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## Say hello

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## Today's Service

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**Welcome and Singing**      The Saving One  
You Alone Can Rescue  
Jesus Thank You

### Community News

**Bible Reading**      Ezekiel 16  
Ephesians 2:1-9

**Sermon**              By Pastor Ben Ho

**Song of Response**    Amazing Grace

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## Financial Update

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Last Week	\$6,480.71
Weekly Required (adjusted)	\$6,550.00
Shortfall 2021	\$0.00

### Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

**A/C Name:**        SLE Church  
**Bank:**            National Australia Bank  
**BSB:**             084-424  
**A/C No:**          396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane



22 August 2021 | Service Times: 8:45am & 10:45am

## Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at [www.sle.church](http://www.sle.church)



## Abhorrent Whoring, Amazing Grace

*Israel is shockingly unfaithful, yet the LORD is amazingly gracious.*

*Our response to God's word today is to know and feel the horror of sin and so appreciate even more the amazing grace of God.*

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## Prayer Points

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### **PRAISE GOD FOR THE BOOK OF**

**EZEKIEL** and how it shows us the just judgement of God. Pray that as we grow in our understanding of God's judgement, our appreciation and gratitude for the grace shown to us in Christ deepens.

### **PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US REPENT**

for the times we have committed spiritual adultery and traded His goodness for the comfort, pleasure, entertainment and empty trappings of this world. Pray for God to help us see them for what they truly are: idols and images that are an affront to God! Praise God that in Christ, He has given us new hearts to live in faith and obedience, training us to renounce ungodly ways.

### **PRAISE GOD FOR BLOOM YESTERDAY**

- a great chance for the women of SLE to gather and discover more about biblical womanhood. Pray that God will continue to grow convictions of the women to live by God's word in their hearts. Pray for conversations and relationships at Bloom to bloom and extend beyond the gatherings and into the weeks ahead.

### **THANK GOD FOR THE EASING**

of restrictions that have allowed us to gather. Pray for the other states that are affected by COVID, that God will continue to sustain His people there. Pray that God will give wisdom to the officials on how to best handle the situation and that He would bring an end to the pandemic.

### **PRAY FOR THE GOOD NEWS OF**

**JESUS** to continue spreading in our world despite all the evils, tragedies, calamities and suffering that goes on. Pray especially for our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted for their faith, that God will strengthen them, making them worthy of His calling, and to fulfill their resolve for good and every work of faith by His power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified.

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## Community News

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### **SLE CHURCH EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

#### **SUNDAY 29 AUGUST, 8PM VIA ZOOM**

As a follow up from the proposal and feedback from the June AGM regarding the appointment of an Executive Pastor and applying for membership into the FIEC, the Church Council has moved for an EGM to be called for all SLE members on:

Sunday 29 August, 8pm via Zoom.

The Agenda and Registration/Proxy details have been sent out. Please check your email (check your SPAM folder) and return the form by THURSDAY 26 August to indicate your attendance/proxy.

Please contact Winnie on [info@sle.church](mailto:info@sle.church) for any issues.

### **UPDATE ON NIKLES (MISSION PARTNERS OF SLE)**

Susanne had a minor heart attack a few weeks ago and was hospitalised. Her recovery has been slower than anticipated and for the last few days she has had more pain. It has been quite disabling. All she can do is rest.

Please pray she will not feel too frustrated by this, and trust that God will take care of the ministries she is involved in at this time. Pray too that God would bring healing, that the small blood vessels affected would regrow and gradually return to normal function.

### **MARRIAGE REFRESHER DAY UPDATE**

Hello church family,  
We're sorry to inform you that the Marriage Refresher Day intended for this year has been cancelled. We're still committed to hosting this important session, and so will re-schedule it for sometime next year, when we can be more certain that the date planned can actually happen. The main reasons we have decided to postpone it are related to the current Covid-19 situation.

1. Most of the experienced speakers for this topic are from Sydney and surrounds, and it's looking increasingly unlikely that we would be able to have any of them for the remainder of this year.
2. We don't think a Zoom meeting format will be as beneficial as at a later date when we can hold it in person
3. We can't think of any experienced and / or available couples who would be able to run such a session, from our local region. Please do reach out to any of the church staff or your fellowship leaders if there are pressing marital issues that you would benefit from discussing and praying about.

# Abhorrent Whoring, Amazing Grace (Ezekiel 16)

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1. Introduction

2. Israel: Abandoned to Exalted (3-14)

3. Israel: Played the Whore (15-34)

A. Played the whore with God's gifts (religious idolatry) (16-22)

B. Played the whore with the nations (political idolatry) (23-29)

C. Worse than a whore (30-34)

4. God's Judgement (35-58)

A. Israel destroyed by her lovers (35-43)

B. Israel shamed (44-58)

5. God's Grace (59-63)

6. The Gospel According to Ezekiel 16 (Eph 2:1-9)