



Finding the glory of God



Wk 1

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Baptism
- Song
- Vision Spot
- Bible Readings:
Lev 1:1-9 (p. 99) &
Hebrews 10:1-10
(p. 121)
- Sermon
- Confession &
Assurance
- Mission Spot
- Prayers
- Song
- Conclusion

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Sunday 11 May 2025

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

Whether you're new, visiting for Janice's baptism, or a regular part of our church family—we're so glad you're here. Today we begin a new teaching series in Leviticus, starting with God's call to His people in Leviticus 1:1-9. It's a striking reminder that the holy God makes a way for sinners to draw near—and that this finds its perfect fulfilment in Jesus.

Janice's baptism today is a beautiful picture of that grace at work. As we celebrate together, we're reminded of the transforming power of Christ to welcome, renew, and send.

This Sunday is also part of Mission Month, and we'll hear from one of our Link Missionaries as we look beyond ourselves.

We long to be a church made beautiful, diverse, and large by the gracious work of Christ. Use the Connect Card (via the QR code) to let us know how you found the service or how we can help you take your next step.



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.

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

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed:
we have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves:
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins...
(1 John 2:1b-2a)

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

Drawing Near to God | Leviticus 1 & Hebrews 10

Preacher: Prashanth Colombage

Hearing from God

Approaching God

In Leviticus

In our life

In the life of Jesus

Assurance from God

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Opening Question

Why do you think there are so many different views about Jesus? What's at stake if the true identity of Jesus is misunderstood?

Going deep in God's Word

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

1.What four events about Jesus make up the gospel Paul preaches? Why do you think it's necessary for Paul to remind the Corinthians of these?

2.What are “the Scriptures” that Paul refers to as explaining why Jesus' death and resurrection are significant? Why do you think Paul includes “according to the Scriptures” in his gospel presentation/summary? Reflect also on Sunday's sermon on Leviticus in your discussion.

Read Luke 24: 13-49

3.What don't the two disciples on the Emmaus Road understand (v. 25-26)?

4.What does Jesus do for them and the other disciples (v. 27, 44-47)? How does Jesus help us see what the Old Testament is all about? What did you appreciate from Sunday's sermon in Leviticus 1 about Jesus?

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

In light of God's Word, spend some time praying together, using the following prompts:

1. In what ways are you lacking like the disciples in Luke 24? Do you think your grasp of Jesus and the gospel is lacking because of a fear/discomfort/ignorance/unfamiliarity of the Old Testament?

2. How can you ask God to open your mind like He did for the disciples in Luke 24? What might that look like for you to let God do this for you this Term?

Spend time also praying for our All-in Training on Sunday, for the team leaders and ministry area leaders of our service teams, and that we would be a church that serves one another like Jesus served us.

Read the Bible with us! And with your family!

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 - [Acts 2:42-47](#)

Tuesday - [Acts 3:1-26](#)

Wednesday - [Acts 4:1-22](#)

Thursday - [Acts 4:23-31](#)

Friday - [Acts 4:32-5:11](#)

Notices

Alpha for Seniors - 15 May

The Team from Encounter are running Alpha for Seniors each Thursday from 10-12pm starting on 15 May. This will be a wonderful opportunity to reach our older community with the gospel.

We hope to see the program filled with non-Christian elderly members of our community. If you have a non-Christian friend, over the age of 65 who will appreciate the opportunity to discuss life & faith over food with friendship then bring them along.



KYCK Update

Seven of our youth attended KYCK in the Blue Mountains last weekend, and it was a fantastic weekend together. The conference focused on the book of Galatians and the theme of Freedom, that true freedom is found in Jesus Christ.

Our group loved listening to the talks, enjoyed singing with hundreds of other youth, and had great conversations about what they heard. It was also a valuable time of building friendships and encouraging one another in faith. Thank you for your prayers and support for this important ministry!



Notices

All in Training- 18 May

All In TRAINING

All-In Training is designed to encourage and equip you with the conviction and skills to serve faithfully. Come be refreshed, sharpen your gifts, and grow in confidence as we learn to serve God and His church together!



Who

ALL VOLUNTEERS



Date

SUNDAY, 18TH MAY



Time

11:45-2:15PM



Lunch and kid's program

INCLUDED



Register here



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms

1 Peter 4:10

Mission Partner Focus

This month is Mission Month! We're hearing from our Mission Partners around Australia and the world. On Sunday 25 May we will have our Annual Mission Gift Day - a chance to give a one-off gift to support our missionaries. Our target is \$35k this year. More details to come.

Here is an update from Kylie Zietsch, whom we partner in the gospel at Johannesburg Bible College:

"Praise God for growth in both number and maturity at Christchurch Hillbrow. Please pray for Pastor Mlu as he settles into his new role.



I'm thankful for good rest and spiritual encouragement over Easter. Our second-year students are beginning practical ministry—pray that their learning bears fruit. Our teaching team is writing new courses; pray for wisdom, faithfulness, and energy. Pray too for our interns—Fundiswa, Natasha, and Vanessa—that they grow in love for God, students, and teaching. Lastly, pray for my own biblical counselling studies—that I would grow in wisdom and diligence to minister God's Word well."

What's Coming Up

12 May	Come and See
15 May	Alpha for Seniors
18 May	All in Training - Register Now!
25 May	Newish Morning Tea
30 May - 1 June	Square One Camp

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

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