



A New King

The life of Jesus
according to Matthew's Gospel

 St Stephen's
WILLOUGHBY

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Sunday 30 March 2025

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

What a joy it was to gather at Big Day Out last week—growing in faith, deepening friendships, and seeing glimpses of the **beautiful, diverse, and large** church we long to be through Christ's work in us. Sundays are another opportunity to fix our eyes on Jesus, to be shaped by His Word, and to invite others into His transforming grace.



In Matthew 17:1-13, the disciples saw Jesus in His glory, revealing His true majesty. It echoes the words of the great hymn:

*"Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art."*

These old words remind us that Jesus is our greatest treasure—He shapes our hearts, our lives, and our church.

If you're new or visiting, we'd love to connect! Scan the QR code to fill in a Connect Card and let us know how we can support you.

May today renew our vision of Christ and our joy in being His people.

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 today. 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.

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Spotlight
- Confession & Assurance
- Song
- Bible Reading: Matthew 17:1-13 (p. 983)
- Sermon
- Prayers
- Vision Spot
- Song
- Conclusion

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

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.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

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 in Full Light | Matthew 17:1-13

Preacher: Prashanth Colombage

1. The Glory! - Why we want to experience God
2. The Failure! - Why we don't want to experience God
3. The Clarity. - How we can experience God

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Discuss together

What is the most breathtaking/glorious thing you've ever seen?

Going deep in God's Word

Read Matthew 17:1-13, Exodus 33:18-34:9, 1 Kings 19:3-12

1. Compare Jesus with Moses and Elijah, in each of their “mountain moments”. You may like to draw it out or simply list the similarities and differences.

Jesus (Matt)	Moses (Exod)	Elijah (1 Kgs)

Read Matthew 17:5 and Hebrews 1:1-3

2. What makes listening to Jesus difficult? What makes listening to Jesus glorious?

3. How does the death and resurrection of Jesus (v. 9, 12) help us further understand the glory of Jesus as God's Son?

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

You may want to break into smaller groups to share and pray in light of God's Word.

Reflect on the following questions to guide your prayers.

1. Does the glory of something else captivate you more than the glory of God's Son, Jesus?
2. Does the glory of Christ make you fearful of Him? What comfort do you take from His words in verse 7 and also in the Cross?
3. What struggles in listening to God's Son, Jesus are you wrestling with? What encouragement do you have in God's Word today?

If you have time, finish by singing His Glory and My Good 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 – [Romans 4](#)

Tuesday – [Romans 5:1-11](#)

Wednesday – [Romans 5:12-21](#)

Thursday – [Romans 6:1-14](#)

Friday – [Romans 6:15-23](#)

Notices

AGM - 31 March

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Church Building at 7:30pm on Monday 31 March 2025.

Those who have been attending our church regularly for the past 3 months and have been baptised can vote in the meeting.

Nominations for office bearers are available from the office. Annual Financial Reports are available at the back of the church.



Come and See

Starting **Monday 31 March** after the Alpha course

COME & SEE

is perfect for anyone who has done Alpha and wants to know how to live *the life they were made to live*.

Jesus made one of the biggest claims ever when he said: **"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."** (John's Gospel, Chapter 10, Verse 10)

Whether you're still asking life's big questions, looking for a fresh start, or new to the Christian faith, Come & See is a chance to get together with others and see what the Bible says about Jesus and the life he offers. No prior knowledge or experience is required. Come and see!

MONDAY NIGHTS 7PM-8:30PM

Free food and drink.



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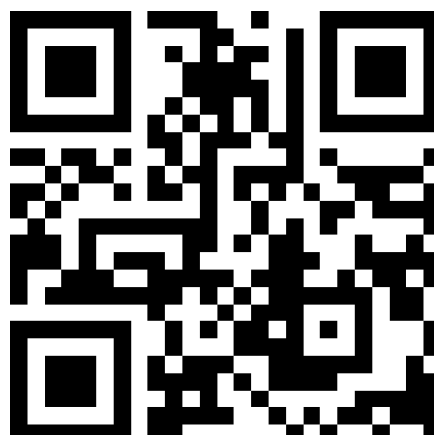
Square One Camp - 30 May - 1 June

Square One Camp is an action-packed weekend filled with epic games, outdoor fun, and awesome Bible talks designed just for kids. It's a chance to grow in faith, make new friends, and have an unforgettable time away with our church group. You join 200 kids from all over NSW. Spots are filling up fast so register now.

Who: Years 3-6

When: 30 May - 1 June, 2025

Where: Youthworks Conference Centres
Port Hacking



What's Coming Up

31 March	Come and See - follow on to Alpha
31 March	AGM - 7:30pm in the Church
2 - 4 April	Staff Retreat
5 April	Working Bee
17 April	The story of Jesus through music and art

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

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