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Today's service

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession & Assurance
- Spotlight
- Bible Reading
- Sermon
- Prayers
- Songs
- Conclusion

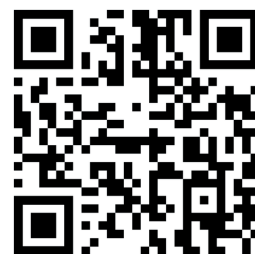
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Welcome to St Stephen's

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

As we gather across these final days of the year and the first days of the next, we pause to give thanks. The past year has held many moments of God's kindness—seen in daily provision, shared joys, sustained faith, and His quiet faithfulness through challenges. Whatever this year has brought for you, we are invited to remember that every good gift comes from the Lord.



This season also turns our eyes forward. Our hope does not rest in better circumstances or fresh starts, but in Jesus—who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is our confidence as we step into a new year, trusting His grace to carry us onward.

On 4 January, we begin a new series called **An Open Door**, exploring some of the honest questions and obstacles people have toward the Christian faith. We pray these weeks will deepen confidence, invite conversation, and help many see the hope found in Christ.

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 22 February. 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 March 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

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.

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

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

Open Door

The new year is a chance to take a fresh look at Christianity.

Join us in January, every Sunday 9:30am and 6pm

Open Door to Life (4 Jan, 9:30am only)

What if there's more to life than we've settled for?

Open Door to Truth (11 Jan)

What if Christianity is more plausible than you thought?

Open Door to Grace (18 Jan)

What if the problem with the world (and us) has a solution?

Open Door to the Resurrection (25 Jan)

What if death isn't the end?

Kids and Youth Programs 2026



**28th
Dec- 4th
Jan**

NO SUNDAY KIDS & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kids & Youth will join us in the service.
Preschool program (Gumnuts) will continue as normal

Who could
you bring
along?

**11th
-25st
Jan**

JANUARY SUNDAY KIDS PROGRAMS

Combined Holiday program for primary school kids. Gumnuts continues as normal

**1st
Feb**

USUAL SUNDAY PROGRAM RESUME

ALL PROGRAMS BEGIN AS NORMAL



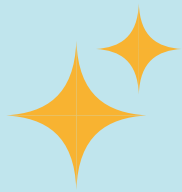
**6th
Feb**

FRIDAY KIDS & HPS BEGIN

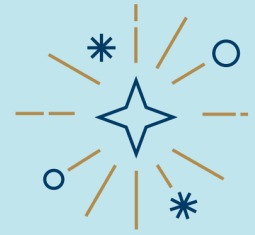


Pray for our groups!

Contact Pippie for more info: pippie@st-stephens.com.au



SERVING AT ST STEPHEN'S



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10

AT ST STEPHEN'S, WE BELIEVE
SERVING IS PART OF HOW WE
WORSHIP JESUS — IT'S A JOYFUL
RESPONSE TO ALL HE'S DONE FOR US.



How to Get Involved in 2026

1. Pray and reflect - Ask God where He might use you best next year.
2. Fill out the connect card
3. A ministry leader will be in touch to talk to you more about serving.



Need Help or Have Questions?
Chat with Pippie after church



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invites you to our

Lunar New Year Banquet

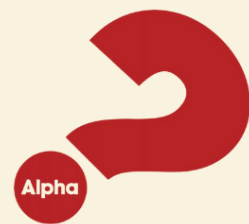
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What's Coming Up

21-25 January	LiT Camp
27 January	Crafternoon
30 January	Friday Kids BBQ
1 February	Kick off Sunday
2 February	Come and See

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

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