



Numbers:

through the wilderness...

Week 7

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

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- Bible Reading:
Numbers 20:1-13 (p.154) & 1
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Sunday 14 June 2026

Welcome! We're glad you're here as we continue our series In the Wilderness. In Numbers 20, the people are thirsty, tempers are frayed, and tensions are high. Then, in a moment that seems surprisingly small, everything changes. Moses strikes the rock,



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and God declares that he has failed to honour Him as holy before the people. It is a startling reminder that God is not simply a travelling companion in the wilderness—He is the Holy One at its centre.

Our culture often encourages us to reshape God into someone who fits comfortably within our plans and preferences. Yet the Bible presents a God whose glory is like a blazing sun: beautiful, life-giving, and impossible to ignore. The more clearly we see His holiness, the more naturally obedience follows—not from fear alone, but from wonder and reverence.

We long to be a church made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ, growing together in awe of the God who is holy and good.

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 today 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

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear...

1 Corinthians 10:13

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

The Holiness of God in the Wilderness | Numbers 20:1-13 & 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Preacher: Prashanth Colombage

The end of an era

The failure of belief

The end of an era

Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Discuss together

Share with each other, what is one way God has encouraged or challenged you in our series in Numbers so far?

Going deep in God's Word

Read Numbers 20:1-13

1. What is sinful about the Israelites' behaviour here? How does it compare with previous episodes? What does this show us about how they treat God?

2. What is sinful about Moses' behaviour here? What do you think it shows us about how he treats God? What do we learn about sin and disobedience to God here?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

3. For Paul, idolatry seems to be the issue of the Israelites in Numbers. Reflect on Moses' disobedience in Numbers 20 and some of the other stories of Israel's grumbling, how are those examples of idolatry? How can idolatry lead to disobedience and rebellion?

4. Are there similar temptations to idolatry for us? Discuss. How does the gospel help and push us to flee idolatry?

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

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

1. Adoration: How can you praise/adore God for His faithfulness?

2. Confession: Are there areas of disobedience, grumbling, idolatry you need to confess to God in repentance and faith?

3. Thanksgiving: What can you be thankful to God for in Christ?

4. Supplication: What areas of your life can you ask for God's help to trust 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 - Numbers 12

Tuesday - Numbers 13

Wednesday - Numbers 14

Thursday - Numbers 15

Friday - Numbers 16

Notices

GaP Group - Thinking about Joining?

Church is more than attending on Sundays and following Jesus is never meant to be a solo journey. Our Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Groups are where many of the deepest friendships, encouragement, and spiritual growth at St Stephen's happen. As we gather around God's Word and prayer, we help one another keep trusting Christ through life's joys and struggles. If you're not yet part of a group and call St Stephen's home, we'd love to help you find one. Fill in a Connect card and Gordon will get in touch with you.



Finances - SRE DGR Giving

Thank you to those who support the ministry of our church. Its coming up to the end of financial year. For those who would like to utilise tax deductible giving we have a small amount that can be set aside for this. Speak to Niall or Prash for details. All tax deductible giving helps support our work in Willoughby Public School



Notices

T3 Prayer Week - Save The Date

Do you know someone who doesn't know Jesus? We'd love to help you point them to Christ. Next quarter, we'll focus on sharing our faith and praying for friends and family who don't yet know Jesus, as well as the ministries that serve them.



Please save **27–31 July, 7:30–8:30pm**, for our quarterly prayer meetings. Can you also encourage your GaP Group to attend?

Kids & Youth - Can You Serve?



When you think of leading youth group what emotions well up? Anxiety? Fear? Many think teenagers need cool role models. The data and experiences tells us otherwise. What they need are many generations. We need a new female youth group leader to start in Term 3. Can you help bring the good news of Jesus to young people? Let us know via the Connect Card!

What's Coming Up

15 June	Come and See
18 June	Encounter - Christian Charities
22 June	Come and See
28 June	Newish Morning Tea
29 June	Come and See

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