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Check out [sle.church/groups](https://sle.church/groups) to find a group that you can join and connect with us at [sle.church/connect](https://sle.church/connect)

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## Upcoming Events

- 7 Aug—11 Sep Christianity Explained Course
- 19 Aug CFL Book Club
- 20 Aug Bloom
- 21 Aug Church Camp Registration Closes
- 28 Aug Newcomers Lunch
- 30 Sep-3 Oct SLE Church Camp!!

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## Today's Service

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Welcome and Singing	All Creatures of Our God and King You Made Us Your Own This Life I Live
Community News	
Bible Reading	Romans 15:1-9
Sermon	By Richard Wong
Song of Response	Oh How Good It Is
Communion	

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## Financial Update

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Last Week	\$6,603.26
Weekly Required	\$7,505.00
Shortfall 2022	-\$123.36

### 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



14 August 2022 | Service Times: 9am & 11am

## 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)



## Grace When Church is Hard

*The grace displayed in the gospel of Jesus Christ redirects and reshapes our worship so that it is not focused on ourselves but directed towards God and welcoming of others. Knowing this, Christians are called to respond in praise of God for His mercy in bringing sinners together and celebrate the beautiful messiness that is His glory: the church.*

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## Prayer Points

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### **PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GOOD HANDS AT WORK THROUGHOUT HISTORY.**

Praise God's sovereign and powerful hands that directs even the hearts of kings. Praise God that His good hands sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who came into this world to live, die, be raised from the dead in order to achieve God's salvation plan for the world.

### **PRAISE GOD FOR GIVING HIS SON ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH.**

Thank God that Jesus our only Saviour and true King is worthy of our trust and obedience. Pray that we would press on in the mission of making disciples. Pray that we will do this in small, day-to-day ways, but also in BIG and **BOLD** ways.

### **PRAY THAT IT WOULD BE GOD'S WILL THAT THE PROPOSED CENTENARY EVANGELICAL CHURCH PLANT WILL GO AHEAD,**

that SLE Church and partners from other churches will be able to band together to get the plant up and going, and that it will be used by God to bring light and life to that part of the world, as more come to Christ and mature in the faith. Pray for members and regulars of SLE Church to prayerfully consider how they might be involved, either in joining the launch team for the plant or staying back in SLE to continue the work here.

### **THANK GOD FOR BEING THE GOD OF THE HARVEST WHO RAISES WORKERS IN HIS FIELD, TO DO HIS WORK.**

Thank God for Richard and Maggie, for their salvation and for their commitment and desire to serve in the work of God. Thank God for the opportunity over the past few months to explore the possibility of Richard joining us as the third pastor.

### **PRAY THAT THE INTERVIEW AND INTERACTIONS OVER THIS WEEKEND WILL GIVE BOTH RICHARD AND MAGGIE**

as well as the leaders of SLE Church a clear indication on whether to press on in this appointment. Pray that all members of the church will be prayerful through this process and keen to be in gospel partnership and fellowship with whomever God gives to us as pastors and leaders of the church.

### **PRAY FOR THE FINANCES OF THE CHURCH.**

Pray that members and regulars of the church will be able to discern God's will in the plans and vision of the church. Pray that God will stir our hearts to be excited and committed to God's mission, expressing that in generous and sacrificial giving. Pray that over the next few weeks and months, the weekly giving will increase so that we will be able to press on in 2023 with greater confidence.

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## Community News

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### **SLE CHURCH CAMP REGISTRATION**

When: Queen's Birthday long weekend, Friday 30 September – Monday 3 October

Where: QCCC Tamborine

Register at: <https://sle.church/camp2022>

Registration Closing Date: 21 August, 2022

See you there!

### **CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED**

Christianity Explained is a 6-session course that gives you time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith—Jesus Christ. You don't need to know anything about the Bible. You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing. You can ask any question you want or just listen.

Dates: Sundays from 7 Aug—11 Sep 2022

10am-11am @ 1/37 Alexandra Avenue, Taringa (Sonja's house)

11am—12noon @ 83 Ryans Road, St Lucia (SLE North Hall Cry Room)

Sign-up at: <http://sle.church/christianityexplained>

### **“CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH AND LIFE”, starting Fri 19 August.**

CFL is a monthly Book Club for non-Christians where we read through an intelligent Christian perspective on some of the biggest issues of faith and life, and invite you to think aloud with us over a relaxed chit chat! It's chill, you get to air your views and listen to others on issues of eternal significance.

Every month, CFL explores an different chapter of New York Times' bestselling “The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism” by Timothy Keller, founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Info & RSVP: [sle.church/conversations](https://sle.church/conversations)

### **BLOOM—Saturday 20 August 1:30–4:30pm**

Our upcoming Bloom will continue looking at God's good design for men and women in the church. In this session we'll be getting more into the nitty gritty of figuring out exactly what this looks like, and have lots of time for you to ask your questions, and hear interviews with women who are seeking to live this out!

Bloom is always a fabulous opportunity for women (18+) of all ages to gather around God's Word, as it's preached & discussed and prayed through by those of different generations. RSVP soon at <https://sle.church/bloom> to help with logistics.

### **NEWSCOMERS LUNCH—Sunday 28 Aug**

Hello there! Thanks for visiting us. If you are new to SLE Church in the past 6 months and would like to know more about what we do, get connected with the church, what better way to do so than to join our Newcomers Lunch? You will also hear more from Ps Ben and Steve on the mission and vision of SLE Church.

Date: Sunday 28 August

Please choose one of the two sessions available with details below (Lunch is on us!)

Session 1:

Time: 11am-12:15pm

Venue: North Hall, SLE Church

Or

Session 2:

Time: 12:30pm-1:45pm

Venue: North Hall, SLE Church

RSVP at <https://sle.church/eb> before 26 Aug — look for **Newcomers Lunch**

We can't wait to see you there!

For more information/queries:

Contact Louis at 0423 577 783

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## Grace When Church is Hard (Romans 15:1-9)

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1. Introduction:

*Sometimes Church is Hard by Arianna Freelen*

2. Grace Directs Our Worship Away from Ourselves (15:1-3)

3. Grace Redirects Our Worship Back to God (15:4-6)

4. Worship for the Sake of Others Shows Us Grace at Work (15:7-9)

5. *When Church is Hard... Praise God!*