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# **Upcoming Events**

10 Dec	Baptism	
24 Dec	Christmas Eve Services	
25 Dec	Christmas Day Services	
For more information, check out <u>sle.church/events</u>		

# **Today's Service**

Welcome and Singing		
	♪ O Come, All you Unfaithful	
	Jesus Strong And Kind / Jesus Loves Me	
Community News		
Bible Reading	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 (11am only) Matthew 4:1-11	
Sermon	By Pastor Richard Wong	
Lord's Supper		
Song of Response	♪ Before The Throne Of God Above	

## **Financial Updates**

Last Week	\$8,785.25
Weekly Required	\$9,190.00
Shortfall 2023-2024	\$11,713.66

**Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer** 

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

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane.



10 December 2023 Service Times: 9am & 11am

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

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. We gather to sing songs, read the Bible, and know more about lesus. Check us out at www.sle.church.



### "If you are the Son of God..."

Jesus proves that he is truly the Son of God when he resists temptation by trusting and obeying God.

## **Prayer Points**

### Praise God for the encouragement of

Jesus' baptism! Praise God that though he did not need to, Jesus is baptised and identifies with us. Praise God he has entered our world to lead us personally in repentance - to focus our lives on him as our saviour and gentle lord who loves us and forgives when we fail and return to him. Praise Jesus that his life is worthy of our great delight and joy! Pray that this delight would radically dwarf all other earthly delights and securities to the praise of His glory.

### Praise God that Jesus is the one who overcomes all temptation. Praise God that

Jesus relies on his Father's word and promises in order to defeat temptation - leading us to do the same. Praise God that Jesus succeeds where his people, and other humans, failed - but his success is shared with us. Pray that we would so believe and trust God's Word that the temptations in our lives lose their desirability. Praise God that when we fail, we have an advocate in Jesus who continues to plead for our pardon on our behalf.

#### Praise God for the 6 people getting

**baptised today!** Praise God for his gracious work in their lives - helping them in their varied backgrounds and circumstances to come to know him personally through Jesus and his Word, and to trust Jesus for their forgiveness and salvation. Pray that they would continue to grow deeply in God's Word as they worship and serve him with their lives. Pray that our church community would be the place they grow deep roots into and that we would encourage and build them up.

Pray for each other to persevere well to the end of this year. Pray that our tiredness and weariness will be refreshed with rest away from work, time in God's Word, and refreshment in community with others.

# **Community News**

#### **Baptism This Sunday**

This Sunday we will be witnessing the baptisms of 6 brothers and sisters who have trusted that Jesus has died and risen for them!

Those getting baptised are: Christabella Ng (PKC), Kaelthas Woo (LIFE), Damon Fok and Sage Cai (Sunday YF), Jamie Tan (Clay), and Annelise Morela (SOS West).

The schedule following the 11am service will be as follows:

12:30-1pm: Light refreshment (provided in the patio)

1pm - testimonial time (North Hall)

1:30pm - baptism (Patio)

We look forward to your presence.

#### Service Changes Over Summer

There are a few changes coming up in our services over summer. Listed here for your awareness.

- From 17 Dec 28 Jan, the 11am service will relocate from South Hall to North Hall.
- North Hall seating capacity will be reduced to be in compliance with Work Health and Safety. The most obvious change will be the removal of the seats in the foyer section. This will occur from 31/12.
- Children will join us for Big Church Services each week. Let's welcome and include everyone into our fellowship.
- Elvanto Check-In for the 11am service will start in January. More information to come.

"If you are the Son of God..." (Matthew 4:1–11)

When Satan tempts me to despair...

3. "Worship God and serve only him" (4:8-11)

1. "Do not live by bread alone" (4:1-4)

...to look on him and pardon me

2. "Do not put God to the test" (4:5-7)