



Numbers:

through the wilderness...

Week 2

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Spotlight
- Kids Focus Prayer
- Song
- Confession & Assurance
- Bible Reading: Numbers 3:1-10 (p.132), 6:22-27 (p.138) & 1 Peter 2:9-10 (p.1221)
- Sermon
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Welcome! It's great to have you with us as we continue our series 'In the Wilderness' in the book of Numbers. Whether you're visiting or part of our regular church family, we're glad you're here.



Connect Card

In the wilderness, God doesn't just gather His people—He sets them apart. In Numbers, we see that belonging to God shapes identity, purpose, and the way His people live. They are not defined by the nations around them, but by their relationship with Him.

In our world, identity is often built on achievement, relationships, or personal choice. Yet these can feel fragile or shifting. The Bible offers something deeper: to be known by God and set apart for Him.

Our hope this term is that we would grow to see our need for God in our everyday lives.

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 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

Heavenly Father,
we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you as we should
and serve you as we ought.
Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The LORD bless you and keep you... the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

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

God has set apart His People | Numbers 3:1-10, 6:22-27 & 1 Peter 2:9-10

Preacher: Gordon Luk

1. A God who must be worshipped on His terms through His priesthood
(Num 3:1-10)

2. A God who graciously blesses His people through His priesthood
(Num 6:22-27)

3. A God who mercifully sets apart His people through Jesus Christ
(1 Pet 2:9-10)

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Discuss together

Think of a time you were in the presence of someone important/powerful. How did you prepare? What does that experience tell you about our instincts to “get ready” before approaching someone greater than us?

Going deep in God’s Word

Read Numbers 3:1-10

1. Describe the duty of the Levites. What makes you uncomfortable in this passage? How does this reveal who God is and what humanity is? How does this challenge contemporary views of God?

Numbers 3-6 continues to focus on the role of the Levite tribe and priests in worship life of Israel.

Read Numbers 6:22-27

2. Try to rewrite verses 24-26 in your own words. What strikes you about this blessing? How do you see God’s character here and how does that challenge contemporary views of God?

3. Diagram the relationship between: God, the high priest (ie. Aaron and his sons), the Levites, God’s people.

Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and 1 Peter 2:9-10

4. How does the picture of the high priests in Numbers 3 and 6 point to Jesus? How does it point to who we are through Jesus? Add this to your diagram above.

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

Considering our privilege and blessing in Jesus, use the following questions to aid your prayers together.

1. In what ways have you been tempted to worship and relate to God on your terms and not His terms?
2. In what ways can you grow in your assurance that His grace and peace are granted to you in Jesus?
3. How can you pray for J & A and their ministry in bringing God's blessing in the gospel to the world?

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 - Exodus 6

Tuesday - Exodus 7-8

Wednesday - Exodus 9-10

Thursday - Exodus 11

Friday - Exodus 12

Notices

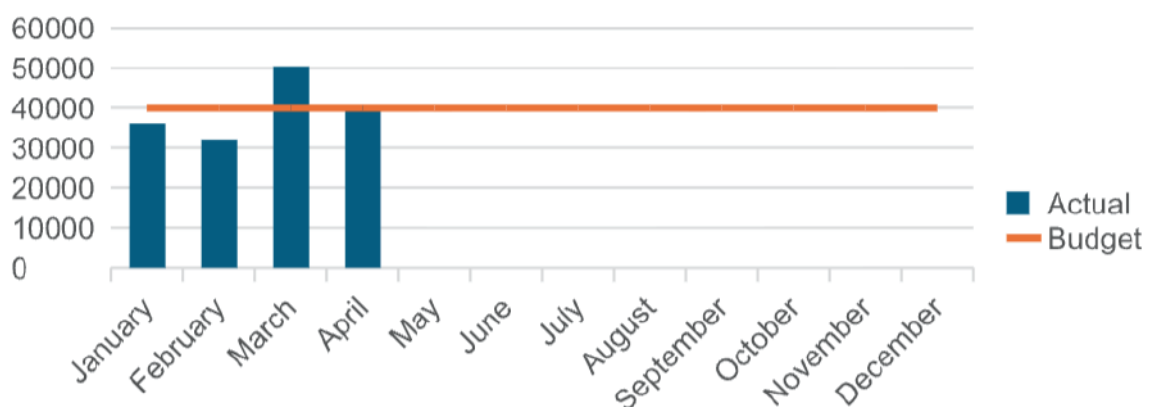
Kids & Youth Dumpling Making Night

Dumpling Making Night (15 May, 6–8pm) is a fun event for children, youth, and their adults and a great opportunity to invite someone from outside church along. **Personal invitations work best**, whether that's a quick chat at school pickup, a text message, or sharing the flyer in a sports group chat. **Why not invite someone this week?**



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Thank you to the many generous people who support gospel ministry at our church. God uses these gifts to make significant impacts on people.



If you would like to support our SRE work you can give a Tax Deductible gift towards it. To do so please email Prash who will help you in our treasurer's absence.

Notices

Mission Gift Day

Why do we support missionaries? In Acts 1 Jesus presents the future of his church as one spreading from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. Mission allows us to take part in that spread. As our partners take the good news out, we do it with them. The Apostle Paul spoke of his supporters in similar terms [Can you support our Mission Gift Day? Visit our website - st-stephens.com.au/give](https://st-stephens.com.au/give) to find details about how to give the Mission Gift Day. Our target: \$35k.



All- In Training - Reminder (17 May)

All In Training is on Sunday 17th May (next week), 11:45–2:15. You might be wondering, why this again? In a busy life, is it worth the time? We run these trainings each term because we believe they are essential in equipping us to be courageous servants of the gospel.

5 Reasons to come:

- 🌱 Refocus on your ministry and why it matters
- 🛠️ Grow skills to serve more effectively
- 💡 Share ideas and learn from each other
- 🤝 Fulfil your commitment to your team
- 🔥 Be encouraged to keep going — God is at work through you

What's Coming Up

15 May	Dumpling Making Night
17 May	All In Training
24 May	Newish Morning Tea
29 - 31 May	Square 1 Camp
31 May	Mission Gift Day

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