

Finding True Joy

A GRACE-FILLED LIFE FROM THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS



Week 10

Sunday 12 October 2025

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

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Song
- Confession & Assurance
- Song
- Spotlight
- Interview
- Prayers
- Song
- Bible Reading: Philippians 4:14-23 (p. 1181)
- Sermon
- Vision Spot
- Song
- Conclusion

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If you are a visitor please don't feel obliged to contribute financially.

Welcome! Whether you're here every week or visiting for the first time, it's wonderful to have you with us. Life on the North Shore often teaches us to view money as security, achievement, or key to freedom. But today, in Philippians, Paul paints a different picture: generosity is a response to God's grace. It's not about what we lose, but about sharing in the privilege of gospel partnership – fruit that lasts into eternity.



This vision of generosity flows from Christ himself, who gave everything for us. It also shapes our church's vision: we long to be **made beautiful, diverse, and large by the gracious work of Christ**. That beauty shines as we use our resources not for self, but to see lives transformed by the gospel.

If you're new, we'd love to connect with you personally. Please scan the QR code to fill in a Connect Card 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 26 October. 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 9 November 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

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.

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:22

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

Philippians 4:14-23

Preacher: Ben Bathgate

1. Joyful Partnership

2. Fragrant Offering

3. Certain Promise

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 Philippians 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 passage speak about our relationship with God? How does that impact how we relate to each other?

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!

Using some of the questions to guide you.

1. What comfort is the Spirit giving me through this passage?
2. How is He challenging me through this passage?

Monday - [Luke 1](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 2](#)

Wednesday - [Luke 3](#)

Thursday - [Luke 4](#)

Friday - [Luke 5](#)

Notices

Ministry Fair

MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

HOW DOES THE MINSITRY FAIR WORK

1. After church, **grab some food**

2. **Wander around the stalls** to see what each ministry does.

3. Chat with leaders, **ask questions**, and learn more.



4. At the end, **fill out an Expression of Interest form**- you're not committing to anything yet

5. **Someone will follow up** to talk more about joining the team



Notices

Look Who's Coming to Lunch



YOU ARE INVITED TO

LOOK WHO'S COMING TO LUNCH

WHEN: 26 OCTOBER, 2025

LOCATION: TBA

Join in this fun opportunity
to get to know people in
your church community!

Signup to be
a guest or a host

RSVP OCT 19



What's Coming Up

13 October	Come and See
14 October	Crafternoon
16 October	Encounter for Seniors
19 October	Vision Sunday
19 October	Ministry Fair

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

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