

Growing The young in their devotion to God's word



Week 1

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

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- Bible Reading: Deut 6 & 2 Tim 3:14-17
- Sermon
- Prayers
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- Conclusion

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Sunday 12 April 2026

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

Welcome! We're so glad you've joined us today as we begin our series Growing the Young. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, young person, or simply exploring faith, this is a series for all of us.

Today we're thinking about how kids need God's Word—and the gospel. In Deuteronomy 6 and 2 Timothy 3, we see that faith is not built on good advice or cultural values, but on God speaking. His Word shows us who He is and what He has done for us in Jesus.

In a world full of voices competing for attention, we want to be a church that centres our lives on God's voice.

We long to be a church made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ—and that includes seeing the next generation shaped by His Word from the very beginning.



Connect Card

Next Steps

Are you new? [Catch up](#) with Prash or Jill to share your story and hear about St Stephen's church life.

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 June 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 sooner, you may also like to arrange a coffee with Gordon 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

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

2 Timothy 1:9

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

Growing the Young: Kids need God's Word (& the Gospel)
Deuteronomy 6:20-25 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Preacher: Gordon Luk

1. The importance of passing on to the next generation

2. Children learn through questions (v. 20)

3. The model answer—story/gospel leads to obedience (v. 21-25)

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Discuss together

Share something (a skill, story, tradition, passion) that was deliberately passed on to you by someone in your family. What made it stick?

Going deep in God's Word

Read Deuteronomy 5:1-6:3

1. Try to break up the passage into smaller sections.

2. Where in the chapter do you notice God's desire for His people to faithfully pass on His Word to the next generation? How do you think this is linked to the promise of enjoying long life in the Promised Land (v. 2)?

3. Focussing on verses 20-25, what prompts the conversation between the parent and the child? What does this show us about how God thinks about curiosity, asking questions and passing faith & knowledge through questions? What do you find challenging or exciting about this?

4. What is the significance of 'the model answer' in verses 21-25 being a retelling of a story? How does point to the gospel of grace being motivation for our obedience? What is the danger of instructing obedience without the story of the gospel?

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

In light of God's Word, spend some time praying together for the next generation of our church.

1. How have you been challenged in your heart by God's desire for the next generation to know Him above all else?

2. We all have different relationships with the children and youth in our church (ie. Parents, friends of parents, leaders, fellow church members, family friends etc.) How can God use you in your situation to ensure the gospel is faithfully passed onto the next generation of our church?

Spend time with God each day!

We're going through the Old Testament this term!

Read through the passages and use the following questions to help you.

- What does this show you about God and His character?
- What does this show you about humanity (us)?
- Does this point to what Jesus will do or what He'll be like?

Monday - [Genesis 21](#)

Tuesday - [Genesis 22](#)

Wednesday - [Genesis 25](#)

Thursday - [Genesis 27](#)

Friday - [Genesis 28](#)

Notices

Kids Ministry Needs

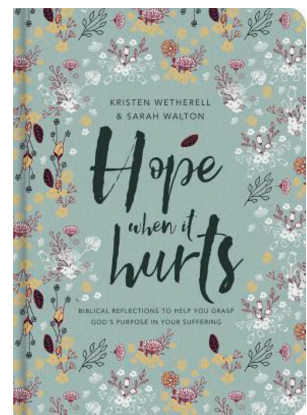


Do you want to support SRE in our schools?
There are 3 ways you could do this:

1. Pray each Wednesday at 11:30am for our team as the go in to teach
2. Speak to Pippie about being a teaching assistant
3. Give to the tax deductible fund - email Niall (our treasurer) for details - nhenderson007@gmail.com

Bookstall from Prayer Series

Don't forget about the Chapel Hall bookstall that still has many great books to help you grow your prayer life! One book we recommend is *Hope When It Hurts* by Kirsten Wetherell—a collection of 30 biblical reflections for women walking through suffering. It's honest about the pain of life, yet full of hope in the God who gives life. Each chapter includes reflection, questions, prayer, and space for journaling.



Alpha for retirees



Alpha for Retirees is a warm, unhurried space for anyone with questions about life, meaning and faith. Each session offers a simple meal, a short video, and open, honest conversation. Free and open to all. Not retired? Consider inviting someone who is. We'd love to see you there. Starts Thursday 16 April at 10:30am—all the details are in the flier within your booklet.

KYCK - Last Chance to Register

KYCK is an amazing camp for those in year 6-12! We already have 8 teens heading up the mountain, and it's going to be a great weekend. Please pray God would be preparing hearts and minds, and that those on the fence would say yes. It's not too late to bring a friend! Registrations close on 9th April.



What's Coming Up

13 April	Come & See Starts
16 April	Alpha for Retirees Starts
24 -26 April	KYCK (Youth Camp)
26 April	Newish Morning Tea

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