

Exodus

MEETING WITH GOD

Wk 6

Sunday 21 July 2024

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

TODAY'S 9:45AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession & Assurance
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading: Exodus 16:1-36 (p. 71)
- Sermon
- Prayers
- Announcements
- Song
- Conclusion

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Welcome to St Stephen's! We are glad to have you join our church family. Sunday at church is the best place to be. There is grace, joy, comfort, and purpose 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.



Who is the God of the Christian faith? Why is he relevant and captivating to so many people from all nations and cultures of the world, and throughout history? At church, we've been travelling through Exodus (the second book of the Bible). The God we meet here is both powerful and kind; he is glorious and gracious. This is the God who has revealed himself in his Son, Jesus Christ. Is this what you expect God to be like? We'd love to help you connect not just with us, but also with the God we believe is true, living, loving and worthy of our praise!

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.

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

Bread from Heaven | Exodus 16

Preacher: Victor Jong

1. Bread for a Grumbling People

2. A Deep Grumbling Problem

3. True Bread from Heaven

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

1. When was a time that you've grumbled or heard grumbling in your life?

Read Exodus 16

Getting your head around the passage:

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

- A. What did the Israelites do in the wilderness? (v2-3, 6-8)
- B. How does God respond? (v4-5)
- C. How do the Israelites go with God's instructions from v4-5? (v15-27)
- D. How does the story conclude? (v31-36)

2. Read Ex 7:16. How does the Israelites' response in Ex 16 contrast this?

3. Why can grumbling be such a bad thing for both the Israelites and us?

4. What makes it hard for you to trust in God as your Provider?

Read John 6:35-51

5. What are the similarities and differences between this passage and Exodus 16?

6. How might seeing Jesus as the true 'Bread of Life' satisfy our hearts?

Prayer Time

1. Spend some time praying that God would grow our hearts in seeing Jesus as the true Bread of Life.
2. Pray that God would grow our hearts in gratitude to Him rather than grumbling.

Read the Bible with us!

1. What do we learn about God?
2. What do we learn about us?

Monday - [John 6:25-34](#)

Tuesday - [John 6:35-59](#)

Wednesday - [Matthew 6:25-34](#)

Thursday - [1 Timothy 6:6-10](#)

Friday - [1 Timothy 6:11-19](#)

Notices

Vision Sunday | 28 July

Sunday 28 July is our Vision Sunday and we'd love to mark that with a special brunch after the 9:45am service and dinner after Night Church.

Join us as we celebrate the many good things God has done amongst us as a church and the glorious gospel-vision He has called us to: that we would be made beautiful, diverse, and large by the gracious work of Christ.

This Vision Sunday will have a particular focus on our next generation and our priority of growing the young in their devotion to God's Word.



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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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

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