

This is God



The life of Jesus according to John's Gospel

Wk 18

Sunday 16 April 2023

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 9:45AM SERVICE:

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading:
John 20:30-31
(p. 1088)
- Sermon
- Prayers
- Song
- Conclusion

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Welcome to St Stephen's. We hope you are enjoying this quieter time after the joy and energy of celebrating Easter.

It's so great you have joined us for church this morning. There is no better way to ground ourselves than hearing from the Bible, spending time in prayer to the God of the Bible and enjoying time with others in reflection.



We would love to hear how you found church today. You can let us know using the QR Code or by chatting with one of the staff. If there is something that arises from the booklet content or the service which you would like to respond to then feel free to use the QR Code for that too.

The weeks after the resurrection of Jesus must have been extraordinary times. The disciples had gone from deep sadness and hopelessness to indescribable joy. Jesus spends his final 40 days on earth teaching and equipping his disciples to tell others about the extraordinary things which had happened. That responsibility rests on us too. Its why our church has made bringing our friends to faith a priority in our life together.



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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

Our Father in heaven,
You are big and we are small.
Thank you that you are the King over everything.
We are sorry for not loving or listening to you.
We are sorry that we choose our way instead of yours.
Please help us live as friends with you
through Jesus Christ.
Help us to listen and love you by your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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 forever
Amen

Sermon Notes

What Does God Want? | John 20:30-31

Preacher: Gordon Luk

What does God want from me?

The purpose statement
“these are written”

“that you may believe”

“Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God”

“life in His Name”

What does God want for me?

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT **HOPE**

AT WILLOUGHBY HOTEL

We rarely have time to talk and think about the things that really matter in life. Come to the pub for a drink and feed, and hear a panel of people from different professions and walks of life talk about hope.



REGISTER

Wednesday 17 May

7-9pm

Penshurst Room (upstairs)

Willoughby Hotel

315 Penshurst Street



This event will be the opening night of the Hope Explored course, which is open to anyone wanting to explore the topic of hope in Christianity. Hope Explored will run on **Wednesday 24 May, 31 May & 7 June, 7-9pm at the Willoughby Hotel.**

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A fun, safe & meaningful afternoon for kids



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FRIDAY KIDS

at St. Stephen's

Exploring Jesus & having fun together

Who?

**KINDY TO
YEAR 4**

Time

**3:30 TO
5PM**

Cost

**\$5 PER
WEEK**

ACTIVITIES DURING TERM TIME:

- Games
- Afternoon Tea
- Arts & Craft
- Music
- Learning about Jesus
- Friends

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**SCAN TO
REGISTER**

St. Stephen's Anglican Church: 211 Mowbray Road, Willoughby
Ph: (02) 9415 1727 Email: children@st-stephens.com.au

All leaders are trained and abide by the safe ministry guidelines of the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney.

Notices

Thank you to those who helped out at our Easter Services

Thank you to everyone who helped out at our Easter services and activities last weekend. Seeing so many people serving in various ways (formal/official and also unofficial ways) was so encouraging. It was a great witness to our visitors of the church body serving joyfully together with our different gifts as a family. Thank you also to those who brought friends and family to our Easter services and events. Thank you to those who helped with our letterbox drop. A special thank you also to David Krebs for putting together the Easter Walkthrough on Thursday night—we had around 80 people come along to it this year!

Hope Explored

Hope Explored is the Bring Course running this term for 3 Wednesday nights (24 May, 31 May and 7 June, 7-9pm) at the Willoughby Hotel. This is open to anyone wanting to explore the topic of hope in Christianity—no prior experience or background knowledge is required. Each night, you may buy a drink or meal from the pub. We will watch a short video about hope in the Christian faith. There will also be a chance to ask questions, explore, hear from others and discover what the Bible says about Jesus and hope. The course is free. There will be a taster of the Hope Explored course at the Conversations about Hope event on Wednesday 17 May, 7-9pm.

Check out st-stephens.com.au/autumn for more information.

KYCK

KYCK is a conference in Katoomba for high schoolers. It is an opportunity to get away together as a community and explore the difference Jesus makes. We will listen to great bible talks, worship, and build friendships. This year we are looking at the book of Mark and thinking about what it means to meet Jesus. It's not too late to register, speak to Pippie ASAP!

When: 28-30th April 2023

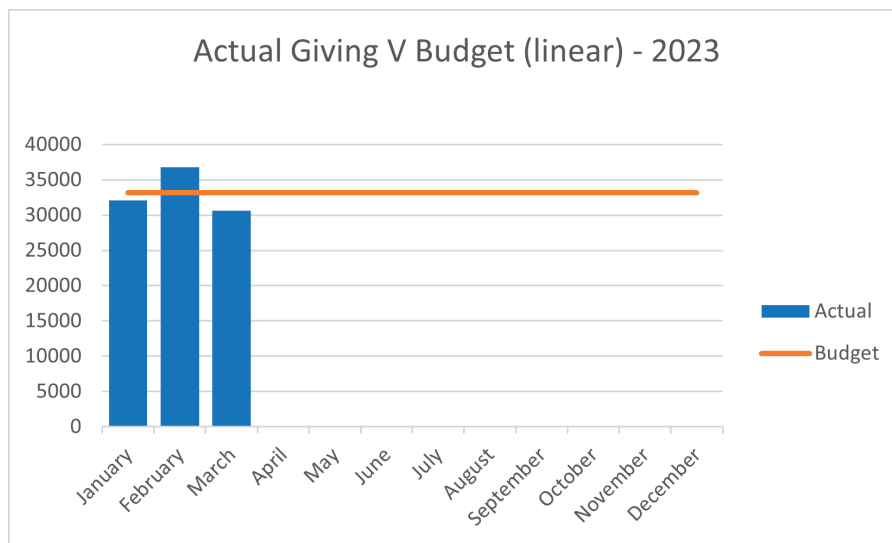
Who: Yr 7-12

Where: Katoomba

Please be praying for our youth that this might be a transformative time away.

Finances

Thank you to those who regularly support our ministries. Support for our ministries is often a significant time commitment. Committed and generous leaders are invaluable. The support also comes through the financial giving of our members. Everything in the life of our church is provided through the financial generosity of St Stephen's people. We do not receive or rely upon a donation from the head office of the Anglican Church. This is profound – people long to see others know Jesus so they make financial sacrifices. Thank you. If you would like to financially support the ministry of St Stephen's then visit our give page.



An update from our ministry trainee Nikita

Hey, I'm Nikita and I am a ministry trainee (MTS). I have just finished my first term. I am focussed on youth ministry, running HPS youth group on a Friday night and leading junior high bible study on Sunday mornings. One of my favourite new things I've been doing this term is attending the 7:45 service. I am also attending Youthworks College 2 days a week and am learning new things every week.



A part of MTS is being financially supported. My goal is to raise \$52000 over the 2 years. My giving is almost at 70%, thank you to all who are supporting me. I am hoping you can consider supporting me. Please reach out if you are interested and want to know more.

Warmly, Nikita

You can give to Nikita at: www.mts.com.au/give/nikita-psaltis/

What's Coming Up

20 April	Encounter for Seniors - 10am-1pm (morning tea & lunch included)
26 April	Prayer Night - 7:30pm in the Chapel Hall
28-30 April	KYCK Conference - Register here
30 April	Newish Morning Tea in the Church Reception
9-11 May	Reach Australia Conference 2023
17 May	Conversations of Hope + Hope Course

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