



Numbers:

through the wilderness...

Week 4

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

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Sunday 24 May 2026

Welcome! We're so glad you've joined us as we continue our series In the Wilderness in the book of Numbers. Whether you're new, visiting, or part of our regular church family, you are very welcome here. This week we're reminded that God leads His people through His word, even when others



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question, resist, or undermine Him. In the wilderness, God's people faced confusion not only from outside pressures, but from voices within the community pulling them away from trusting God's direction. Yet God remained faithful to speak and guide His people.

In our world, we are surrounded by competing voices telling us what truth is, what matters most, and how we should live. It can feel difficult to know who to trust. But the Bible shows us a God who lovingly leads His people through His word. Our hope this term is that we would see more clearly our need for God in our present circumstances. We long to be a church made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ

Next Steps

Are you new? We would love to meet you. Newish Morning Tea after the service. Come meet some of the church family!

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,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have gone our own way,
and rejected your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you in every way;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

Hebrews 3:14

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

A Crisis of Confidence | Numbers 12:1-15 & Hebrews 3:1-6

Preacher: Glenn Davies

1. Sibling Rivalry

- a. Miriam and Aaron talk about Moses' wife

- b. Miriam and Aaron challenge Moses' authority

2. What is the issue?

- a. Cushite wife – a smokescreen?

- b. Dissatisfaction with their own roles?

- c. Resentment that God was primarily speaking through Moses?

3. God's Response – as Moses is silent

- a. The LORD hears

- b. The LORD summons

- c. The LORD speaks

- d. The LORD acts

4. Moses intercedes

5. Jesus, greater than Moses (Hebrews 3:1-6)

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Discuss together

“Grumbling is our national pastime, and envy is the motor of our economy.” Where have you seen this quote to be true in our culture and in yourself?

Going deep in God’s Word

Read Numbers 12:1-16

1. Miriam and Aaron were Moses’ siblings and speak against Moses for a couple of stated reasons (v. 1-2). What are they? And what do you think might be going on underneath?

2. Why is this situation much more than just your average sibling rivalry but rebellion against God? What clues from the passage point to Moses’ special role given by God?

3. How does God’s punishment here show the seriousness of the sin (grumbling/envy and rebellion against His prophet), and also His grace? What challenges your view of who God is?

Read Hebrews 3:1-6

4. How is Christ much greater than Moses? What could it look like as Christians to speak against Him and envy His glory?

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

In light of God's word, reflect and pray together using the following questions as aids:

1. What do you need to confess to God and ask for His forgiveness?

2. How can we as a group help each other put our selfish ambitions and envy to death?

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 32

Tuesday - Exodus 33

Wednesday - Exodus 34

Thursday - Exodus 40

Friday - Numbers 1

Notices

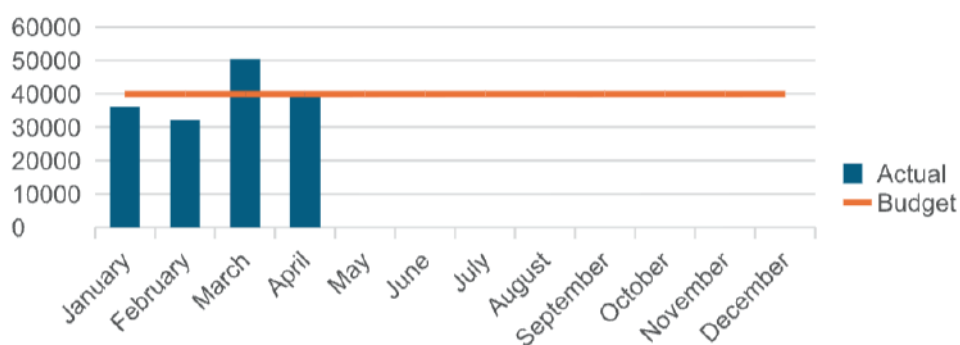
Mission Gift Day

Have you enjoyed hearing from, and seeing, our Link Missionaries? They do wonderful ministry and its a privilege to partner with each of them. For St Stephen's to be made 'large' is not just a local project but a global one we engage in through our link missionary partnerships. You too can partner with us!



Consider giving to our Mission Gift Day by visiting our give page - st-stephens.com.au/give

Finances



Thank you to those who generously support the ministry of our church. Events like Dumpling Making Night, Alpha, our Sunday Music resources, training day lunches and so much more can happen because of financial generosity. If you would like to start giving visit our give page for more details: st-stephens.com.au/give

Serving in Kids and Youth Ministry



Every Friday night at Half Past Six, young people walk through our doors searching for friendship, hope and truth. Jesus meets people through ordinary leaders who show up with grace, consistency and faith. Could you be that person? We're praying for another female youth leader who will invest in girls, share life with them and help them discover lasting hope in Christ.

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ALIVE Outreach Event

Our Night Church is partnering with churches across Sydney to share the hope of Jesus at the ALIVE rally. Who is someone you could start praying for and bring along?

A poster for the ALIVE Outreach Event. The background is a dark, silhouetted crowd of people with their hands raised in the air, set against a warm, orange-red light. The text is white and orange. The main headline reads 'ONE CITY. ONE GOSPEL. ONE HOPE.' in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, in smaller white text, is 'Jesus changes everything.' followed by 'Come join us for one night to hear why. Come for a Bible message, stories of faith and music. Come as you are. Come see who Jesus really is.' To the right, in orange text, is 'FREE REGISTRATION' above a white box containing a QR code and the text 'SCAN TO REGISTER'. On the left, in white text, are the event details: '13 JUNE 2026, SATURDAY', '7PM - 9PM', 'WESLEY CONFERENCE CENTRE', and 'COST: FREE' with a dollar sign icon.

Dumpling Making

Our recent Dumpling Making Night was a huge encouragement, with 38 guests and a packed chapel hall. Several guests have expressed interest in coming along to church or our Friday programs — please pray they do! We're also so thankful for the many people in our church, especially parents, who worked together and faithfully built relationships to help make the night possible.



What's Coming Up

29 - 31 May	Square 1 Camp
31 May	Mission Gift Day
4 June	Trivia Night
13 June	ALIVE Outreach Event
14 June	Belonging Course

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