

# This is God



The life of Jesus according to John's Gospel

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## Sunday 20 March 2022

*Our 9:45am service is live streamed to our YouTube and Facebook Channels. If you don't wish to feature on our stream, please occupy the pews towards the back.*

### TODAY'S 9:45<sup>AM</sup> SERVICE:

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading:  
[John 6:25-59](#)  
(Bible - p.1069)
- Sermon
- Song
- Prayer
- Song
- Conclusion

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Welcome to St Stephen's. We're glad to have you with us. We hope you enjoy today's service and find a warm welcome from our church family. We would love to connect with you more so please take a moment and use the QR code to let us know you were here.



Today we hear from Micah Beel. Micah is a Moore Theological College student who serves on our team each Sunday. He's halfway through a degree in theology which will allow him to serve in church as pastor. It's a privilege to be part of his training. Apart from the joy we get from his music ministry on a regular basis, we also have the chance to help raise up future leaders of the church. If you would like to support Micah over the two years he is here make sure you chat with him after.

As we meet together today we will be reminded of how essential Jesus is for our spiritual health. Is your spiritual health important to you? We think it is ultimately the most important issue in our lives.



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## 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.

<sup>1</sup>If anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2.

Most merciful God,  
we humbly admit that we need your help.  
We confess that we have wandered from your way:  
we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.  
You alone can save us.  
Have mercy on us:  
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.  
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit  
that we may live as disciples of Christ.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

## 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

The Source of Eternal Life | Passage: [John 6:25-59](#) - p.1069

# Gospel and Prayer Group Questions

1. What do many non-church people think Christianity offers? How close are they to the truth?

## Read John 6:25-59

### Getting your head around the passage:

Use as many questions as you need to ensure you understand the passage's contents.

1. What is the difference between what Jesus offers and what the crowd wants?
  2. How should the crowd respond?
  3. What benefit is there for those who 'come' to Jesus?
  4. Why did the Jews reject Jesus?
  5. What is the difference between Jesus's provision and the Old Testament manna?
2. How is the offer of the gospel different to what most people are looking for?
  3. What does it look like to 'believe in the one sent', not just to believe that 'one was sent'?
  4. Reflecting on what hindered the Jews, discuss the reasons we fail to believe in Jesus.

5. What hope is there for those who believe in Jesus (vv. 39-40)

6. How can this hope prompt us to:

I. Repentance

II. Renewed trust in Jesus



### GaP Group Reflection

Watch the video provided to your group leader.

1. To what extent do you agree that real change comes when we come to God?
2. How can your group provide better pastoral care going forward?

### Prayer

1. Spend some time in confession and repentance as a group.
2. Pray God would help you see the greatest promises God has offered.

### Read the Bible with us!

1. What is happening in the surrounding verses?
2. What questions do you have (take them to your midweek group)
3. What do we learn about Jesus?
4. If this is true, how should you respond?

Monday - John 6:26-27

Tuesday - John 6:35

Wednesday - John 6:67-69

Thursday - John 7:16-17

Friday - John 7:30-31

## Notices

### Easter letterbox drop starts today!

Easter is a month away and our prayer and aim this Easter is that those in our neighbourhood who have never set foot in a church building before would come and engage with the Easter story that is at the heart of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our invitation this year is 'Experience Easter at St Stephen's' and we hope that as people look for an authentic and meaningful experience of Easter this year, they would engage with the original story of Easter where Jesus died and rose again. To this end, we are offering a unique event (on top of our Good Friday and Easter Sunday services): An Easter Walkthrough on the Thursday night before Easter. Through a self-guided, multi-sensory tour, guests will be able to relive the original Easter story and follow in the footsteps of Jesus on His Last Day. Please sign up to do the letterbox drop and pray!



### Newish morning tea Next Week!

Our monthly morning tea for people new or newish to St Stephen's is coming up on 27th March, straight after morning church at 11am in the church office. Newish morning tea is a great opportunity to meet the staff, hear a little about our vision and mission and ask some questions. If you are new or newish and have not yet been to Newish, please come. If you know someone new to St. Stephen's please encourage them to come. For more information - Contact: Jill our Membership Pastor - [jill@st-stephens.com.au](mailto:jill@st-stephens.com.au)

### Bales Park Picnic - This Sunday!

Sadly last week we had to postpone our Bales Park Picnic. We are going this week! Although the weather says scattered showers we hope that we are able to get together.

**When:** Sunday, 20th March

**Time:** After 9:45 service (there will be no morning tea)

**Where:** Bales Park Willoughby

**Bring:** Picnic blanket, something to eat, games

## AGM

On Monday 28 March at 7:30pm we are holding our Annual General Meeting. We will have reports on property, finances, ministry and future direction. We would love to see a large contingent of our St Stephen's community at the meeting. You can find the financial statements for the year near the entry door to the church. If you would like to nominate for a position on Parish Council or as a Warden please collect a nomination form from near the entry door.

## Annual General Meeting

28 March 2022  
7:30PM



## Registrations open for Square One!

Youthworks Square One is a weekend camp for children in Years 3 - 6. It's a chance for kids to come away with their church friends to learn from the bible, develop friendships and have fun! This year we are looking at 'The cross, the tomb & me'. Kids will be accompanied by St Stephens leaders. It will be a weekend your kids will never forget, that will help them grow in their devotion to God's word. [Register](#) your kid.

**When:** Friday 3rd- Sunday 5th June

**Where:** Port hacking at the Youthworks site

**Who:** Year 3-6 and their leaders

## Working Bee - 9th April!

We are having a *church working bee*, and everyone's help would be greatly appreciated! Let's make our church a welcoming place for the friends we are bringing to 'Easter Services.' Several jobs need our attention, and we start at 8:00am. Jobs can be done on the day or in the lead up - for more information email: [office@st-stephens.com.au](mailto:office@st-stephens.com.au). You can also talk to Phil McLeod from the 9:45am service for more details.

## Working Bee

Help make our Church more welcoming for  
Carols on the Grass

9th April 2022

8:00am start

For details email: [office@st-stephens.com.au](mailto:office@st-stephens.com.au)

# What's Coming Up

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| Sunday 20th   | Picnic at Bales Park after 9:45am Church<br>Easter fliers available at the back of the Church<br>REACH Commissioning service @ 2:30pm<br>PTC Course Week 6 (Starting @ 3:00pm) |
| Monday 21st   | Weekly Prayer Meeting - <a href="#">Join</a>   |
| Tuesday 22nd  | Playtime - <a href="#">More Info</a>   |
| Friday 25th   | Half Past Six (Our Youth Group for Yrs 5-10)   |
| Saturday 26th | Prayer Morning 8:30-8:55am - <a href="#">Zoom Link</a><br>Meeting ID: 878 2345 9321   Passcode: 836532   |
| Monday 28th   | Annual General Meeting - 7:30pm in the Church  |

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