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Sunday 26 June 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 to St Stephen's. As you join us we hope you find a warm welcome from our church community. We love having new people and visitors. We think there is no better place to be on a Sunday than here – you have chosen well! We would love to hear from you so please feel free to use the electronic form (via the QR Code).



Our longing is to be a church made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ. We want live and love like Christ, we want to see all nations and cultures come in service of Christ, we want to see our buildings overflowing with people who know the hope of Christ. We can't do this ourselves. We do however believe that God can!

Christ has called each of us to know him. He wants to radically change our lives – to make us more like him! He promises that when we talk about his great news (the Gospel), when we present him, people will be changed. This is our great hope. It's what we look forward to each Sunday as we hear from, reflect on, and live for Christ.

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading:
[Gen 5:1-32](#)
(Bible p.5)
- Sermon
- Prayer
- Song
- Conclusion

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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

Most merciful God,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from your way:
we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit
that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen

³At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour,

Titus 3:3-6

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

The walk of the Righteous | Passage: [Genesis 5:1-32](#)

1. Walking with God

2. Walking amongst tombs

3. Walking by faith

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Questions

1. When you think of being one of God's people what do you envisage?

Read Genesis 5:1-32

Getting your head around the passage:

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

1. What repeats?
 2. What is unusual?
 3. How do the accounts of Enoch and Noah differ?
 4. What similarities are there between Genesis 1&2, and 5:1-5
 5. What differences are there between Adam and Seth?
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2. Enoch is described as having “walked with God” (vv. 22 & 24). What does this language try to reflect about his relationship with God? (See Gen. 48:15, Amos 3:3. and 2 Chr. 27:6)
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3. What might it look like for you to walk with God?

4. How does living in a world marked by death make talking to God challenging?

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

5. If we believe the historical account of Christ's resurrection, what hope is in-store?



GaP Group Reflection

Watch the video provided to your group leader.

1. What have you enjoyed about your time together this term?
2. How can your group grow and deepen its love for Jesus, his gospel and each other next term?

Prayer

1. Ask God to show you where a fear of death has affected you.
2. Pray God might grant you faith to believe his promise of the resurrection and transform your life.

Read the Bible with us!

1. What is the hope/good news of this passage?
2. How can this passage be challenging to believers in a world of death?
3. What do you need help in believing and putting into action this week?

Monday - [1 Cor. 15:1-8](#)

Tuesday - [1 Cor. 15:20-26](#)

Wednesday - [1 Cor. 15:35-44](#)

Thursday - [1 Cor. 15:50-55](#)

Friday - [1 Cor. 15:56-58](#)

Notices

Hello visitor!

Are you visiting St. Stephen's today? Welcome! Why did you come to church today? Maybe it was spur-of-the-moment, or did someone invite you? Good on you either way! Coming to church may have seemed like an accident for you. We don't think it was. We believe God is always at work. He is constantly calling people. Encouraging them to meet him and hear his good news. Our encouragement to you is: this is where you were meant to be today! If you have come, don't leave without saying hi to one of our staff. We want to meet you and get to know you. Maybe we can help you with a next step too. Unsure about who is on the staff team? You can find the names and pictures of all staff members at the back of this booklet.

News from Playtime and HPS!

At playtime, we want to see families come to faith. This term, we had 5-8 families come to playtime regularly each week. It is a significant drop from previous years, attributable to COVID. Despite this drop, we have connected well with families and seen a few new people. We are working hard at increasing our visibility through advertising. Please pray that the Playtime team would continue to have opportunities to share Jesus with the carers and that more people would join. Is there someone in your immediate vicinity that you can invite? Playtime begins back on the 19th of July.



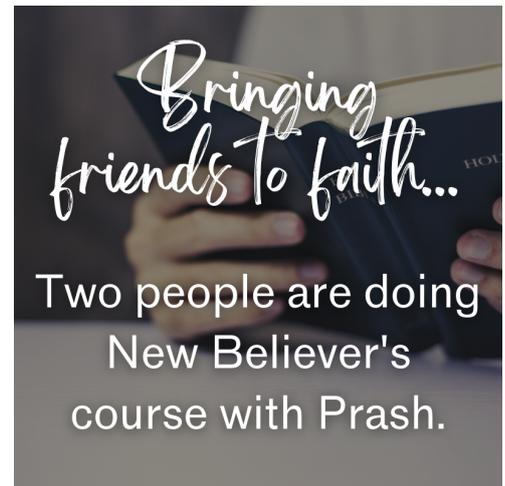
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St. Stephen's coordinates Protestant/Anglican Special Religious Education (SRE) at Willoughby Public school. The government allows us to have a tax-deductible fund to cover SRE expenses. Under Religious Instruction in Government Schools (RIGS), you can support our SRE program and avail of tax benefits. Would you like to make a one-off tax-deductible gift to support SRE? To know more, contact our Treasurer - [Niall Henderson](#) You will need the RIGS bank account details and the amount we can receive under RIGS.

Evangelism @ St. Stephens.

Praise God! We have seen several people accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour! A few of them are doing a New Believer's course with Prash. They will be looking at what it means to live a Christian life. It is such exciting news, and the Bible talks about this using family language: we have new brothers and sisters in the family of Christ now! Each of them have been on their own journey of exploring the

Christian faith before becoming a Christian. Why not celebrate with them, hear their stories and warmly welcome them into our church family? A memorable quote from our Evangelism Training nights; "We don't just want people to come to our church. We want them to attend church regularly, so they 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. In term 3, we will have more opportunities to share the Gospel and 'Bring friends to faith'. In August, we will have dumpling-making night nights followed by Simply Christianity. Who can you pray for over the school holidays? Who could you bring to those events?



Serving at St. Stephen's

The welcoming team is put in place to make it easier for new and existing members to feel at home at St. Stephen's. We greet them, give them name tags, and help them to be a part of our Sunday services. "I get the chance to say hello to everyone as they come through the door. I love meeting new people. Some may be unsure about what to expect, so we try to help them feel at ease and introduce them to other people. At the end of the service we talk more over coffee and tea. It is something everybody can do. If you want to join us, let Jill know." Fred Chilton - the welcoming team at 9:45am service.



What's Coming Up

Sunday 26th	Belonging Course - 1-4pm, Chapel Hall. Register
Monday 27th	Weekly Prayer Meeting - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 837 9111 9200 Passcode: qKga12
Tuesday 28th	Playtime - Week 9 — July —
Friday 1st	Half Past Six: Final week for Term 2, starts back on 29th July
Saturday 2nd	Prayer Morning 8:30-8:55am - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 878 2345 9321 Passcode: 836532 — August —
Friday 12th	Dumpling Making Night.

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