



Wk 3

Sunday 19 June 2022

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

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading:
[Gen 4:1-26](#)
(Bible p.4)
- Sermon
- Interview
- Prayer
- Song
- Conclusion

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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 are glad to have you with us. This booklet contains content relevant to the service. It also contains, the weekly bible study used at our GaP Groups, sermon outline and details on various great things happening in the life of our church. Take a moment and read through. If you would like to respond to anything happening, you can use the QR Code to access an electronic form.

This week we meet Al & Liz Walker and their family. We hope you enjoy hearing their story and sharing in some of the challenges and encouragements they have encountered over the past few years. When we meet our link missionaries in-person, it is always encouraging to hear from people who have taken up the call of God in their life and made a sizeable change. For many of us, that may not be overseas mission work. However, we might be challenged to make other big changes in light of God's calling. What might that be for you?

We hope you enjoy your time with us. You can respond using the QR Code.



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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

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.

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16

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

How bad it can get? | Passage: [Genesis 4:1-26](#)

How bad can it be?

1. A new generation (v. 1-2)
2. But a repeated pattern of temptation, sin and judgment (v. 3-15)
3. Evil behaviour intensifies alongside human progression. (v. 16-24)
4. The appropriate response to human evil - "Calling on the name of the Lord" (v. 26)

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Questions

1. “If nobody gets hurt by what I do, why are my actions wrong?”
Discuss.

Read Genesis 4

Getting your head around the passage:

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

1. Break up the story into shorter 'episodes'.
2. What patterns in this chapter are similar to the previous chapter (Gen. 3)?
3. Are there any differences between this chapter and Genesis 3?
4. In the story, what do you think of Cain's attitude towards God? How does this attitude guide his action against his brother?

2. How does Genesis 4 add to our understanding of sin? (look particularly at v. 7, 23-24)
3. Verses 17-24 describes human progress and the increasing evilness of human nature (v. 23-24). Reflect on how sin taints human industry and culture in our world today.

4. Where do you see glimpses of God's graciousness and hope in this story?
5. Can you find any parallels between Abel (in this story) and Jesus?



GaP Group Reflection

Watch the video provided to your group leader.

1. What do you think are the biggest challenges for young Christians now?
2. Why do you think the Christian faith is so necessary for our young people? Pray for the ministry of Half Past Six.

Prayer

1. Thank and praise God for sending His Son into the world to suffer the unjust death at the hands of jealous and envious humans so that we can be forgiven.
2. Genesis 4:26 tells us about the first time people cried out to the Lord for help amid the ever-increasing evil in the world. In light of the evilness of our world, spend time in prayer asking the Lord Jesus to intervene too. (Rev 22:20)

Read the Bible with us!

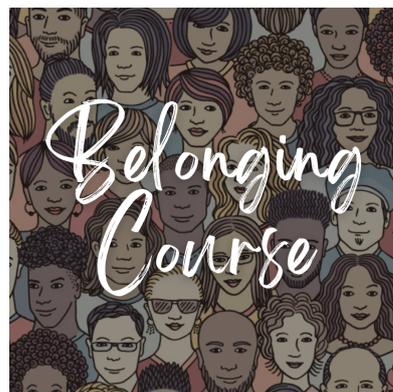
1. How is the phrase "calling on the name of the Lord" used in this passage?
2. How do you think, "calling on the name of the Lord" shapes our prayers and what we long for God to do?
3. Spend some time in prayer.

Monday - [Psalm 116](#)
Tuesday - [Joel 2:28-32](#)
Wednesday - [Acts 2:1-21](#)
Thursday - [Romans 10:8-15](#)
Friday - [2 Tim 2:22-3:9](#)

