

# Exodus

MEETING WITH GOD

Wk 5

Sunday 14 July 2024

*Our 9:45am service is live streamed to our YouTube and Facebook Channels.*

## TODAY'S 9:45AM SERVICE

- Welcome
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Exodus 13:17-14:31  
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Welcome to St Stephen's! We are glad to have you join our family. Sunday at church is the best place to be. There is grace, joy, and comfort for our lives. We hope you have this experience. If you want to respond to anything in this booklet reach out to a staff member or use the QR Code.



What is the heart of the message of Jesus? What did he come to do? Why is he so important? Why do over 3 billion people claim to follow him? Today we come to the centre of Jesus's message. In what we hear, what we do and what we celebrate we focus on the substitution of Jesus's life for ours. We respond to the gospel: Christ died for sinners. The glory of God's grace and mercy.

Is this new to you? Is this what you expected? The gospel is news, which is offered to each of us.

### Next Steps

**Are you new?** We would love to meet you. Hear a brief intro on the life of our church at our next Newish Morning Tea on 25 August. It runs for ½ an hour straight after the service.

**Been regularly coming?** If you are a regular member of our church, we encourage you to attend our next Belonging Course which runs on 8 September from 12-3pm. Belonging is the gateway to our GaP Groups, serving and deeper connection with the community.

Or if you'd like to learn more sooner, you may also like to arrange a coffee with Prash or Jill. Simply reach out – they'd love to chat.

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If you are a visitor please don't feel obliged to contribute financially.

# Prayers for the Service

These prayers are used during the service. Prayer is a privilege we are given because Christ died for us. His death & resurrection means we can confidently approach God seeking forgiveness (Hebrews 10:22). If you believe that Christ died to deal with your failings then you should be confident to pray with us. If you are still exploring who Christ is then feel free to listen in.

## A Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven,  
You are big and we are small.  
Thank you that you are the King over everything.  
We are sorry for not loving or listening to you.  
We are sorry that we choose our way instead of yours.  
Please help us live as friends with you  
through Jesus Christ.  
Help us to listen and love you by your Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

1 Peter 1:18-19

## The 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 in heaven  
Give us today our daily bread  
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

Absolute Deliverance | Exodus 13:17-14:31

Preacher: Damien Clark

1. Trust the Process

2. Competing Claimants

3. Rescued From Slavery

4. Trusting While We Wait

# Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

1. When do you find it hardest to trust God?

## Read Exodus 13:17-14:31

### Getting your head around the passage:

Choose as many of these questions as you need to get your head around the passage.

- A. What are some signs in the passage that God is in control?
- B. What reaction do the Israelites have when they see the Egyptians?
- C. How does Moses respond to their complaints?
- D. What do the Egyptians come to realise about Israel?
- E. How do the Israelites respond after they have crossed the sea and see the fate of the Egyptians?

2. The Israelites are depicted as being ready for battle when they leave Egypt, yet God deliberately steers them away from confrontation with the Philistines. Why do you think this is?

3. What does it mean for God to receive glory (in verses 4, 17 and 18)?

4. How could our preoccupation with our immediate circumstances work against God's glory?

5. How should we feel about the destruction of the Egyptians depicted at the end of the passage? Is that how you felt reading those words?

6. What causes you to doubt that God has overcome the powers of this world in your life?

7. In what ways does God's rescue of Israel here parallel our salvation in Christ?

## Prayer Time

1. Reflect on your response to question 7. Pray for God's forgiveness and that He would make you more aware of these hazards.

2. What actions or habits could you develop to strengthen your trust in God in those moments? Pray for His assistance in developing them.

## Read the Bible with us!

1. What does God want to achieve?

2. What is our role?

3. Ask God to remind you of your new status in Him.

Monday - [Exodus 15:1-18](#)

Tuesday - [Colossians 2:13-15](#)

Wednesday - [1 Corinthians 10:1-13](#)

Thursday - [Romans 6:1-11](#)

Friday - [Rev 18:19-21; 19:1-2; 21:1-4](#)

# Notices

## International Food Feast | 9 August

We want to invite everyone in our community to our International Food Feast on Friday 9 August, 7-9:30pm.

Bring your friends and neighbours along! \$10 per person or free if you bring a dish from your home culture.

During the night, we'll watch a video from the internationally-renowned Alpha course which we hope will help us connect with others from different cultures, and open up meaningful conversations about life and faith.

