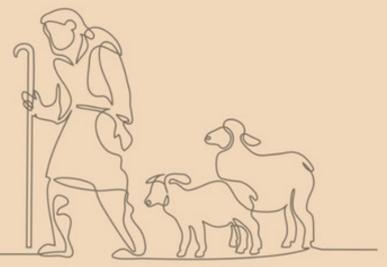


This is God



The life of Jesus according to John's Gospel

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Sunday 13 February 2022

Our 9:45 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
- Baptism
- Bible Reading:
[John 1:35-51](#)
(Bible - p.1063)
- Sermon
- Song
- Confession
- Prayer
- Song
- Conclusion

If you are a visitor to our online service please don't feel obliged to contribute financially.

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Welcome to St Stephen's! We think you being here is the best decision you've made this week! There is no better place to be on a Sunday than Church. We hope you find the service both engaging and challenging. Let us know you were here by using the Connect Card (via the QR Code).



This week we restart a series looking at the life of Jesus through the eyes of one of his closest apostles – John. Do you know the Jesus of the Bible? Or have you formed an opinion of him based on rumours, one-liners, videos from the internet, or assumptions you've always carried? We don't think those are enough to find the true Jesus Christ. The New Testament is filled with eyewitness accounts – many of the people write based on the details given by those who saw, lived, and served with Jesus in their lifetime. It's rich with truth and insight. We think this term in John will enrich you.

Over the course of this service and this series, we hope you will sharpen your understanding of who Jesus is and come to know him personally.



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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.

⁹"The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him;" to invite us to confess.

Daniel 9:9

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.

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

Come and see | [John 1:35-51](#) (with Gen 28:10-17 Bible - p.28)

1. Jesus: A confusing and divisive figure?

2. How did his first followers come about?

I. Andrew and his brother, Simon Peter (vv. 25-42)

II. Philip and his sceptical friend, Nathanael (vv. 43-51)

3. How did his universal church come about?

I. People spending time with Jesus

II. And then inviting their friends to come and see

6. What are all the titles of Jesus proclaimed by the different characters in the story? Why do you think they make such big claims about him in each instance?
7. What do you think makes Andrew and Philip so keen to invite their brother/friend to meet Jesus? What lessons could we take away as we seek to bring our friends to faith?

Prayer Points

Read the Bible with us!

1. What is happening in the surrounding verses?
2. What questions do you have (take them to your midweek group)
3. What do we learn about Jesus?
4. If this is true, how should you respond?

Monday - John 1:35-36
Tuesday - John 1:40-42
Wednesday - John 1:43
Thursday - John 1:45
Friday - John 1:50-51

Kids and Youth News!

H.P.S is going to 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 spend time hanging out playing games, exploring the bush, worshipping, and hearing Bible talks with 2000 other youth from all over

Australia.. Who: Youth in years 7-12. When:

8-10th April. Cost: \$160. [Register!](#). Crafternoon is coming soon too!



PTC Course - Starting today!

The Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) is an affordable unaccredited course that will help you grow in your knowledge of God's Word. Glenn Davies (Fmr. Archbishop, lecturer at Moore, and member of our 9:45am Service) will be teaching the course. Jump into chapel hall just before 3:00pm if you decide to join at the last moment. The course will run for 10 weeks. There is a small fee for course materials. [Register](#)

Lunar New Year Dinner

We had ~50 attendees come to our Lunar New Year Dinner last Wednesday night, including nearly 20 guests. The purpose of the event was to invite our friends, family, and neighbours to start a conversation with us about life, faith, and Jesus (whilst sharing good Chinese food!). We will be further exploring Jesus and the Bible with them in the coming weeks. The Alpha course (with dinner included) will run for six weeks, every Wednesday from 7-8.30pm starting this Wednesday 16 February. Please be praying for these guests as we share our faith with them. If you would like to help with providing dinner on one of the nights, please contact Jill Chilton or Gordon Luk. You can also join us in the [Alpha Course](#).



What's Coming Up

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| Sunday 13th | PTC Course Starts - Book your seat! |
| Sunday 13th | Connect Group Leaders meeting |
| Monday 14th | Prayer Morning 8:30-8:55am - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 878 2345 9321 Passcode: 836532 |
| Tuesday 15th | Crafternoon |
| Wednesday 16th | Alpha Course 2022 - Register here |
| Sunday 27th | New Members Morning Tea. — March — |
| Sunday 13th | Picnic at Bales Park after 9:45am Church. |

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