Notices

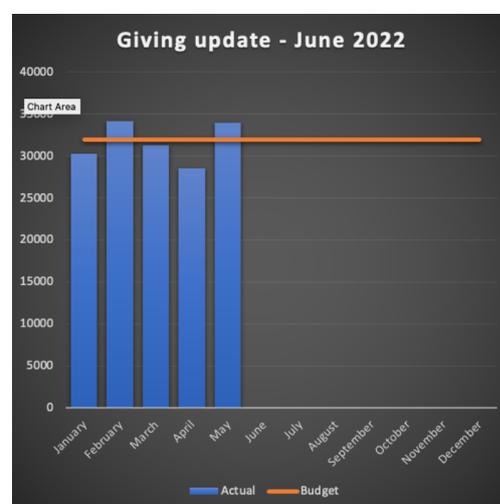
Belonging Course

Next Sunday, 26 June from 1-4pm, we will be running a '**Belonging**' course. You could be new, or you may have been here for a while. If you want to get more involved or understand St Stephen's better, **Belonging** is the way to understand our church. We will spend the afternoon looking at the Bible, our goals as a church and where you could fit in. You will also meet others like you, interact with our pastoral staff, and enjoy a great lunch. We will also have a children's program. Belonging to a church is a two-way street. The church should be clear and accessible, and the individual needs to take steps. We want you here! Would you consider coming to **Belonging** next Sunday? Email [Jill Chilton](mailto:Jill.Chilton@ststephen.org) for details or [Register](#).



Finance Update

Thank you to those who regularly support the ministry and life of our church through financial giving. Did you know, every aspect of our church is funded by the generosity of our church members? We do not receive financial support from a head office. It's a beautiful aspect of the Christian community that people give willingly to see others meet Jesus and grow in their faith. We do this because we are aware of God's abundant and ongoing generosity to us in Christ. He made himself poor so we could be rich before God! If you have recently joined us and would like to support the ministry, visit our 'Give' page on the website for details. Alternatively, chat with Prash.



Half Past Six Youth Invite 100 friends!

At Half Past Six we want to 'Bring Friends to Faith'. HPS leaders set an ambitious goal of youth inviting 100 friends to HPS. After just six weeks, we have reached that goal! Over the term, we have seen a big shift in our youth. They are more excited about their friends getting to know Jesus. We are thankful for the way God is working in our young people.

Evangelism Training Nights

A memorable quote from our Evangelism Training nights; “We don’t just want people to come to our church. We want them to come to church so that they can see how great Jesus is.” On the night, we thought hard about how we might bring our friends to faith. We were encouraged and given confidence in the gospel. If this message about Jesus has saved and changed our lives, we can be confident that God will use it to save and transform the lives of our friends.

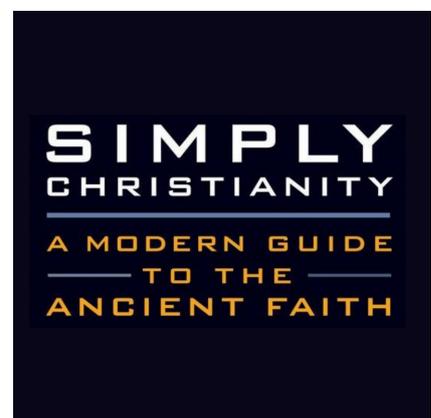


Upcoming outreach events

On Friday 12 August, we are running a Dumpling Making night. This event is an avenue to invite our friends, family and neighbours to share great food. It is also an opportunity to share Jesus with them. We have organised it in conjunction with the Half Past Six youth group (6:30-8:30pm). This will be an all-ages event. There will be fun things for the youth and younger children at various times during the night.

We are also planning to run a Simply Christianity course the following Friday nights after the Dumpling Making night for those keen to explore the Christian faith further. This course will go for five Fridays nights, with food and drinks provided.

In five sessions of Simply Christianity, participants read through Luke’s gospel. They discuss the themes and events that arise in each part. **Simply Christianity** is an especially useful course in a modern climate where many are wondering about the history and reliability of the gospels. Rather than avoid the question, **Simply Christianity** is an excellent place to start. Why not think and pray about who you might invite to the Dumpling night and then bring them along to Simply Christianity?



What's Coming Up

Monday 20th	Weekly Prayer Meeting - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 837 9111 9200 Passcode: qKga12
Tuesday 21st	Playtime - Week 8
Friday 17th	Half Past Six
Saturday 18th	Prayer Morning 8:30-8:55am - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 878 2345 9321 Passcode: 836532
Sunday 26th	Belonging Course - 1pm to 4pm with lunch - Register

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