

Your life's work ...

Work, rest & retirement - May 2022

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TODAY'S 9:45^{AM} SERVICE:

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- Bible Reading:
[Luke 10:38-42](#)
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[14:32-42](#)
(p.1041, 1005, 1020)
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Sunday 8 May 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.

Welcome to St Stephen's. We're glad you can be with us this Sunday. There is plenty happening here and we would love to have you involved. Have a look through this booklet and if you want to respond to anything happening you can either chat with one of our staff (who will be up the front) or use the QR code to register your interest.

We're spending our Sundays in May thinking about the Bible's vision for work, rest and retirement. We spend so much time doing the 1st two and some spend a lot of time planning and preparing for the 3rd. If you weren't here last week you can find the initial talk on our website under 'resources/podcast'.



One of the reasons Christians love reading the Bible is it presents a compelling alternative to life. This is true with work and rest. The Bible challenges some of the ways we might initially think about this topic and sets us on a better path which acknowledges the eternal realities and the present opportunities to make a difference in the life of others. We hope you are also captured by Jesus's vision for our working and resting 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.

¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Mark 2:17

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 for ever.
Amen.

Sermon Notes

The way we rest | Passage: [Luke 10:38-42](#), [Mark 4:35-41](#) - [14:32-42](#)
(p.1041, 1005, 1020)

1. Rest is good

2. Rest gone wrong

1. Error 1

2. Error 2

3. Error 3

3. The value of Jesus's rest.

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Questions

1. What kind of problems keep you up at night? What is it about those problems that bug you so much?

Read Luke 10:38-42 & Mark 14:32-42

Getting your head around the passage:

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

1. What are the two sisters doing?
2. Why does Jesus prefer Mary's choice?
3. What are the disciples in the Mark 14 passage asked to do? What do they do?
4. Why do they make their mistake?
5. What solution does Jesus give them?

2. Would you agree with the claim that rest is more than a physical issue? If so, why?

3. What mistakes can we make when we think about rest?

4. How can rest become a selfish thing?

5. Can you live in the complexity of life and have good moments of rest? If so, why? If not, what might need to change?
6. How does a personal relationship with Jesus bring us comfort and the resources to rest well?



GaP Group Reflection

Watch the video provided to your group leader.

1. What did you find encouraging about our Easter Services?
2. What roles might you like to play in our next Easter campaign?

Prayer

1. Pray God would grant you deeper assurance of his love offered in Christ so that you can rest well.
2. Pray that God would bring every one of our Easter visitors to one of our 'Bring Courses' (i.e. Hope Explored) this year.

Read the Bible with us!

1. Who rested well / rested poorly?
2. What does good/bad rest look like?
3. What do you need to find rest from today?
4. How can God's promises and actions give you comfort?

Monday - [Luke 10:38-42](#)

Tuesday - [Exodus 20:8-10](#)

Wednesday - [Ezekiel 20:12-21](#)

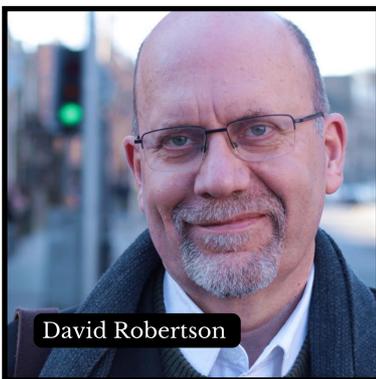
Thursday - [Mark 4:35-41](#)

Friday - [Mark 14:32-42](#)

Notices

Hope Explored - Week 1 Update.

We had over ten people come to our first night of Hope Explored. We explored together the hope that Jesus offers. We ate a delicious home-cooked meal provided by Lois Feros, watched a couple of videos, discussed it and opened up the Gospel of Luke to start reading about Jesus. Many of the guests were invited by and brought by St Stephen's friends. A great testament to one of the things we value as a church: bringing friends to faith.



Guest Profile - David Robertson

On Wednesday, June 8th and June 15th, we have organised *Evangelism Training Nights*. David Robertson will be the main speaker of the evening.

David is a well-known evangelist. A writer and pastor, David is experienced in helping churches and Christians speak the gospel in an increasingly anti-Christian society. Having come from Scotland, he gives a unique and fresh perspective on what challenges and opportunities churches in Sydney might have. He will be speaking on 'Why people don't come to Church' and 'Why people come to Church'. You can book your spot at st-stephens.com.au/thisautumn

Square One Camp in June

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'. St Stephen's leaders will be accompanying the kids. It will be a weekend your kids will never forget. Pray that the camp will help them grow in their devotion to God's word. [Book your kid's ticket.](#)



Details: Fri 3rd - Sun 5th June, Port Hacking (Youthworks site)

Anglicare - Mobile Pantry.

Fifty-four churches in Sydney and the surrounding area partner with Anglicare's Mobile Pantry to provide low-cost groceries to over 1,500 clients a month. The mobile community pantry caters to people who may be finding life difficult and require support. For a \$10 contribution, eligible low-income people can take home a shopping bag full of food worth close to \$60.

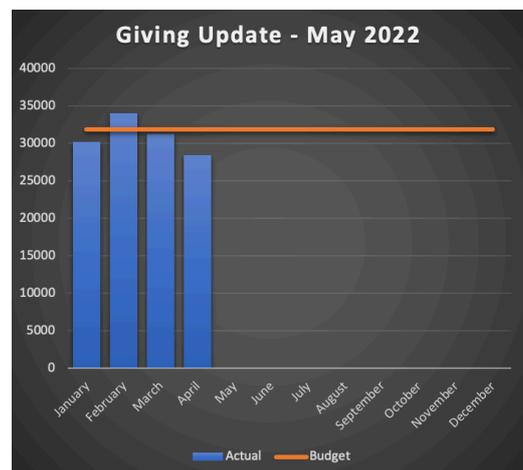


At St. Stephen's, we have four volunteers who regularly serve at the pantry. How can you participate? You can visit our local site at St Basil's in Broughton Rd Artarmon every 2nd Monday from 1pm -2pm. We aim is to establish trusting relationships with the regular clients of the pantry. You can also donate long shelf life food. For more information you can send an email to the [Church Office](#). **Prayer points for Community Pantry.** (1) Pray for more donations of culturally specific food. (2) Pray for the expansion of the service outside of Sydney.

Giving - May Update

Thank you to those who support the ministries and life of our church. Our regular giving has dipped over the past 2 months. All staff and resources are provided through the generosity of God's people here in Willoughby.

If you haven't updated your giving this year, please take some time and consider how you can support the many great things that happen in our church and further afield. You can update your giving by visiting our ['give'](#) page on our website. We also have capacity to receive up to \$12,000 in gifts under RIGS. Would you like to make a one-off tax-deductible gift to support RIGS? Please contact our Treasurer Niall Henderson (nhenderson007@gmail.com)



What's Coming Up

Monday 9th	Weekly Prayer Meeting - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 837 9111 9200 Passcode: qKga12
Tuesday 10th	Playtime Week 2.
Wednesday 4th	Hope Explored Course Week 2 - 7pm -9pm - Register
Friday 6th	Half Past Six - Week 2.
Saturday 7th	Prayer Morning 8:30-8:55am - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 878 2345 9321 Passcode: 836532
Thursday 19th	Encounter (A senior's group meeting running 10am to 1pm on the third Thursday of each month.)
Sunday 29th	Newish Morning Tea

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