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Sunday 24 July 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^{AM} SERVICE:

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading:
[Genesis 11:1-26](#)
(Bible p.10)
- Sermon
- Prayer
- Song
- Conclusion

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Welcome to St Stephen's. Great to have you with us this Sunday. In our opinion have chosen the best place to be! We would love to hear how you found your time this Sunday - whether you are new or regular. Could you take a moment to fill in the Connect Card using the QR code and let us know?



Today we draw a conclusion on our series looking at the foundations of the Bible story and the foundations of our world. We've spent time looking at the first 11 chapters of Genesis. If you have been coming throughout the past 8 weeks what has struck you? Perhaps the events of Genesis seem strange, even far-fetched? Or perhaps they have resonated with your experience of the world and people? Genesis is the start of the great history of the world - it's fascinating, often seemingly far from our present experience but a necessary starting point. From Genesis we must move through the Bible's account to Jesus. Jesus is the answer to all the problems which rear their head in Genesis. Jesus helps make sense of Genesis. Jesus brings hope to the unpleasant introduction. We want you to know Jesus.



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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

Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way,
and rejected your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you in every way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¹⁵Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.
1 Timothy 1:15

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

My name is... | Passage: [Genesis 11:1-26](#)

When people come together...

1. A united humanity makes a name for itself (v. 1-4)

2. The LORD comes down, frustrates and scatters (v. 5-9)

3. A better unity and a better name (v. 10)

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Questions

1. “The world is, generally speaking, in unity.” What do you think about this statement?

Read Genesis 11:1-26

Getting your head around the passage:

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

1. How does the story of Babel fit in with chapter 10? (see Gen. 10:32)
 2. What are the reasons why the people want to build this tower? (v. 3-4)
 3. How does God respond?
 4. What similarities and differences are there to God’s judgment here compared to in Genesis 3?
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2. What do you think about God’s judgment to scatter people across the earth?
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3. Abram/Abraham is a very significant person in the story of the Bible. How does God calling Abram after the story of Babel show us God’s character?

Read Revelation 22:4

4. What do you think it means that Christ's name will be written on our foreheads?

Read 1 Cor. 15:20-23 and 57-58

5. The Babel story speaks into our hearts' desires to build our own towers to make a name for ourselves. If you're comfortable, share with each other your struggles in this area. How can help each other to treasure the 'name' Christ gives to us over the one our world tells us to pursue?



GaP Group Reflection

Watch the video provided to your group leader.

1. What excites you about the plans for the evening service?
2. How can you participate in this venture?

Prayer

1. Praise God that He promises all who trust in Him an inheritance in his heavenly city and gives us a name far greater than any name we can make for ourselves on earth.
2. Pray for our friends/family who are lost trying to make a name for themselves and building their tower 'to reach heaven'. Pray that they would see that God Himself has come down to offer them eternal life in heaven through Jesus.

Read the Bible with us!

1. What does this passage say about humans?
2. What does this passage show about God's character?

Monday - [Genesis 10](#)

Tuesday - [Genesis 11:1-9](#)

Wednesday - [Genesis 11:10-12:3](#)

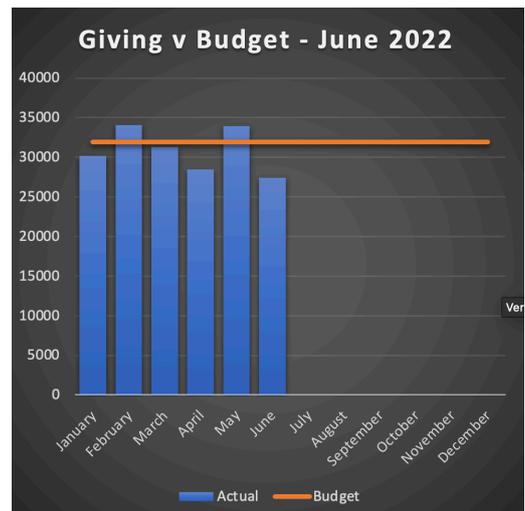
Thursday - [Psalm 2](#)

Friday - [Acts 2](#)

Notices

Finance Update - June 2022

Thank you to those members who generously support our church! All aspects of our church life are financially supported by regular givers. Over June, our giving dipped slightly. Perhaps you give but not regularly? Why not consider setting up weekly direct debits to ensure regularity. We have many exciting opportunities this coming term; SRE outreach campaign, youth group outreach campaign, GaP Group Leader training, Dumpling Making Night, Playtime, ministry to Elizabeth Lodge and Bupa Nursing Home, Christianity Explored, and our regular ministries. Our giving helps resources these. Check out the front cover of this booklet or our 'Give' page on the website for more details.



Vision Month - August 2022

Throughout August, we will spend time refreshing our sense of God's vision for our church, reflecting on the mission priorities that should characterise our church life and our strategic focus for the coming few years. We would like to see regulars make an extra effort to be part of our Sunday gatherings and our GaP Groups as we seek to hear from the Bible, pray together and plan together for the future. The Vision month kicks off on Sunday 31 July with a celebration brunch/dinner for all on Sunday 28 August.



Half Past Six is back next week!

This term, we will see how God loves and saves rag-tag outsiders, loners and misfits. For the first week back we have organised 'Christmas in July'. So, come dressed in your best ugly sweater. Be ready for a great night filled with gingerbread, present wrapping and fun! **When:** Friday 29th July, **Time:** 6:30-8:30pm, **Who:** Years 5-9.

What's Coming Up

Monday 25th	Weekly Prayer Meeting - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 837 9111 9200 Passcode: qKga12
Tuesday 26th	Playtime - Week 2 - Register
Friday 29th	Half Past Six - Week 1 - Christmas in July
Saturday 30th	Prayer Morning 8:30-8:55am - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 878 2345 9321 Passcode: 836532 — August: Vision Month —
Friday 12th	Dumpling Making Night. Get Ticket
Sunday 14th	Dreaming & Planning Meeting No.1 for Evening Service
Sunday 28th	Celebration Brunch & Dinner + Mission Gift Day

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