

Your life's work ...

Work, rest & retirement - May 2022

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

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading:
[Luke 10:25-37](#)
(Bible p.1040)
- Sermon
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- Song
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Sunday 22 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. Great to have you join us this Sunday. We hope you find a warm welcome and encouragement from the Bible. We would love to hear from you – take a moment and fill in the QR Connect card by scanning the code.



Today we embark on the 4th talk in our series on work, rest and retirement. Each Sunday, we spend time reflecting on the Biblical message. We then hope to take the message out with us into our weeks. One way many have found helpful in embedding the Bible's teaching is being part of a GaP (Gospel and Prayer) Group. In these groups, we spend time reflecting on the Bible, bringing that to bear on our lives and choices, seeking support from other Christians and praying for each other. Often our groups are great moments of care and concern.

A GaP Group may be the next step for you? If you would like to immerse yourself in the St Stephen's community, reach out to Jill Chilton (Membership Pastor) to chat about the best next step for you.



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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.

A Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed:
we have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves:
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our
transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:12

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 for ever.
Amen.

Sermon Notes

Good work is neighbourly work | Passage: [Luke 10:25-37](#)

1. Work for you neighbour

a. My brother or sister is my responsibility

b. The church is my responsibility

2. Valuing one type of work

a. The Good Samaritan

b. Domestic work

3. Christ's work for us

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Questions

1. On what basis do you value work? What types of work do you immediately tend to think of when you hear the word work?

Read Luke 10:25-37

Getting your head around the passage:

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

1. What question starts the conversation?
2. What is Jesus's answer?
3. Recount the parable in one sentence.
4. Who is the 'hero' and why?
5. What was surprising about the 'hero'?
6. What is Jesus's application?

2. What areas of our life call us to serve others?

3. What makes serving others difficult? Behind the practical hurdles what 'heart' issues might lie?

4. Why is it un-nerving to think that we might not be as servant-hearted as we thought?

5. Who does Jesus serve, why does he serve and how does he serve?
6. How can the answer to Q5 help us with our answers to Q3 & Q4?



GaP Group Reflection

Watch the video provided to your group leader.

1. Is anyone in your groups serving in a team? Can they share what they have enjoyed so far?
2. Share an occasion where your ministry has helped encourage someone in their love for Jesus.

Prayer

1. Ask God to grant you a richer appreciation of what and how Jesus has served you.
2. Ask God to show you how you might serve his church and others.

Read the Bible with us!

1. What does this passage encourage?
2. What does this passage warn about?
3. How is Jesus the perfect expression of this passage's encouragement?
4. How can you benefit from him?

Monday - [Luke 10:25-38](#)

Tuesday - [John 13:1-17](#)

Wednesday - [Gal 6:1-10](#)

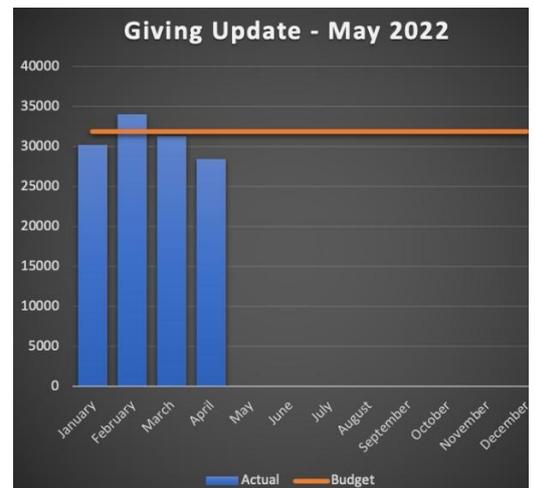
Thursday - [Rom 12:1-8](#)

Friday - [Matt 23:1-12](#)

Notices

Message from the Wardens

The team charged with finding two apartments to replace the Laurel Street house have some good news. The first apartment the team purchased is in Helen Street, Lane Cove. New tenants will be moving in on 24 May 2022 on a 12-month lease. We installed new carpets and polished the exposed concrete lounge room floor in readiness. The second apartment finalised by the team is in Bowen Street, Chatswood. It is an early Mirvac development. A top floor two-bedroom apartment; settlement is scheduled for 10 June. We hope that the apartment to be leased soon after. The apartment is in excellent condition, and we do not expect additional work before the new tenants move in. You can view the details of the apartment [here](#).



The wardens are also looking at upgrading the audio/visual facilities in the church building. We expect to have a preferred supplier in the next couple of months.

Newish Morning Tea Time

It is natural to feel out of place or unsure about things in any new situation, and coming to a new Church is no different. We aim to make St. Stephen's accessible to everyone, especially if you are new. We know that there are still things you might not know or would like more information about. Newish Morning Teas is a space where you hear an outline of our Church's life & structures and work out how best to find your home here. They run once a month for half an hour after 9:45am service in the Office. The food and company are great too!



Newish morning tea is coming up soon! 29 May 2022 in the Church Office after the 9:45am service. Talk to Jill after the service or send her an email at jill@st-stephens.com.au

Final registration 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! Youthworks has extended the deadlines to register for Square One camp. So, if you are keen for your child to come, talk to Pippie after the Church service. Or send an email to pippie@st-stephens.com.au.



Kids at St. Stephen's

Over the last 18 months, it has been a joy seeing our different programs grow. Just recently, two children from SRE started attending our Sunday Kids program. Our prayer is that in this term, we might see five kids come along from SRE. Please join us as we pray for this big audacious prayer!

We connect with our SRE families in many ways; one of the ways we do this is by using showcase video. Many SRE families have no idea about the ongoings at a church on an average Sunday. So we are shooting a showcase video on church life. We will show these videos in our SRE classes at Willoughby Public. We may also be uploading it onto the Church website. So if you see people filming this Sunday, they are collecting footage to use in the video. If you would not like your child to be in the video, just let Pippie know.

Student Minister - Sam Carless

Sam is one of our energised, hopeful, Gospel shaped Student Ministers. Sam is currently in 1st year at Moore Theological College. He used to live in the Hunter Region but moved to Sydney to study and prepare for ministry in a local church. Sam helps our church community in many ways – including: leading the Junior High Bible Study, leading youth group on Fridays, preaching at times on Sundays and helping as part of the 5:30pm Service Team. We think Sam is great and worth knowing – reach out and say hi to him today over morning tea. Sign up for Sam's [prayer letter](#).



What's Coming Up

Monday 22nd	Weekly Prayer Meeting - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 837 9111 9200 Passcode: qKga12
Tuesday 23rd	Playtime Week 4
Wednesday 24th	Hope Explored Course Resumes
Friday 27th	Half Past Six - Week 4
Saturday 28th	Prayer Morning 8:30-8:55am - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 878 2345 9321 Passcode: 836532
Sunday 29th	Newish Morning Tea — June —
Friday 3rd	Square One Camp
Saturday 4th	Gossiping the Gospel Conference - Register

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