



# A New King

The life of Jesus  
according to Matthew's Gospel



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## Sunday 28 April 2024

*Our 9:45am service is live streamed to our YouTube and Facebook Channels.*

### TODAY'S 9:45AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession & Assurance
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading: Matthew 10 (page 974)
- Sermon
- Prayers
- Announcements
- Song
- Conclusion

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Welcome to St Stephen's. We're glad you could join us today. Every week we have new people and visitors join us. We're so glad! We think there is no better place to be than church on a Sunday.

We encourage you to participate fully in the life of our church community. Have a read through this booklet, engage in the service, chat with one of the staff and respond using the Connect Card (accessible via the QR code too). We would love to welcome you in.

What does it look like to follow Jesus? In short, its costly but worth it. Jesus assures us he knows what life as one of his disciples looks like. He knows better than anyone the costs of authentic faith. He calls us to similar. He also calls us to find joy and peace in the larger picture of his blessing and in his community – the church.



### Next Steps

**Are you new?** We would love to meet you. Hear a brief intro on the life of our church at our next Newish Morning Tea on 26 May. It runs for ½ an hour straight after the service.

**Been regularly coming?** If you are a regular member of our church, we encourage you to attend our next Belonging Course which runs on the 2nd of June from 12-3pm. Belonging is the gateway to our GaP Groups, serving and deeper connection with the community. Or if you'd like to learn more sooner, you may also like to arrange a coffee with Prash or Jill. Simply reach out – they'd love to chat.

# 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 Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,  
to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18a

## 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

**The Kingdom Workers: the cost | Matthew 10**

Preacher: Damien Clark

# Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

1. What might make us anxious about serving God in our current cultural climate?

## Read Matthew 10

### Getting your head around the passage:

Choose as many of these questions as you need to get your head around the passage.

- A. Who did Jesus send out?
- B. What did he tell them to do?
- C. Why did he tell them to do it?
- D. What imagery did he use to describe their role?
- E. What did he say would happen to them?
- F. What benefit is there in doing what he asks?

2. Do you find it surprising that Jesus's disciples would experience persecution though they have great power and authority from him?

3. Have you experienced the hostility he talks about in some form?

4. What is the great truth about Jesus uttering these words himself? (You may also want to consider the events later in the gospel – Matt 26:57-68)

5. What hope does the gospel provide us when fear has thwarted our service of God? What motivation does it provide for to serve God?

6. What is one area of your coming week which can be reshaped by this passage?

## Prayer Time

1. Consider your answer to question 5. Seek God's forgiveness for these moments.

2. Consider your answer to the final question. Ask God to give you courage and capability to serve him in that area this week.

## Read the Bible with us!

Who is being sent? What role does God play in being sent?

How does this verse impact your calling?

Ask God to help you live for him this week.

Monday - [John 4:34](#)

Tuesday - [John 20:21](#)

Wednesday - [John 6:44](#)

Thursday - [John 17:3](#)

Friday - [Matthew 10:1](#)



# Notices

## Conversations about Hope Event



### MEET OUR PANEL



#### ROGER MONTGOMERY

Roger is the founder of Montgomery Investment Management, where he manages \$1.5 billion worth of investment portfolios. He has authored a best-seller on buying stocks and regularly contributes on ABC's *The Business* and *The Weekend Australian*.



#### LEISA AITKEN

Leisa is a clinical psychologist and currently completing a PhD in the psychology of hope, researching Australians' hopes for their own lives and also their hopes for humanity. She has spoken publicly on hope and its links with philosophy and psychology.



#### PRASHANTH COLOMBAGE

Prashanth is the Senior Minister at St Stephen's Willoughby and has degrees in English Literature, Law and Theology. Previously, he worked as a commercial litigation lawyer at Hunt & Hunt. His clients included Boral, NRMA and a bunch of truck drivers who took on a global company and won.



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## B Family Visit

The B Family, one of our Parish Link Missionaries, will be visiting our church from Wednesday 1 May to Friday 10 May.

The Family will be running a Supporters Night and Supper (1 May), at our Sunday Services (5 May), visiting prayer week (6 May), Playtime (7 May) and visiting our Friday Kids and Youth programs (10 May). Would you put these dates in your diary and take time to come hear them, pray for them, and encourage them in their ministry.



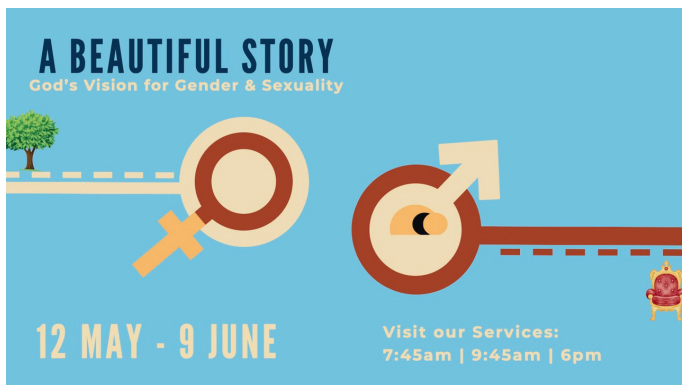
There is no better way to activate your heart for overseas missionaries than meeting them in person and praying for them.

# Notices

## God's Beautiful Vision for Sexuality

From 12 May – 2 June we will be looking at the issues of Sexuality and Gender from the Bible's perspective.

It is a great series to bring friends to. The content will help them to view the issue with the Christian story as a lens.



Do you have questions or issues you would like addressed in the series? You can submit your questions or thoughts via this QR Code

## Prayer Week | 6-10 May

From May 6 - 10 we will be focussing on our Prayer Week. We encourage every person at St Stephen's to join us in the great and holy task of prayer.

Each weeknight we will meet in the Chapel Hall from 7:30-8:30pm to pray for the world, the spread of the gospel and our church.



There is no more effective way to bring about personal and corporate change than to commit to prayer.

GaP Groups are highly encouraged to attend the prayer night corresponding to their usual day/night of meeting. While it is tempting to skip prayer – we encourage you there are few better ways to prepare for all that will come.

# What's Coming Up

1 - 10 May	The B Family Visit to St Stephens
1 May	B Family Supporters Night & Supper
5 May	Vision Sunday Celebration Morning Tea
6 - 10 May	Prayer Week
23 May	Conversations of Hope

For more on what's happening this autumn at St Stephen's, visit [st-stephens.com.au/autumn](http://st-stephens.com.au/autumn)

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