



Wk 6

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

- Welcome
- Song
- Confession
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading:

[Psalm 6](#)

(Bible p.538)

- Sermon
- Song
- Prayer
- Song
- Conclusion

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Sunday 11 September 2022

Our 9:45am service is live streamed to our YouTube and Facebook Channels. Please occupy the pews towards the back if you don't wish to feature on our stream.

Welcome to St Stephen's. We hope you find us to be warm and welcoming. We would love to meet you. Say hi to one of the staff team (pictures on the back), say hi to a regular near you or make contact using the Connect Card (the QR code links to an electronic version).



This week we continue a series looking at the Psalms. We were last in this series in 2021. The Psalms are poems and songs written for Israel during the time of the Old Testament. Often, they helped them worship God in the temple. Sometimes they were words for the king himself or for the individual to take upon their own lips. Many Christians use the Psalms to spur their own prayers – giving words to their wordless groans.

In the New Testament, Jesus took these words and used them for himself. In these moments, he extraordinarily revealed to us the very heart and cries of God himself. The Psalms are an insight into how God's own Son felt, experienced life, death and the promises of God. Enjoy them, revel in them, and draw upon them as you draw near to God.



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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.

¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for 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

God is the one who listens to our cries | Passage: [Psalm 6](#)

1. A song of tears composed by David.

2. A song of tears sung by Jesus.

3. A song of tears kept for us.

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Questions

1. Name some ways in which people deal with personal trouble and pain. Especially pain that has been caused by others.

Read Psalm 6

Getting your head around the passage:

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

1. Psalms are songs that were originally sung by Israel. How might you divide this psalm into stanzas?
 2. In which verses does:
 - a) David tell God to do something for him?
 - b) David tell God how he is feeling?
 - c) David talk about and to his enemies?
 3. How would you describe David's mood at the start of the psalm and the end?
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2. What is David's understanding of God in relation to his own anguish?
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3. How would you describe David's relationship with God as he suffers?

4. Read the following passage about Jesus (Matt 26:36-46). As the great descendent of David, how does Jesus fulfil this Psalm?
5. Look at the following passages, (2 Cor 1:3-5; 2 Cor 12:7b-10; Heb. 4:14-16; 1 Pet 5:7; Rev 21:1-4). How is a Christian equipped for times of personal trouble and anguish?



GaP Group Reflection

Watch the video provided to your group leader.

1. Can you recount a time you served someone and found great joy in the task despite the challenges and difficulty?
2. How can we be a church whose core values is 'generous service of others'? What can we do to encourage each other this way?

Prayer

1. Spend some time praying with each other in light of our troubles in life.
2. Pray that we would be assured of God's comfort, presence and hope amid our sufferings.

Read the Bible with us!

1. Is there a particular line you like or find interesting?
2. How might this psalm/song talk about Jesus?
3. How can we sing these words ourselves as followers of Jesus?

Monday - [Psalm 1](#)
Tuesday - [Psalm 2](#)
Wednesday - [Psalm 3](#)
Thursday - [Psalm 4](#)
Friday - [Psalm 5](#)

Notices

Serving on Sunday

Serving in a team allows you to bless the wider church community and the people you serve alongside. The great privilege of the Christian life is that we get to bless and spiritually nourish our brothers and sisters in Christ no matter our age, background or experience. If you didn't pick up a Serving Booklet last Sunday, you can find copies at the back of the church. Look through the booklet and see what serving opportunities interest you. You can respond by using the QR Code here.



Student Minister - Sam Carless

Sam Carless is one of our two student ministers at St. Stephen's. Sam is currently in his first year at Moore Theological College. Previously, he served at Hunter Bible Church. Sam is keen to enter full-time church ministry when he finishes studying. Sam is such a blessing to our church family. He leads Junior High Bible Study on Sunday mornings, leads with the HPS Youth Group on Fridays, and is a

vibrant member of our evening congregation. Sam generously offers his time to our church for free! Want to support Sam in prayer or financially? Have a chat with him on Sunday.

Praying Meetings at St. Stephens

Every Monday and Saturday morning we hold prayer meetings. It is a time when a faithful group of people meet to pray. Monday prayer meetings are on Zoom while the Saturday group meets in person onsite. We would love to see more people join us to pray. We pray for the people of St Stephen's, the ministry of our church, and the surrounding neighbourhood. If you can join us please do! For those who have never been in a prayer group before you can just turn up, tune in and listen in for a start. When you feel comfortable you can pray too.





Simply Christianity

“I’m getting to know the God, who I’ve been praying to”, said one guest who has been coming along to Simply Christianity. Each Friday night, we eat and connect with each other, watch a short video about Jesus, and then discuss together what the Bible says about Jesus. People who join us are from a variety of cultural backgrounds; and stages in life. They also have different

levels of familiarity with Christianity. Only two more weeks are left, but it is still not too late to join or bring a friend. Join us this Friday, 16 September, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the church office lounge.

[Join us.](#)

Half Past Six Youth Group

HPS meets every Friday evening during term time to explore what it means to know and love Jesus. The group caters to kids from years 5-9 and runs from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This term we are looking at how God treats the outcasts, the lonely and the unloved. We play games, eat food and have fun. We have 15-20 youths come each week and our prayer is that we will see twenty of them come regularly by the end of term. Please join us in praying for this ministry. Who can you invite?

Belonging Course

On Sunday, 18 September we will hold our next Belonging Course. The Belonging Course is an in-depth look at our church, its culture, vision, future priorities and your place in it. We are encouraging all regulars to sign up. There are twenty-five spots available for the course this term. So, sign-up ASAP using the Connect Card. The Course begins at noon and runs for three hours. It includes lunch and afternoon tea and has a programme for the kids. Those who attended our first course found it extremely helpful in ‘finding a place at the centre of our church life’.

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a kids
programme!



What's Coming Up

Monday 12th	Weekly Prayer Meeting - Zoom Link Meeting ID: 837 9111 9200 Passcode: qKga12
Tuesday 13th	Playtime - Week 6 - Register
Thursday 15th	Encounter for Seniors - 10am to 1pm - Chapel Hall.
Friday 16th	Half Past Six Simply Christianity - Week 3.
Saturday 17th	Prayer Morning - 8:45-9:15am - On-site
Sunday 18th	Belonging Course - 12 to 3pm - Chapel Hall - Register
Sunday 25th	Newish Morning Tea

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