

LIFT YOUR EYES

GUILT AND HOPE IN GOD'S WORLD



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TODAY'S SERVICE:

- Welcome
- Songs
- Baptism Ceremony
(Kids leave after this)
- Prayers
- Bible Reading:
Isaiah 6:1-13
- Sermon
- Song
- Lord's Supper
- Song
- Conclusion
- Morning Tea

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Sunday 6 June 2021

Welcome to St Stephen's Willoughby! Great to have you join us this Sunday.

This Sunday we have two great visual moments which help us understand what Jesus offers us. The 1st - a baptism - reminds us that God is offering to wash away all of our failings. The 2nd - Lord's Supper - reminds us that as we rely on Christ, gain our sustenance and support from him, draw him deep into our hearts, we are equipped to serve him. If you are visiting us today and still exploring the person and work of Jesus then feel free to just watch and take in the words and symbols at the centre of each event. On page 2 there are also some prayers you may like to pray during the time when followers of Jesus move to the front to eat the bread and drink the wine/juice.

We hope you find the service thought provoking. We'd love to hear what you thought of your time and to have an opportunity to discuss any questions you had. Please let us know you were here via the QR code.



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Prayers for those not sharing in Lord's Supper

Participation in the Lord's Supper is for those who have professed faith in Jesus - it's a powerful and important symbol of the Christian message. As such we want to encourage those who are still exploring the Christian faith to feel free to remain in their seats when others move to the front to receive the Lord's Supper. During that time you may want to reflect on the sermon or Bible reading. You may also want to pray one of these prayers below.

Prayer for those searching for truth.

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me who you are. Give me an understanding of you that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayers adapted from Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York.

Lord's Prayer

This is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray (Matthew 6:5-14).

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever
Amen

Sermon Notes

Being Sent, Being Saved | Passage: Isaiah 6:1-13

1. Meeting God

2. Sent by God

3. Restored by God

Connect Group Study

1. How comfortable are you with being God's messenger?

Read Isaiah 6

2. Contrast the responses of the Seraphim (vv. 1-4) with the people Isaiah is asked to speak to (vv.9-10). What have the Seraphim understood about God?

3. List the ways Isaiah responds to meeting God?

4. How is meeting God different to meeting famous/powerful people?

5. Consider what Isaiah's response models. What might this call a follower of God to do?

6. Before we are sent we must be saved. How does God treat Isaiah? What is the message behind the Seraphim's actions in vv.6-7?

7. **Read Matt 26:26-27.** How do we take hold of God's offer?

8. How does knowing we were saved before we were sent shape the message and encourage us to deliver it?

Prayer Points

Read Isaiah with us!

Join us as we read through this Old Testament book together. Use these questions to help navigate the book and then share with someone else in the congregation or your Connect Group:

- (a) Is there a message of judgement in this passage? What is it?
- (b) Is hope found in the passage? What is it?
- (c) Consider what Jesus did. Is he alluded to? How does he bring hope to the situation of those hearing Isaiah's judgment?

Monday - Isaiah 6
Tuesday - Isaiah 7:1-17
Wednesday - Isaiah 10:5-14
Thursday - Isaiah 19:1-4
Friday - Isaiah 21:1-10

Notices

Heading Home Questions

Each week our Kidzone team is teaching on material connected to our Sunday morning sermon series. If you are keen to extend the reflection into your family time consider this question:



What do you do if you don't understand a part of God's word?

Serving as part of our Church

One of the ways we grow as Christians is by serving alongside others. Jesus said he came "not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many".

There are many ways to serve. Currently we are keen to encourage musicians in our church to join our music team. Our 9:45am and 5:30pm Services are short of musicians. Sunday music is a great way to help us **celebrate together for the glory of Christ** (one of our mission priorities). If you have a musical skill then please speak to David Krebs or Matt Straw who can give you more details or use the QR code on the front page.



Missionary Prayer Points for June

The missionary committee is: Stephen Buckley, Fred Chilton, Faith Costin, Jim Dale, Topsy Thomson.

Ben & Sally (Luke Cordelia, Rose) BATHGATE

(Church Missionary Society/Mentoring Across Cultures [CMS/MENTAC]- Sydney)

Praise: "For the "Peace Tent" during Ramadan with good contacts made and conversation had."

Prayer: "For Ben's leadership with the MENTAC team and wisdom with direction in all situations."

Mikey & Lil, (Raphy, Max, Zelda) BAYLISS

(Pioneers - Asia)

Praise: "We've all arrived and completed "Covid-19 lockdown - now settling in."

Prayer: "We're getting busy with language learning."

David,(Paul & Simon) BLACKMAN

(Wycliffe Bible Translators [WBT]- Alyawarr Language - Alice Springs, NT)
Praise: “for the success of the Christmas Book translation workshop in Darwin last month (Scripture in 6 new languages)”
Prayer: “for continued progress on editing the Pintupi-Luritja Dictionary (still no news on funding).”

Graeme & Faith COSTIN

(Wycliffe Bible Translators [WBT] - KEY IT Computer Programming - Sydney)
Praise: “Give thanks that Bruce Waters (Key It colleague) was able to complete a significant improvement to the search facility of Adapt It.”
Prayer: “Pray for Graeme working on further challenges on the Android system in making Key It ready for release.”

Roger & Amanda (Ada, Eliza, Ben, Emily) KYNGDON

(Bush Church Aid Society [BCA] - Newman, WA)
Praise: “Give thanks for the privilege it is to present the gospel to people in church & in the town.”
Prayer: “Pray for further opportunities to connect with families in and around Newman.”

Alistar & Liz (Amy, Kate, Sophie) WALKER

(Servicing in Mission [SIM] - Philippines)
Praise: “The last day of school and overall a good school year.”
Prayer: “Summer holiday break and family schedules, time together, and activities.”

Kylie ZEITSCH

(Church Missionary Society [CMS] - Johannesburg, South Africa)
Praise: “God for women like Sandiswa who did her preaching workshop and growing in their gifts.”
Prayer: “For the Covid-19 situations. The numbers are rising steadily which means we are now on level 2 restrictions moving toward lockdowns.”



Mission Gift Day is coming up on 25 July 2021.

Ben Bathgate will be preaching at all service on that Sunday.

What's Coming Up

TODAY	Baptism at 9:45am Service
Monday 7th	9:00am Prayer Meeting (Chapel Hall)
Tuesday 8th	Playtime
	Christianity Explored continues (7:30pm in the Chapel Hall)
Friday 11th	Amanda's final day on staff
	6:30pm HPS Youth Group continues
Saturday 12th	8:00am Prayer Meeting (Creche Room)
Friday 25th	Kids & Youth Leaders Training Night

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