



Finding the glory of God



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TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

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& 1 John 1:5-10
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Sunday 18 May 2025

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

Welcome to church this morning! Whether you're here for the first time, visiting, or a regular part of our church family, we're glad you've joined us. Today we continue our Mission Month and open God's word to Leviticus 4:1-12 and 1 John 1:5-10—passages that reveal both the seriousness of sin and the grace of a God who forgives.



We're a church that longs to be made beautiful, diverse, and large by the gracious work of Christ. And today's service reflects that longing—in our prayers, in hearing from one of our mission partners, and in encouraging one another in faith and repentance.

If you're new or want to take a next step, we'd love to hear from you! Simply scan the Connect Card QR code and let us know how we can support you.

Let's come before our holy God with humble hearts, knowing He meets us with mercy and love.

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

Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have 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;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

(1 John 1:9)

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

Cleaning the Invisible Sins | Leviticus 4:1-12 & 1 John 1:5-10

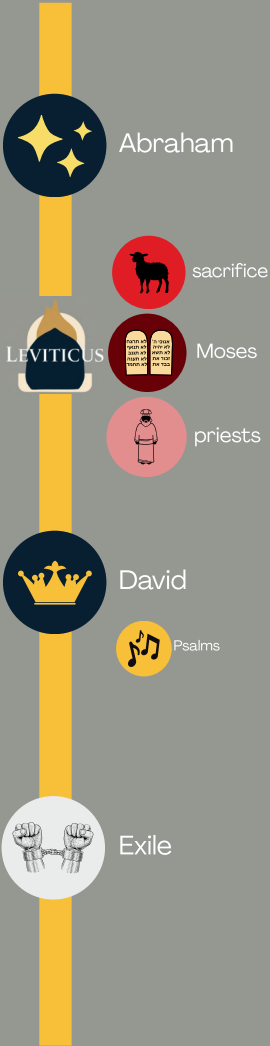
Preacher: Prashanth Colombage

The universal problem of Sin

The Hope that's offered

The Impact of the offering

Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament



Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Opening Discussion

Share what encouragements and/or questions you had from Sunday's sermon on Leviticus 4.

Going deep in God's Word

Read Genesis 12:1-3

1. List out the promises God makes to Abraham

2. How does God fulfil these promises as the story of the Bible develops?

	Being a great nation/people/n ame	Being blessed	Being a blessing to all people on earth
In Israel			
In Jesus			
In the Church			

3. Why would being a 'child of Abraham' have been so important to the ancient Israelite?

Read Galatians 3:7-14

4. How does someone become a 'child of Abraham' (v. 7-9) and what blessing do Abraham's children receive (v. 14)? How does this connect with the Leviticus sermon on who can be made clean?

5. This passage talks about those who are blessed and cursed (v. 10-14). Who should be cursed? Who became cursed? Who is blessed? How?

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

God's Word has shed light on our identity (ie. who you are as His blessed child by faith in Christ)! Spend some time reflecting on the following questions, sharing and praying together.

1. What makes you rejoice? What about Jesus are you thankful for?

2. What challenges how you're currently living, how you're relating to others at church, how you're relating to others outside of church?

3. How should these passages impact our church life and particularly welcoming new members to our church? Who are newer members from you've met? How can we welcome them and help them belong? Pray for them.

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 5:12–24](#)

Tuesday – [Acts 5:25–32](#)

Wednesday – [Acts 5:33–6:15](#)

Thursday – [Acts 7:1–53](#)

Friday – [Acts 8:26–40](#)

Notices

Playtime

Playtime is a wonderful ministry for children aged 0-5 and their carers, and this year has had a great start!

Each week we welcome families into a warm, friendly space to play, connect, and build friendships.

Through stories, songs, and conversations, we gently invite people to explore the gospel.

Last term, we celebrated as

one mum came to faith and another family checked out church.

We're so thankful for the way God is at work through this beautiful ministry.



Meet a Volunteer

Ian Jagger

What Ministry are you involved?
SRE at Willoughby Public

What you do during the week?

Semi-retired accountant/
executor

I first got involved due to the urgent need for SRE teachers, but also from my deep concern about its decline and the rise of alternative teachings that leave out God's truth. It has been a real eye opener for both them and me, and in a very rewarding way, of being able to bring God's word to them where, in following them through their school years, I have witnessed them grow and develop that security and knowledge which I believe can only be provided in "growing with God".



Notices

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.



Emily Quinn is one of our Link Missionaries, serving with the Bush Church Aid Society (BCA) in Darwin at Nungalinga College—a training college for Indigenous Christians from across northern Australia. Emily supports students in their theological education, helping them grow in faith and equipping them to serve their communities with the gospel. Her work plays a vital role in seeing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples strengthened as Christian leaders. As we celebrate Mission Month, please consider supporting Emily through our Mission Gift Day. Your generosity helps gospel ministry flourish in places where faithful workers are few but deeply needed.

To donate: use our Bank Details (front page) and Ref: Mission.

Belonging - 1 June

Are you new or still exploring our church? Join us for Belonging on Sunday, 1 June—a relaxed, welcoming gathering designed just for you. You'll meet our staff team, connect with other newcomers over lunch and afternoon tea, and learn more about who we are, what we believe, and how you can find your place here. It's a fun, pressure-free way to ask questions, share your story, and see how you might get involved in community life. Whether you've been visiting for weeks or months, Belonging is your next step to feeling at home. Mark your diary now—we can't wait to welcome you!



What's Coming Up

19 May	Come and See
22 May	Alpha for Seniors
25 May	Newish Morning Tea
30 May - 1 June	Square One Camp
1 June	Belonging

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

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