



Numbers:

through the wilderness...

Week 6

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

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- Bible Reading:
Numbers 14:11-24,
39-45 (p.147) & 2
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Sunday 7 June 2026

Welcome! We're glad you're here as we continue our series In the Wilderness. Numbers 14 takes us to a dramatic moment. God's people stand on the edge of the Promised Land. The future lies before them like a wide-open doorway. Yet fear fills their vision. Instead of seeing God's power, they see giants. Instead of trusting His promises, they turn back toward the wilderness.

What follows is both sobering and beautiful. God is revealed as a holy Judge who takes unbelief seriously. Yet He is also the gracious Rescuer who refuses to abandon His people. Justice and mercy meet together.

Many of us know what it is like to stand at the edge of uncertainty, caught between fear and faith. This passage reminds us that God is not only powerful enough to judge sin, but faithful enough to carry His people through failure. We long to be a church made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ, learning to trust this God more deeply.



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 those not sharing in Lord's Supper

Participation in the Lord's Supper is for those who have professed faith in Jesus - it's a powerful and important symbol of the Christian message. As such we want to encourage those who are still exploring the Christian faith to feel free to remain in their seats when others move to the front to receive the Lord's Supper. During that time you may want to reflect on the sermon or Bible reading. You may also want to pray one of these prayers below.

Prayer for those searching for truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me who you are. Give me an understanding of you that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayers adapted from Redeemer Presbyterian Church, New York.

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

In The Wilderness...(God will faithfully judge) | Numbers 14:11-24,39-45
& 2 Timothy 2:11-13

Preacher: Gordun Luk

How do you make it home?

1. Not our assessment of God, but God's verdict on us
(Num. 14:11-12)

2. Not our appeal to God, but Christ's intercession for us
(cf. Moses; Num. 14:13-24)

3. Not our strength to endure, but Christ's faithfulness in us
(cf. Caleb; Num. 14:24, 39-45; 2 Tim. 2:11-13)

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Discuss together

Which is easier for you to grasp: God's patience or God's judgement? Why?

Going deep in God's Word

Read Numbers 14:1-45

1. How would you break up the chapter into smaller sections?

2. Where do you see God's justice at various points in this passage? What does this teach us about how seriously God takes faithlessness?

3. On what basis does God show mercy in this passage? Discuss the role of Moses in this. How does this compare with how God shows mercy to us through Jesus?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

4. Many of the Old Testament stories Paul refers to here are found in Numbers. What can we learn from Israel's failures in the wilderness so that we stay faithful to the end?

🙏 Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

In light of God's word, pray together using the following questions as a guide.

1. Thank Jesus that He perfectly intercedes for us and confess to Him any idols or areas of grumbling that are quietly pulling you away from trusting in Him.

2. Pray for anyone you know whose faith seems to be stalling, asking God to do whatever it takes to draw them back to Himself.

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 7

Tuesday – Numbers 8

Wednesday – Numbers 9

Thursday – Numbers 10

Friday – Numbers 11

Notices

Mission Gift Day

We long to be a church made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ. Supporting our missionaries extends Gospel impact beyond our doors in the world at large. Nearly 50% of our church family has already contributed. How great to be part of a generous community.

Want to give?
Simply put
'Mission Gift' in
the reference if
you are doing a
Bank Transfer
(details on the
front of the
booklet).
We hope to
raise \$35,000
or more for our
link
missionaries.



Come & See

Jesus said he came to bring life to the full — but what does that actually look like? Come & See is a chance to read the Bible with others, ask any questions you may have, and discover how to live with Jesus. Perfect for anyone new or reconnecting with the Christian faith and/or looking for a fresh start. Mondays, 7:30–9pm. Supper included.



Notices

Belonging Lunch

It is always a privilege to welcome new people into our church. We love seeing God add to our community. Joining a church can be a bit mysterious - we want to make it warm, enjoyable, encouraging and spiritually transformative. Our Belonging Lunch is a great way to go from the edge of our church community to the centre.

The next Lunch is on Sunday, 14 June from 12-3 pm. Let Tam know you would like to come by emailing her - tam@st-stephens.com.au



Square 1 Camp recap!

Seven of our Year 3–6 kids headed away to Square One Camp with over 200 children from churches across Sydney. Together they explored the amazing theme of New Creation—learning what will happen when Jesus returns, looking forward to eternity with God, and discovering that Christians are like a movie trailer of what is to come. Through singing, games, great food, and new friendships, our kids left excited for eternity with God!

Want to help serve in our amazing Kids ministry? Chat with Pippie (details on the back of the booklet)



What's Coming Up

13 June	ALIVE Outreach Event
14 June	Belonging Course
15 June	Come and See
22 June	Come and See
28 June	Newish Morning Tea

For more on what's happening this autumn at St Stephen's, visit
st-stephens.com.au/autumn

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