

Growing The young in Their devotion to God's word



Week 2

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Bible Reading:
Deut 6 & Ephesian
4
- Interview
- Song
- Sermon
- Confession &
Assurance
- Prayers
- Song
- Conclusion

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Welcome! It's great to have you with us as we continue our series Growing the Young. Today, we're thinking about how kids need their parents and the church. In Deuteronomy 6 and Ephesians 4, we see that Faith is not meant to be in isolation.



Connect Card

God works through relationships—families and church together—to help people grow in Christ.

In a culture that often separates generations or leaves faith as a private matter, the Bible gives us a richer picture: a spiritual family where we learn, encourage, and grow together.

We're especially encouraged today to have Emlyn, our MTS trainee, preaching.

We long to be a church made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ—a community where every generation plays a part in helping the next know and follow Jesus.

Next Steps

Are you new? [Catch up](#) with Gordon 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

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.

Words of Assurance

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.

(Ephesians 2:19)

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

Whose responsibility is growing the young in their devotion to God's word?

Deuteronomy 6 & Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16

Preacher: Emlyn Hoyt

1. The responsibility of parents

2. The responsibility of the body

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Discuss together

Think of a rule or expectation you grew up with in your family—something you had to follow without fully understanding why. Did you eventually come to understand the reason behind it? How did that change the way you felt about it?

Going deep in God's Word

Read Deuteronomy 5:1-6:3

1. Try to break Deuteronomy 5 into smaller sections. What are the natural movements of the chapter? How does 6:1-3 then function as a kind of summary or conclusion to what he has just said?
2. List out the places in this chapter where you see the reasons behind God's commands. What does this tell you about God and His laws?
3. God's commands are given "that you may fear the Lord your God...you and your children and your children's children" (Deut 6:2). How does God's intention for multigenerational worship connect to the promise of flourishing in the land (6:3)? Does this challenge your idea (and our world's idea) of 'flourishing'?
4. Summarise in your own words why God's people here should obey God's laws. How does the gospel reframe this for us as Christians? What similarities and differences are there?

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. If you were to observe your daily behaviours and weekly habits, what idols are most tempting for you? What idols are most tempting for the children in our church? Spend time confessing this to God and asking for forgiveness.
2. What is one way you could put into practice to help yourself be devoted to God and guard yourself from forsaking Him?
3. What is one way you could put into practice to help the next generation of our church be devoted to God and not forget Him?

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)?
- How does this point to what Jesus will do or what He'll be like?

Monday - [Genesis 32](#)

Tuesday - [Genesis 37](#)

Wednesday - [Genesis 39](#)

Thursday - [Genesis 40](#)

Friday - [Genesis 41](#)

Notices

Youth Ministry Needs



It's been so encouraging to see our youth group grow from 5 to 10 young people! But there are still many in our area who don't yet know Jesus—and we want to reach them. We're also very girl-heavy at the moment. To help, we're hosting a dumpling-making night for Years 3–9 and their families. You can support Youth by inviting someone along—a neighbour, relative, or family friend. Sign up [here!](#)

Prayer Week

In our series on prayer, we were reminded a number of times that prayer was often a communal thing. The Psalms, the great prayer book of the Bible, repeatedly bring us communal prayers. Prayer week is a chance to follow that model. Come and pray with God's people for God's mission. It runs from Monday, 20 April to Friday, 24 April. Mon-Thurs are held at 7:30 pm–8:30 pm, and Friday is from 1–2 pm.



Craftnoon



Crafternoon is a wonderful (and fun!) way to support kids ministry—helping prepare crafts that will be used to share the good news with children each week. No special skills needed, just the ability to cut things out and enjoy good company! Join us on Tuesday, 21st, from 1–3 pm. It's a relaxed, friendly afternoon and a simple way to make a big difference.

What's Coming Up

16 April	Alpha for Retirees Starts
20 April	Come And See
21 April	Craftnoon
24 -26 April	KYCK (Youth Camp) - registration still open
26 April	Newish Morning Tea

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