



A New King

The life of Jesus
according to Matthew's Gospel

 St Stephen's
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Wk 18

Sunday 9 March 2025

Our 9:30am service is live streamed to our YouTube and Facebook Channels.

We're so glad you're here—especially if you're visiting today to celebrate the dedication of Ethan and Henry! As a church, we rejoice in seeing people commit themselves to following Jesus, and we pray they will “crown Him Lord of all” in their lives.



This morning, we'll sing “All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”—a reminder that Christ is our King, worthy of all honour and praise. Our sermon will challenge us to be bold in faith, like Peter stepping out of the boat in Matthew 14. Jesus calls us to trust Him, even when the waters seem uncertain.

If you'd like to know more about how we disciple and encourage young people in their faith, we'd love to chat! And if you're new, please take a moment to fill out a Connect Card via the QR code—we'd love to connect with you.

Let's worship our great and powerful King together!

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession & Assurance
- Naming ceremony
- Song
- Bible Reading:
Matthew 14:22-33
(p. 981)
- Sermon
- Prayers
- Vision Spot
- Song
- Conclusion

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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 30 March. 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 1 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 at another time, you can 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.

18 Who is a God like you,
 who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
 of the remnant of his inheritance?
You do not stay angry forever
 but delight to show mercy.
19 You will again have compassion on us;
 you will tread our sins underfoot
 and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:18-19

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 King over Chaos | Matthew 14:22-33

Preacher: Prashanth Colombage

1. The Power of Jesus

2. The Response to Jesus

3. The Reach of Jesus

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Praying with one another

Spend some time sharing something from the sermon on Sunday that either comforted or challenged you. Pray about these things together.

Going deep in God's Word

Read Matthew 14:22-36

Look at the different characters in this account.

- i. What stands out for you about them in this passage?
- ii. What questions do you have about them that you'd like to find out?

JESUS

PETER

THE OTHER DISCIPLES

THE CROWDS

Which character(s) other than Jesus do you most resonate with? Share why.

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

In light of God's Word, spend some time reflecting on the following questions and praying together.

1. Are there moments of fear in your walk with Christ where you need to hear Him say, "Take courage!"?
2. Are there moments when you feel like you're failing/falling ("Lord, save me!"), where you need to know the comfort of His hand catching you?
3. Are there moments when you've reflected on what Christ has done in the gospel and in your life where you say in worship, "Truly you are the Son of God!"?

Spend some time also praying for the next generation, the children and youth of our church; that they will grow in their love and devotion to God's Word.

If you have time, finish by singing Known and Loved together, you can scan this QR Code to listen to a recording with lyrics.



Read the Bible with us!

Using some of the questions to guide you.

1. What does this show me about God?
2. What does this show me about myself and my relationship to God?
3. What does this show me about Jesus?
4. How might this shape my heart, mind, life, actions today?

Monday - [2 Peter 1:1-11](#)

Tuesday - [2 Peter 1:12-21](#)

Wednesday - [2 Peter 2](#)

Thursday - [2 Peter 3:1-9](#)

Friday - [2 Peter 3:10-18](#)

Notices

Friday Kids

Friday Kids is off to an exciting start! We're celebrating that eight non-Christian kids joined us last Friday—what a beautiful sight! Even more amazing, one family has been coming every week since they were invited by a church family. It's a joy to see kids having fun, making friends, and discovering who Jesus is. That's what Friday Kids is all about—playing games, building friendships, and exploring faith together. Keep inviting, keep praying because God is at work!

SRE

For 4 years we have taught SRE to the Year 5 cohort (yrs1-4). We've deliberately had the same teacher with them so we could build relationships & trust over the years. A number of students have come from that class to our Friday Kids Program.

This year, a new non-Christian student joined us and has brought his non-Christian, non-SRE friend along too! SRE can change lives. Interested in serving in this ministry? Chat with Pippie.



Half Past Six Youth Group



Half Past Six started the year with seven youth and their families at a fun family BBQ.

At HPS, we are all about Jesus, fun, and friends. This term, we are exploring "The Power of the Cross," learning what Jesus has done for us. Every Friday from 6:30 to 8:15 PM, we meet to read, talk, and spend time together.

We are praying that more youth in our area will come to HPS—and more importantly, come to know Jesus. Each week is a chance to listen, ask questions, and grow in faith.

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Big Day Out - 22 March

Come join us and deepen relationships with your Church Family. As we grow to include others we have to keep working hard to build deep connections. Time together, shaped by the Bible is crucial. We have stuff for kids, adults, newer members and long time members.

If you have questions - ask the team on the desk or use the Connect Card.



What's Coming Up

10 - 24 March	Alpha
21 March	Friday Kids & HPS Big Week
22 March	Big Day Out
30 March	Newish Morning Tea
31 March	Come and See

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

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