



Finding the glory of God



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TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

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Sunday 1 June 2025

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

Welcome! We're so glad you've joined us this morning—whether you're here for the first time or have been part of our church family for years. We long to be a church **made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ**, and one of the ways we join in that vision is through our support of global and local mission.



Today we're excited to welcome Paul Sampson from Bush Church Aid (BCA), one of our mission partners. Paul will help us see how God is at work in rural and remote Australia—and how we can be part of it.

It's also a key moment in our year: Mission Gift Day. We're aiming to raise \$35,000 in one-off gifts to support all our link missionaries.

If you're new or visiting, we'd love to help you connect—just scan the QR code on the next page and say hello!

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 29 June. 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 today 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 Jill. Simply reach out – she'd love to chat.

Prayers for those not sharing in Lord's Supper

Participation in the Lord's Supper is for those who have professed faith in Jesus - it's a powerful and important symbol of the Christian message. As such we want to encourage those who are still exploring the Christian faith to feel free to remain in their seats when others move to the front to receive the Lord's Supper. During that time you may want to reflect on the sermon or Bible reading. You may also want to pray one of these prayers below.

Prayer for those searching for truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me who you are. Give me an understanding of you that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayers adapted from Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York.

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

Hooves and Holiness | Leviticus 11:1-8, 44-45 & 1 Peter 1:13-16

Preacher: Paul Sampson

1. Selective Smörgåsbord

Clean and Unclean (Lev. 11:46-47)

The Lord's Commands (Lev 5:17)

2. "Be Holy because I am Holy" (Lev 11:45)

God is holy (Lev 11:44)

Israel: holy

Holiness

3. Holiness Today

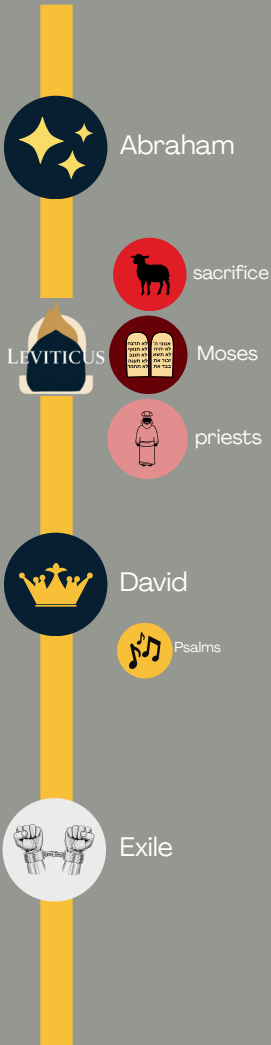
Food Freedom (Mark 7:19)

Gospel of Grace (Acts 10)

"Be holy because I am holy" (1 Pet:1:16)

Holiness in Practice

Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament



Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Opening Discussion

Think of a non-Christian friend you have. What voices influence their life decisions and directions? Why do you think they trust those voices?

Going deep in God's Word

Read Deuteronomy 18:14-22 and 30:10-12

1. Based on all you know about Moses (think Egypt, the Exodus, Sinai), does it surprise you that his role is a great prophet? What do we understand about what a prophet is and does (v. 19-22)?

2. Split into pairs/smaller groups and work through the table below. What impact on Israel's relationship and understanding with God did Moses' words to them have (ie. What would they lack without God speaking through Moses)?

	What would Israel lack without this Word from God through His prophet, Moses?
Exodus 12:21-28	
Exodus 19:3-6	
Exodus 19:25-20:17	
Leviticus 1:1-9	

Read Acts 3:17-23

3. How does Jesus fulfill and surpass Moses as God's ultimate prophet? What would we lack in our relationship with God without listening to Jesus revealing God's truth to us?

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 you in danger of following other voices for life's big decisions than the voice of Jesus?
2. What comforts for your relationship with God might you be missing out on when you don't listen to Jesus as God's ultimate prophet?