Thanks to Judy Jarvis for organising the letterbox drop. Please grab a bundle from the back of church and help us invite our neighbourhood to this event.



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# INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEAST

 **FRIDAY 9 AUGUST**

 **7:00 - 9:30 PM**

 **ST STEPHEN'S WILLOUGHBY  
211 MOWBRAY RD**

**FREE** if you bring a dish, otherwise \$10pp

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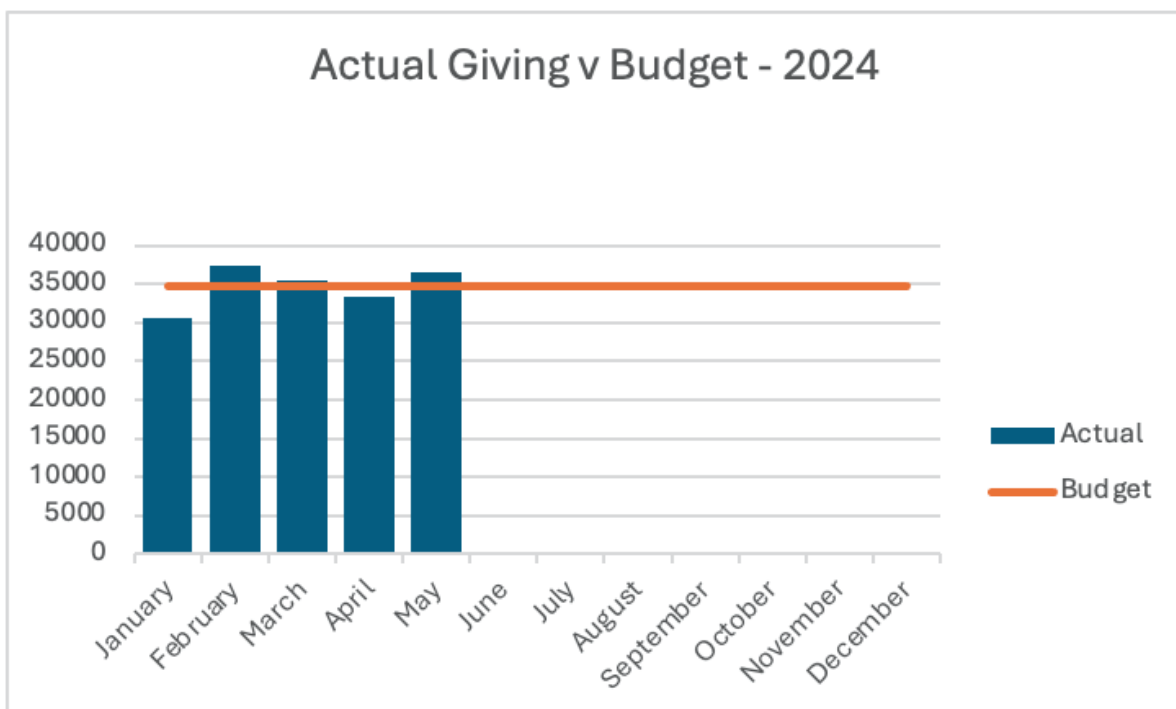
## Finances

St Stephen's is a great church to be part of. We enjoy celebrating life together. We love meals together, we love learning together, we love supporting others, we love seeing others become more like Christ in their character and purpose. The whole beautiful, diverse and large life of St Stephen's is made possible by generosity. Firstly, God's generosity to us! Everything good we have comes from him. It's also a place where we experience generosity from others. All of our activities are paid for by the generosity of St Stephen's members. If you are a visitor we are glad to host you!



If you are a regular who would like to contribute to the ministry of our church please visit our give page – [st-stephens.com.au/give](http://st-stephens.com.au/give) for details on how you can do that.

If we can exceed our budgeted costs we would like to consider investing in ways that make our church building more inviting. This includes glass entry doors which keeps the wind out but makes a warm welcome possible and new carpeting for the building. Speak to the wardens or Prash if you would like to help in a special way.



# What's Coming Up

22 July	Crafternoon
22 July	Parish Council
28 July	Vision Sunday
29 July - 2 Aug	Prayer Week
9 August	International Food Feast

For more on what's happening this winter at St Stephen's, visit [st-stephens.com.au/winter](http://st-stephens.com.au/winter)

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