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1 Corinthians

Wk 10

Sunday 10 November 2024

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

TODAY'S
9:45AM
SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession & Assurance
- Spotlight
- Survey
- Bible Reading:
1 Cor 12:1-31a
(p. 1151)
- Sermon
- Song
- Prayers
- Announcements
- Song
- Conclusion

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Welcome to church! Whether you're here for the first time or you've been with us for years, we're so glad you're part of this gathering. Being in community with others who follow Jesus is a unique privilege. Jesus, the one who came "not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45), sets the ultimate example of sacrificial love and humility.



We, too, are called to serve each other as members of His body, each contributing our gifts and time to build one another up in faith. Here, we're invited not only to receive but also to participate in God's work. We welcome you to join us in this journey of growing, loving, and serving together. We long to be a church made **beautiful, diverse** and **large** by the gracious work of Christ - serving each other is a wonderful sign of this longing coming into reality.

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 24 November. 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 today 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 at another time, you can 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

Heavenly Father,
we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you as we should
and serve you as we ought.
Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

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

Serving and Significance | 1 Corinthians 12:1-31a

Preacher: Prashanth Colombage

1. The Spirit is Essential

2. The Spirit is Personal

3. The Spirit is Purposeful

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

1. Think of a time when you were part of a group working towards a common goal (e.g., sports team, work project). What role did you play, and how did it contribute to the group's success?

Read 1 Corinthians 12

Getting your head around the passage:

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

- A. Verses 4-6 - What does Paul say about the different gifts, services, and activities in the church? How do they come about?
- B. Verse 7 - According to this verse, what is the purpose of the spiritual gifts each person receives?
- C. Verses 12-14 - How does Paul illustrate the concept of unity and diversity in the church?
- D. Verses 15-20 - How does Paul address feelings of inferiority within the body?
- E. Verses 21-26 - What happens when members of the church don't honour or support one another? How does this reflect on the entire body?

2. Do you ever feel that your place in our church is too small or unimportant? How does this passage encourage you to see your place (and the place of others) differently?

3. Having a view to the needs of the church, in what ways can you serve our church community with the gifts God has given you?

4. How can you celebrate the gifts of others, even if they are different from your own? What might stop you from doing this?

5. In the Gospels, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to dwell in us. Paul then repeats this truth in 1 Cor 3:16 & 6:19. How does knowing the Spirit is with you personally impact how you see your place in the church body?

Prayer Time

1. Have you failed to use or appreciate the gifts God has given you or others? Pray a prayer of confession, asking God to forgive these shortcomings.
2. Ask God to help you embrace the gifts He's given you and those in your church, praying for unity and growth as one body in Christ.

Read the Bible with us!

1. How central is the Spirit to service of others?
2. What should service bring about in the Christian community? How can you use your gifts in this way?
3. Pray that God might help you better serve your church family.

Monday - [Galatians 5:13-16](#)

Tuesday - [1 Corinthians 12:4-7](#)

Wednesday - [Ephesians 4:1-3](#)

Thursday - [Romans 12:4-8](#)

Friday - [1 Peter 4:10-11](#)

Notices

Belonging Course | 10 November

Our final “Belonging” Course for the year is today. If you would like to dive into the centre of our church community and experience the joy of belonging to this local church then please come along.

Speak to Jill or Prash to let them know your interest.



Gift Day | 17 November

As we approach Gift Day, we’re reminded of the early church’s spirit in Acts 2:44-45: “All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.” Their generous hearts reflected Jesus’s own generosity toward us.

This Gift Day, would you prayerfully consider how you can follow in their steps, giving as a one-off gift to help reach our goal of \$50,000. Every prayerfully considered contribution, no matter the amount, expresses the generosity of Christ & furthers gospel ministry.

Visit st-stephens.com.au/give for details.

Gift Day 17 Nov

Support the life, ministry,
and outreach of St Stephen's

REF: GIFTDAY



2024 Target: \$50,000

Notices

Music & Welcoming Training | 17 November

At St Stephen's, we want our Sunday gatherings to be a compelling shop-window for the gospel. Our music and welcoming teams play a big part in communicating that gospel message and culture every Sunday.

Next Sunday 17 November, there will be separate music training and welcoming training after the 9:45am service. If you're part of those teams, please put that into your calendars/diaries.



Gospel and Prayer Groups Survey

Our Gospel and Prayer (GaP) groups are a vital part of our church life at St Stephen's and our desire is that every member of our church can experience the encouragement of belonging in one next year. We recognise that everyone has different available times in their weeks and so we want to ensure there are different GaP groups meeting at as many times during the week.

To help us, we would love to know for next year what times during the week you would be available to meet in a GaP group. Could you spare a minute scanning the QR code to fill in this anonymous survey?

Please note that this is NOT a sign-up form to join a GaP group for next year.



What's Coming Up

- 11 Nov - 16 Dec Come and See (Mondays)
- 17 November Gift Day
- 17 November Music & Welcoming training
- 24 November Newish Morning Tea
- 7 December Carols on the Grass

For more on what's happening this spring at St Stephen's, visit st-stephens.com.au/spring

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