



Finding the glory of God



Wk 8

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

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Sunday 29 June 2025

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

Welcome!

As the chill of winter settles in, it's wonderful to have you here. There's something special about gathering together—drawing near to one another, and to the God who draws near to us.



This term, we're walking through the book of Leviticus. At first glance, it may seem strange or unfamiliar, but it's full of rich truth. Leviticus shows us a holy God who makes a way for unholy people to live with him—a way that ultimately points to Jesus.

This booklet has everything you need for today's service: Bible readings, space for notes, and helpful info to make you feel at home. If you're new or visiting, we're especially glad you're here. Scan the QR code to let us know you came, and join us after the service for morning tea—it's nice and warm!

Wherever you're at, we hope you find real warmth and welcome in Jesus today.

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 14 September 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 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.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

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

When Sin Gets Serious | Leviticus 20:1-8 and Romans 6:23

Preacher: Gordon Luk

Who determines right and wrong?

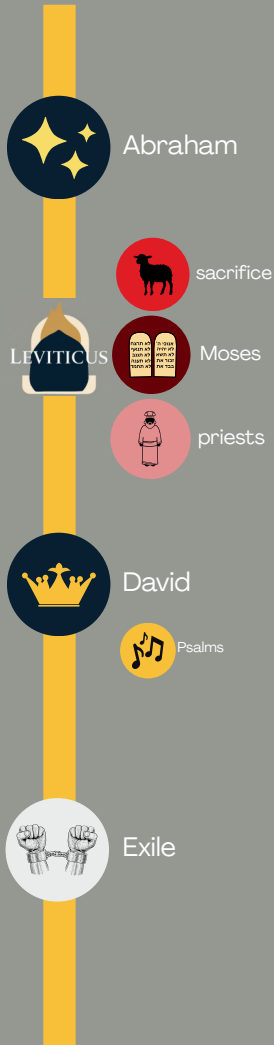
1. Sin and false worship (v. 1-5)

2. Sin and false spirituality (v. 6)

3. Holy worship because of a holy God (v. 7)

The Lord who makes us holy (v. 8)

Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament



Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Share and pray together

Share and pray for each other. What's something you'd like to thank God for? What's something you'd like to ask Him for?

Going deep in God's Word

Read Ezekiel 36:16-30

1. What's the situation for Israel (v. 19, 24, 33-34)? Why are they in this position (v. 17-21)?

2. List all the things God promises to do for them (v. 24-30). Why is God doing this (v. 21-23)?

Read Acts 1:1-8

3. What are the disciples looking for (v. 6)? How does Jesus respond?

4. How does Jesus pouring out the Spirit and commissioning the mission of the gospel to the world fulfil God's promises in Q2, and also explain why God is doing this?

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

In a big group, reflect on the following questions in light of God's Word and spend some time in open prayer for the following.

1. What do you rejoice about Jesus' gift of His Spirit to you?
2. How can the Spirit work in you to care about God's glory and Name?
3. How can the Spirit work in you to be part of Jesus' gospel mission to the ends of the earth?

Read the Bible with us! And with your family!

Family Question: How does Jesus stay close to Paul during trials?

Pray: Thank God that He is always near when we're afraid.

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 21:17-22:29](#)

Tuesday – [Acts 22:30-23:11](#)

Wednesday – [Acts 23:12-35](#)

Thursday – [Acts 24:1-27](#)

Friday – [Acts 25:1-12](#)

Notices

Newish Morning Tea

If you're new or visiting, we'd love to invite you to join us for a special morning tea after the service. It's a relaxed time with delicious food, a warm drink, and friendly faces. It's a great way to hear more about church life and how to get connected. It goes for about 20 minutes. We would love to see you there!



Investing in Youth long term

Youth ministry is a precious opportunity to walk alongside teens as they grow in faith and navigate life. For the past six years, our team has been mostly staff-based, with only one congregation member serving in youth. While we're thankful for our staff, this heavy reliance means high turnover—especially with student ministers and MTS.

Nikita has done an incredible job during her MTS, building strong, faithful relationships with our youth. As her apprenticeship comes to an end, please be praying that God would raise up long-term leaders from within our church family to love and disciple our teens.



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Playtime Update

We have had a wonderful term. Highlights for the children have been having Leanne play her Ukulele, and making fantastic rainbows the week we read them the story of Noah. Most importantly, though is the way we see God working every week as we endeavour to encourage families and carers to explore the gospel.



Many of our prayers have been answered; the return of families who visited briefly in term 1 and also new families who have said they are seeking community, and who are open to our invitations to come to try out church.

Tax Deductible Giving

A church grows in diversity when the gospel is shared. For those opportunities to be met, we rely, in part, on the generosity of God's people. One of the ways you can support the gospel going out is through tax deductible giving to Special Religious Education in Government Schools.

If you would like to support this ministry please contact our treasurer before 30 June 2025: nhenderson007@gmail.com

What's Coming Up

22 July	Crafternoon
27 July	Vision Sunday
27 July	Evangelism training
28 July - 1 Aug	Week of Prayer
29 July	Playtime with Alpha

For more on what's happening this winter at St Stephen's, visit
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