

# This is God



The life of Jesus according to John's Gospel

Wk 19

Sunday 23 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.*

Welcome to St Stephen's. We're glad you can join us today. We would love to hear from you.

## TODAY'S 9:45AM SERVICE:

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession
- Anzac Day Segment
- Bible Reading: John 21:1-25 (p. 1088)
- Sermon
- Prayers
- Song
- Conclusion

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

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One of the ways of getting in touch is by using the Connect Card (there is a paper version inside this booklet and the QR code takes you to an electronic version). You can use the Connect Card to respond to various things happening or mentioned in the service and in this booklet.



On this Sunday before Anzac Day, we remember the sacrifice of those who served in wars past. We will take a moment to reflect on those who lovingly sacrificed so that others could gain. We will remember that they answered a higher calling, one that transcended their day-to-day doings and responsibilities. Something more urgent and critical caused them to valiantly leave much behind.

Sacrificial love and responding to a higher calling are core themes of the Christian message. Today, we also finish our sermon series in John's Gospel. In this final story recorded by Jesus's close friend John, Jesus gives his closest friends a special lesson. It's a lesson about responding rightly and sacrificially to a higher calling.



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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

## A Higher Calling | John 21:1-25

Preacher: Gordon Luk

1. A familiar, comfortable calling (v. 1-14)
2. An uncomfortable, greater calling (v. 15-23)
3. The glory of being a witness of the glorious Lord Jesus Christ (v. 24-25)

# 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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# 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**

**WITH WALKING  
BUS FROM  
WILLOUGHBY  
PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## ACTIVITIES:

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



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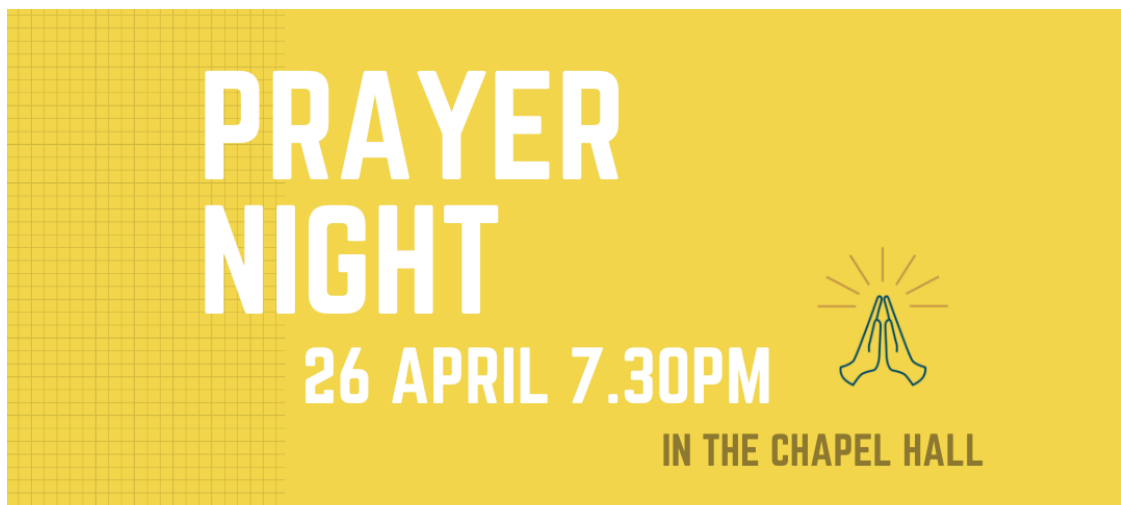
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All leaders are trained and abide by the safe ministry guidelines of the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney.

# Notices

## Prayer Meeting

This is on this Wednesday 26 April from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in the Chapel Hall. As a church, we are committed to praying big prayers shaped by the gospel. Come along and gather with brothers and sisters in Christ from all three services at St Stephen's. We will reflect on Scripture, sing some songs of praise, and pray together. This will be a worthwhile time for us as a church to commit all we plan to do in the coming term to the Lord. Come along and encourage others to come along too!



## Newish Morning Tea

If you consider yourself new to St Stephen's then we want to welcome you. We run Newish Morning Teas every month to help people get their bearings, meet staff and other new people and take a step further into the church life. Our next Newish is on Sunday 30 April after the 9:45am service.

## 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](http://st-stephens.com.au/autumn) for more information.

## 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.



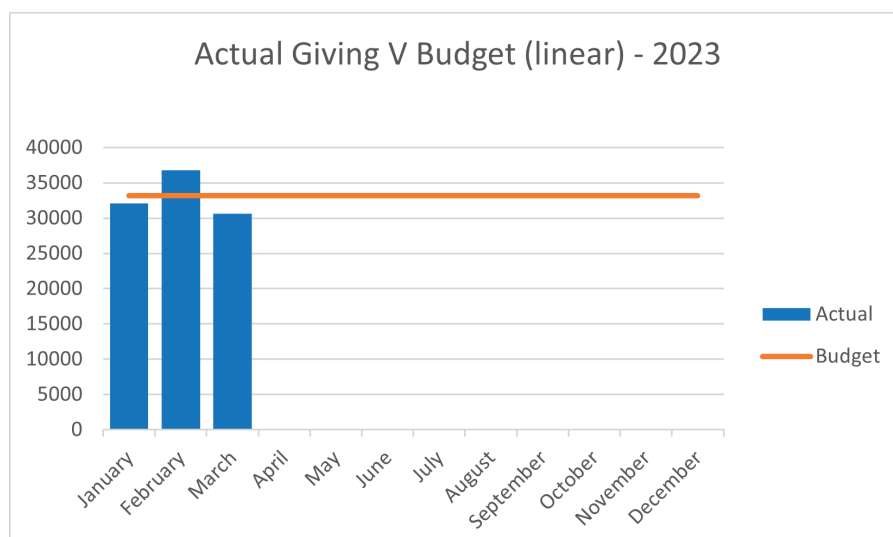
A part of MTS is being financially supported. My goal is to raise \$52000 over the 2 years. My giving is almost at 70%, thank you to all who are supporting me. I am hoping you can consider supporting me. Please reach out if you are interested and want to know more.

Warmly, Nikita

You can give to Nikita at: [www.mts.com.au/give/nikita-psaltis/](http://www.mts.com.au/give/nikita-psaltis/)

## 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](#).



## What's Coming Up

26 April	Prayer Night - 7:30pm in the Chapel Hall
28-30 April	KYCK Conference - <a href="#">Register here</a>
30 April	Newish Morning Tea in the Church Reception
2 May	Crafternoon in Hainsworth Hall
9-11 May	Reach Australia Conference 2023
17 May	Conversations of Hope + Hope Course

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