlifeonline.org.au

Service Times: 10:00am and 5:30pm

Tennant Creek Christian Family Church

Address: 190 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek, NT 0860

Web: www.tccf.com.au

Service Times: 10:00am and 6:30pm

Faith Center Church

Address: 115 Worley Lane, Walhalla SC 29691, United States

Facebook: www.facebook.com/faithcenterchurchwalhalla

Service Time: 10:00am