



A New King

The life of Jesus
according to Matthew's Gospel

 St Stephen's
WILLOUGHBY

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Sunday 7 January 2023

TODAY'S
9:45AM
SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading:
Matthew 3:1-17
(p. 967)
- Sermon
- Prayers
- Lord's Supper
- Announcements
- Song
- Conclusion

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please don't feel
obliged to contribute
financially.

Our 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 for the first Sunday of 2024! We're glad you could join us this morning. We would love to hear from you so please take a moment and connect with us using the QR Code.



How did you celebrate the new year? What are your hopes for this coming year? Each year we start again – hoping to do better. For Christians there is some truth to this. God offers us second chances. He graciously gives us the opportunity – through the forgiveness of Christ – to start again. Yet, he doesn't expect perfection. He knows us better than that! And he loves us despite our failings. The true grace of God is not just forgiveness but a willingness to accept us before we have changed. Let us hand our life transformation over to him.

A Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have often 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,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Next Steps

Have you been struck by Jesus? We'd love to help you [explore](#) the Christian faith a little bit more. Scan the QR code for some ways you can discover Jesus.



Sermon Notes

Preparing for the Kingdom | Matthew 3

Preacher: Prashanth Colombage

1. The Baptist

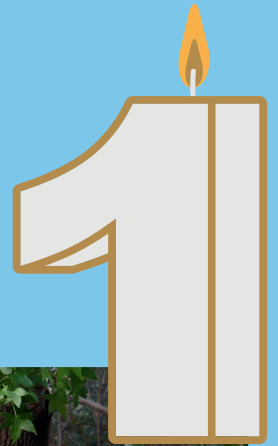
2. Our Baptism

“The faith that receives Christ must be accompanied with the repentance that rejects sin.”

- John Stott

3. Jesus's baptism

NIGHT CHURCH TURNS



Join us as we celebrate our first birthday!

Come taste and see what our Night Church congregation have been up to in the past year. Join us as we celebrate one year of God's goodness & provision!

Sunday 14th Jan 2024 6pm
211 Mowbray Rd,
Willoughby NSW

Free dinner provided after the service.

What's Coming Up

7 January	Baptism Course
14 January	Night Church 1st Birthday Dinner
17 January	Dessert & Prayer Night
19 January	HPS Family BBQ
21 January	Friday Kids Family BBQ

For more on what's happening this summer at St Stephen's, visit st-stephens.com.au/summer

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