



Numbers:

through the wilderness...

Week 10

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Confession & Assurance
- Spotlight
- Song
- Bible Reading: Numbers 27:12-23 (p.164) & 2 Timothy 2:1-12 (p.1198)
- Sermon
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- Song
- Conclusion

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Sunday 5 July 2026

Welcome! It's wonderful to have you with us as we come to the final week of our In the Wilderness series. Numbers 27 brings us to a poignant moment. After decades of wandering, Moses stands on a mountain overlooking the Promised Land. He can see home, but he will not enter it. Instead, he commissions Joshua to lead God's people forward.

It is a scene filled with both sadness and hope. One generation passes; another takes up the journey. God's servant changes, but God's promises remain.

Many of us know the feeling of a long journey—through work, family life, disappointment, illness, or seasons of waiting. This passage reminds us that God is faithfully leading His people somewhere. The wilderness is not their destination.

We long to be a church made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ, encouraging one another to persevere until we reach our true home with Him.



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 September 13 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

Our Father in heaven,
You are big and we are small.
Thank you that you are the King over everything.
We are sorry for not loving or listening to you.
We are sorry that we choose our way instead of yours.
Please help us live as friends with you
through Jesus Christ.
Help us to listen and love you by your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

If we died with him, we will also live with him.

2 Timothy:2:11

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 is taking us home after a long journey | Numbers 27:12-23 & 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Preacher: Gordon Luk

The need for a leader

1. God's appointed leader is faithful and honours Him as holy (v. 14)
2. God's appointed leader has the Spirit in him (v. 18)
3. God's appointed leader leads with the authority of God's Word (v. 20-21)
4. God's appointed leader leads like a shepherd (v. 17, 21)
5. God's appointed leader saves God's people and leads them home to their inheritance

Our only way home (2 Timothy 2:1-13)

Going Deeper During The Week

Opening Reflection

What was something you enjoyed, learned, or were challenged by from Sunday's sermon?

Going deep in God's Word

Read the passage from Sunday

1. What stands out to you in this passage? (ie. Are there any repeated words, surprising details, commands, promises, or questions that feel significant?)

2. Try to break down the passage into different sections.

3. What would be missing if we didn't have this passage in the Bible? What does it reveal about who God is and who we are?

4. What aspect of the gospel is shown and magnified by this passage? How does this passage make you delight in and worship your Lord Jesus?

🙏 Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

In light of this passage, reflect and pray using the following questions as a guide.

1. What is one attitude, belief or belief that God is challenging you to change this week?
2. What comfort can you cling onto this week from His grace?
3. What is an ambitious prayer you can pray for our church and those in our neighbourhood/lives who don't yet know Jesus?

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 22

Tuesday - Numbers 23

Wednesday - Numbers 24

Thursday - Numbers 25

Friday - Numbers 26

Notices

Jesus is our greatest similarity



Recently, a couple who had joined St Stephen's shared that one of their first impressions of our church was how warmly people from different ages, backgrounds, and stages of life welcomed them and took the time to talk with them. They remarked that this was quite different from what they had experienced elsewhere. What a wonderful testimony to Jesus! He brings together people who might otherwise have little in common—He is the treasure we all share.

Prayer Week Reminder

To kick off Term 3, we'll gather for a [Week of Prayer \(27–30 July, 7:30–8:30pm; Friday 1:30pm\)](#), with a particular focus on friends who don't yet know Jesus.



Last year, God graciously answered prayers from this week. As far as we know, two of the friends we prayed for have since come to profess faith in Christ. Who might God save through our prayers this year?

Let's commit to praying together.

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International Food Feast & Alpha



You're invited to

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEAST

with 

 **MONDAY 17 AUGUST**

 **7:00 - 9:30 PM**

 **ST STEPHEN'S WILLOUGHBY**
211 MOWBRAY RD

FREE if you bring a dish, otherwise \$10pp

 Taste the world-renowned Alpha course with the first video "Is there more to life?"

Scan the QR code to book your spot at st-stephens.com.au/international-food-feast



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life faith meaning



COME & SEE

MONDAYS 7-9PM

at St Stephen's Willoughby

FREE DINNER INCLUDED!



 Mon 17 Aug (International Food Feast) Is there more to life?	 Mon 7 Sep How can I have faith?
 Mon 24 Aug Who is Jesus?	 Mon 14 Sep Why & how do I pray?
 Mon 31 Aug Why did Jesus die?	 Mon 21 Sep How do I read the Bible?



TryAlpha

There's nothing more exciting than to see people come from death to life through faith in Christ.

International Food Feast and Alpha start in Term 3 — **SAVE THE DATES.** Who can you start praying for now?

Carols

Carols is one of our **biggest outreach events**, welcoming more than 300 people from our community onto the St Stephen's site. It's a chance to build relationships and help people take a step towards knowing Jesus.

We know life is busy and many of you already serve in so many ways. Yet rather than becoming resigned, let's stay resilient in making the most of opportunities like this. Whether it's your first time serving or you're already on a team, we'd love you to join us. Put **5 December** in your diary and let us know you'd like to help via the **Connect Form**.



What's Coming Up

13 July	Come and See
16 July	Encounter
20 July	Come and See
21 July	Crafternoon
22 July	Evangelism Training

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