



Finding the glory of God



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TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

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Sunday 13 July 2025

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

In a world that constantly pushes us to do more, be more, and achieve more, it's no surprise many of us feel tired—body, mind, and soul. Jesus sees our weariness and offers something different: true rest.



In Matthew 11:28-29, He says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest... for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Jesus doesn't demand we have it all together. Instead, He invites us to come to Him—to bring our stress, guilt, pressure, and pain—and find rest in His kindness and strength.

Whether you're someone exploring faith or someone who has walked with Jesus for years, this is good news. Real rest isn't found in more holidays or fewer emails—it's found in the gentle arms of the Saviour who loves us.

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 31 August. 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.

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

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 Rest We're Made For | Leviticus 23:1-8, 15-17, 33-36

Preacher: Glenn Davies

1. Three Great Annual Festivals

- a. Passover and Unleavened Bread – vv4-8
- b. Festival of Weeks – vv16-22
- c. Festival of Tabernacles – vv33-36

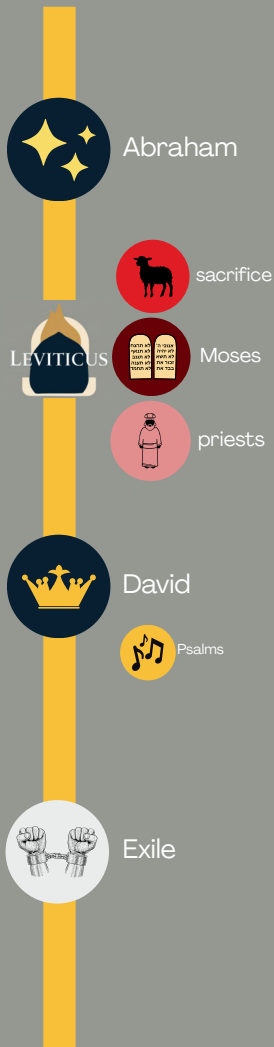
2. Israel's Sabbath Celebrations

- a. Sabbath as Rest – v3 anticipating God's heavenly rest
- b. Sabbath as Solemn Assembly – vv7, 21, 35

3. New Covenant Celebrations

- a. What parts of the Old Testament Law are applicable to us?
- b. Reading the Law through the Prism of Christ
- c. Baptism and the Lord's Supper

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 the Bible passage from Leviticus in Sunday's sermon

1. What questions do you have of the passage? What stands out from the passage to you?

2. How would you break up the passage into smaller sections? Try to summarise the main point of the passage and of each smaller section.

3. How does this point to who Christ is and what He has done?

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. How have you been challenged or convicted by the Holy Spirit in this Word?

2. How have you been comforted by the Holy Spirit in this Word?

Read the Bible with us! And with your family!

Using some of the questions to guide you.

1. What in this passage makes me say 'wow' about Jesus?
2. How is Paul encouraging or challenging the Philippians?
3. What difference would it make to live this out today?

Monday – [Phil 1:1-11](#)

Tuesday – [Phil 1:12-26](#)

Wednesday – [Phil 1:27-30](#)

Thursday – [Phil 2:1-11](#)

Friday – [Phil 2:12-30](#)

Notices

Kids & Youth school holidays

Our Kids and Youth programs are taking a break during the school holidays and will resume when Term 3 begins.

During this time, kids will stay in the service with their families—it's a great chance to worship together! Don't worry if they're a bit noisy—we love having them here. During the sermon, kids can head up the back for quiet activities. Gumnuts (our preschool/toddler group) will continue to run as usual during the sermon.

Gospel and Prayer Groups Update

Our Gospel and Prayer (GaP) groups have been digging into the Old Testament together this term. These precious parts of Scripture help us see a more multi-dimensional picture of our Lord Jesus and the gospel that we want to shape us.

Thank you to all our leaders and members for digging deep and growing together. Big shout-out to groups that have welcomed new members!



Our prayer is that our time together each week in God's Word and in prayer will result in God's Spirit transforming us to live and love the way Jesus wants.



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Evangelism Training

Did you know that our church is located in the most multicultural part of the North Shore? Nearly half the population of Willoughby City was born outside of Australia. What an incredible opportunity to make disciples of all nations—right here at St Stephen's, just as our Lord Jesus commissioned us to do.

As part of Vision Sunday on 27 July, we're excited to welcome Dan Morris from the Church Missionary Society (CMS) to run a special training session:

"Sharing Jesus in a Multicultural City."

Dan studied at Moore College in the same year as Prash and served as a missionary in France for many years before returning to Sydney to help churches grow in cross-cultural mission. This is a fantastic opportunity to be stretched and equipped to make meaningful connections with neighbours from different backgrounds, and to share Jesus with them lovingly and confidently.

We long to be a church **made beautiful, diverse, and large by the gracious work of God.**

🕒 Time: Sunday 27 July, 11:30am–1:30pm

🍴 Lunch: \$10 (proceeds go toward dinners for our Come and See course)

Fill in a connect card to let us know you're coming!



Evangelism

Sunday 11:30am–1:30pm

27 July: Sharing Jesus in a Multicultural City

Training

Lunch \$10



Dan Morris

Scan the QR code to book



What's Coming Up

17 July	Encounter for Seniors
22 July	Crafternoon
27 July	Vision Sunday
27 July	Evangelism training
28 July - 1 Aug	Week of Prayer

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