Spend some time praying for your non-Christian friend that they might hear and believe in the voice of Jesus.

Spend some time praying for Alpha for Seniors:

- For the guests coming along
- For the team as they care for and speak to the guests

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 11:1-18](#)

Tuesday - [Acts 11:19-12:25](#)

Wednesday - [Acts 13:1-52](#)

Thursday - [Acts 14:8-18](#)

Friday - [Acts 14:19-25](#)

Notices

Mission Gift Day

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Target:

\$35,000

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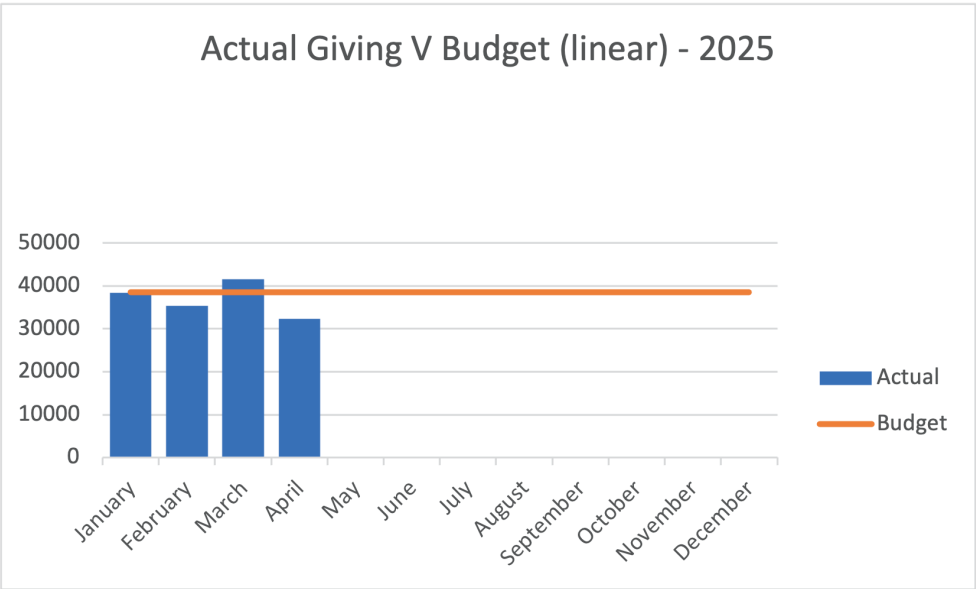


Last Sunday was Mission Gift Day. Our target was \$35k. We are hoping our households might generously support this gift day. Some may not be able to give much, some will be able to give a large amount - give what you can, give joyfully, give for God's glory!

To donate use:
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Finances

There is so much great ministry happening at the moment and God is working mightily in our midst. We need your help to fund that ministry. If you are a new member to our church could you consider partnering financially with us. As you can see our monthly target fell well short last month.



Notices

Serving in Kids and Youth

Last week, one young person brought three friends to youth group. On Sunday, one of them came back! What a beautiful sight! As we long to be a church made beautiful, diverse, and large by the gracious work of Christ, kids and youth ministry is where this begins.

Teaching the Bible to young hearts has eternal impact—there's no better way to spend your time. We need more leaders for Sundays, Fridays, and SRE. Could this be your next step?



Friday Kids & HPS Big Week

We're praying to see our kids and youth ministry double by year's end. Big Week is the perfect chance to see more kids and Youth come to know Jesus: It's super fun, packed with gospel truth, and open to all. Who could you invite? One ask could change a life forever.

Silent Disco

6:30-8:15
JUNE 13

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ALL ABOUT
JESUS, FUN & FRIENDS.**

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All leaders are trained and abide by the safe ministry
guidelines of the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney.

What's Coming Up

2 June	Come and See
5 June	Alpha for Seniors
13 June	Kids & Youth Big Week
16 June	Parish Council
29 June	Newish Morning Tea

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

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