



Week 2

Sunday 30 August 2026

TODAY'S 9:30AM SERVICE

- Welcome
- Songs
- Spotlight
- Prayer for Children
- Song
- Bible Reading: 1
Chronicles 29:10-
19 (p.427) & 2
Corinthians 9:6-15
(p.1162)
- Sermon
- Song
- Confession &
Assurance
- Prayers
- Vision Spot
- Song
- Conclusion

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contribute financially.

Welcome! We're glad you're with us as we continue our series Generosity: God's good plan for the stuff you have. This week we're asking a very practical question: What do I do with my stuff? We live in a world that

constantly tell us that what we own is ours to control. Yet the Bible gives us a different picture: everything we have ultimately comes from God, and He entrusts His good gifts to us so that they can flow through us to others. This isn't about feeling guilty for having possessions. It is about learning to see them differently. Our homes, money, time, energy and abilities are gifts from a generous God, given to be used for His glory and the good of others. The greatest example is Jesus, who did not cling to His privilege but humbled Himself and gave Himself for us. We long to be made beautiful, diverse and large by the gracious work of Christ—a people whose resources become channels of His generosity.



Connect Card

Next Steps

Are you new? We would love to meet you. Hear a brief intro on the life of our church at our [Newish Morning Tea](#) today. It runs for ½ an hour straight after the service.

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

Prayer is a privilege we have because of Christ's death and resurrection. Through him, we can confidently approach God for forgiveness (Hebrews 10:22). If you trust in Christ, please pray with us. If you are still exploring who Jesus is, feel free to listen in.

A Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father,
we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you as we should
and serve you as we ought.
Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. Amen.

Words of Assurance

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing... You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

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.

Closing Prayer

Sovereign Lord,
from whom every good and perfect gift comes:
teach us to hold lightly the things of this world,
and gladly to use all you have entrusted to us
for your glory and the good of others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sermon Notes

Let it flow through | 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 & 1 Chronicles 29:10-19

Preacher: Prashanth Colombage

It's all God's

Let it flow

See the glory of giving



Gospel and Prayer (GaP) Group Study

Opening Reflection

What is an item you own that you would find surprisingly difficult to give away?

Going deep in God's Word

Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-16

1. David prays after God's people have contributed generously to the Temple. What does David say about God and the things we possess? (v. 11-12)

2. What strikes you about the way David talks about Israel's giving (v. 14-16)? Why does this change how we might think about generosity?

3. Look up the following New Testament verses and fill out the following table.

	How does knowing God properly change how we view our possessions?
James 1:17	
Ephesians 4:28	
1 Timothy 5:8	
1 Corinthians 4:1	

Read Philippians 2:6-8

4. Reflect on the idea: "**We are given to give.**" How does the gospel show that this is actually good news rather than an additional burden (ie. How does Jesus show us that Christian generosity is not in a command but in a person?)

5. Imagine your non-Christian friend found out your church was doing a sermon series on generosity and remarked: “You must give so that God will give back to you.” How could you show them that the gospel is actually the opposite?

Praying big prayers shaped by the gospel

In light of God’s Word, spend some time praying together using the following questions as a guide.

1. Which of the following temptations do you feel strongest? How does seeing the generosity of Jesus help overcome these temptations?

- Fear: “If I give generously, will I have enough?”
- Ownership: “I’ve worked hard for this. It’s mine!”
- Entitlement: “I deserve to enjoy what I’ve earned.”
- Comparison: “I need to have what other people have.”
- Control: “I want to decide exactly what happens to my resources.”

2. Because I trust that everything I have comes from God, one small, concrete step I want to take to steward differently this week is...

3. You may choose to close in this prayer together.

Spend time with God each day!

As we think about generosity from the Bible this month, read through these passages using the questions to help you.

1. What does this teach me about God and the things He has given me?
2. When I lose sight of God as the giver and owner of everything I have, how am I tempted to respond with fear, control or selfishness?
3. Because everything I have is from God, what is one way I can faithfully steward His gifts today?

Monday – [1 Chronicles 29:10-16](#)

Tuesday – [James 1:16-18](#)

Wednesday – [Ephesians 4:20-28](#)

Thursday – [1 Corinthians 3:18-4:1](#)

Friday – [Philippians 2:5-11](#)

Notices

Loving to Give

We're in a series looking at Generosity on Sundays. How does the Gospel shape our giving? This year it has been a joy to see people giving generously. Here's some example:

- Mission Gift Day raise \$52k which will go to our Link Mission Partners
- Members have generously given to our monthly budget so that we are well placed to meet the weekly costs and start planning for the future.
- We expressed our solidarity with St Mark's Revesby by raising our the 1st installment for their training course (\$4300) in a week.
- SRE tax deductible giving reached its maximum amount allowing us to staff SRE at Willoughby Public for another year.

Thank you for the encouragement of your generosity which results in prayers of thanksgiving to God!

International Food Feast & Alpha



There's lots to stop and praise God for in this last week: lots of friends invited to the International Food Feast (36 guests all up) and around 10 guests at Alpha this week! But sharing faith is rarely a one-off moment. We want to be in it for the long haul—so let's keep praying, inviting, having conversations and patiently walking alongside our friends as they explore Jesus.

Notices

All-In Training

Serving is better when we do it together. All In Training is a chance for every volunteer to be encouraged, equipped, and reminded that you're part of something bigger than your own team. Come and be refreshed, build resilience for the long haul, and leave with practical skills and renewed confidence to keep serving with joy.



Sign up today!



A community with a difference

As we celebrated Nancy's 100th birthday last weekend a number of people commented on the joy of young and old together.

God's church is a mix of young & old, new and established, immature and mature. Its a sign of the grace of God that calls many to faith in him.

If you would like to be more a part of this community why don't you chat with Jill or Prash or Gordon? We'd love to welcome you in deeper to the church family.



What's Coming Up

31 August Alpha
1 September Playtime Alpha
7 September Alpha
20 September All-In Training
27 September MTS Afternoon Tea

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