



Numbers:

through the wilderness...

Week 5

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Spotlight
- Prayer for Children
- Song
- Bible Reading:
Numbers 13:17-14:10
(p.146) & Hebrews
3:12-19 (p.1206)
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Sunday 31 May 2026

Welcome! We're so glad you're with us as we continue our series In the Wilderness in the book of Numbers. Whether you're new, visiting, or part of our church family, you are warmly welcome here. This week we're reminded that God calls His people to trust Him when they are afraid. In the wilderness,

fear caused God's people to lose sight of His promises and retreat from faithful obedience. Yet God remained patient, faithful, and committed to leading His people forward.

Fear still shapes many of our lives today—fear about the future, our families, our health, our work, or the uncertainty of the world around us. In a culture that often encourages self-protection and control, the Bible invites us into something different: trusting the God who goes before His people and keeps His promises.

Our hope this term is that we would grow to see our deep need for God in our present circumstances. We long to be a church made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ.



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 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

Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly...

Hebrews 3:6

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

Courage From Knowledge | Numbers 13-14

Preacher: Prashanth Colombage

1.Courage

2.Fear

3.Knowledge

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Discuss together

Have you ever come so close to victory (it was ‘in the bag’!) and yet somehow managed to lose?

Going deep in God’s Word

Read Numbers 13:1-14:10

1. Retell the story either by:

- (a) acting it out, or
- (b) drawing a comic strip/storyboard of the events (you may need scrap paper).

2. Describe the problem of the Israelites in a sentence using the following words: report, grumble, rebel, fear, distrust.

3. Contrast the Israelite response with that of Joshua and Caleb. How are they able to have such a different reaction when facing the same obstacle? What convictions do they have about God that drive this?

Read Hebrews 3:7-19

4. How does the writer of Hebrews connect the story of Israel’s rebellion (Num 13-14) to our situation as Christians journeying towards eternal life?

5. What dangers are there to turn away from God and not hold onto the faith (v. 12-14)? What could it look like for you to “encourage one another daily” (v. 13 and also the example of Caleb and Joshua)?

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

In light of God's word and the warnings we've heard, spend some time in prayer for each other and Emily Quinn's ministry at Nungalinga college equipping indigenous Christians. Using the following questions as a guide.

1. How have you been challenged by the Spirit in His Word?

2. How has God enlarged your vision of Him?

3. How can you pray for yourself, St Stephen's and those ministered to by Emily Quinn—to endure to the end trusting in Jesus alone?

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 – Numbers 2

Tuesday – Numbers 3

Wednesday – Numbers 4

Thursday – Numbers 5

Friday – Numbers 6

Notices

Mission Gift Day - Today

As we journey through Numbers this term, we're reminded that God leads his people through the wilderness so that the nations might know him. On Mission Gift Day, we have the opportunity to support our 7 link mission partners with a goal of raising \$35,000. Through prayer, generosity, and gospel partnership, we long to see more people come to know the Lord Jesus here and across the world. As a church, we long to be made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ, and Mission Gift Day is one way we join in his gracious mission to the nations.



How to Give & Participate

Would you like to participate in Mission Gift Day? Simply visit our give page - st-stephens.com.au/give for details or use the bank details on the bottom left corner of the cover page with ref: **Mission Gift Day**. If you would like to give cash you can pop it in an envelope marked 'Mission Gift Day' and place it in the box near the exit.

MISSION GIFT DAY
2026

 SUPPORTING OUR LINK MISSIONARIES

 GOAL: \$35,000

 31 MAY 2026

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Prayer for Mission Partners



*Gracious Father,
we thank you for the gospel of your Son
and for the partnership we share
with our mission partners.*

*Please use our gifts to strengthen their work,
bring many to salvation,
and make your church beautiful,
diverse, and large
by the gracious work of Christ;
through Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

New Leaders for Half Past Six Youth

Teen years are a crucial window where lifelong faith is often formed. Youth leaders have the incredible privilege of helping young people hear the gospel, wrestle with big questions, and see the beauty of Jesus through genuine relationships and God's word. If we long to be a church made beautiful, diverse, and large, we must keep investing in the next generation. We are currently looking for a new female youth leader for HPS. Please pray God might raise up the right person.



What's Coming Up

1 June	Come and See
4 June	Trivia Night
13 June	ALIVE Outreach Event
14 June	Belonging Course
28 June	Newish Morning Tea

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