

## Our Pastors

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## Upcoming Events

24 Dec Christmas Eve Services

25 Dec Christmas Day Services

For more information, check out [sle.church/events](http://sle.church/events)

## Today's Service

**Welcome and Singing**

- ♪ O Holy Night (Hear The Gospel Story)
- ♪ Jesus Strong And Kind / Jesus Loves Me
- ♪ Come See The Saviour

### Community News

**Bible Reading** Matthew 4:18-25

**Sermon** By Jordan Tan

### Lord's Supper

**Song of Response** ♪ Turn Your Eyes

## Financial Updates

Last Week \$11,741.25

Weekly Required \$9,102.00

Shortfall 2023-2024 \$8,772.41

### 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.



17 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 Jesus. Check us out at [www.sle.church](http://www.sle.church).



## What is a Disciple?

What is a disciple? As Jesus starts his ministry, we see him call the first disciples to come follow him and make followers of him.

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## Prayer Points

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### **Praise God that Jesus overcame**

**temptation!** Praise God that Jesus faced temptation as one of us, so we can have a high priest who sympathises with our weaknesses. Praise God that Jesus shows it is possible to overcome temptation so that we might overcome ours. Praise God that Jesus' victory demonstrates that he is the true Son of god - and by his perfect obedience, we can be saved.

### **Pray that we would deeply believe, and act on the belief, that Jesus is worth following.**

Pray for our hearts to not be captured by the temptations, distractions, or pale delights of this world that our love for Jesus grows colder. Pray that as we grow deeper in His Word and fellowship with each other we would stoke the fires of our hearts - recognising the supremacy of Jesus above all else.

### **Praise God that the chemotherapy treatment for Elleen Fok continues to go well.**

Pray that she and her family would hold fast to Jesus in this time.

**Pray for Kong Liew** as he and his specialists have decided to stop further treatment of his cancer. Pray that his pain would be eased in these final days/weeks, and for quality time with his family. Thank God that Kong has been a pillar of faith and a profound encouragement to those who have met with him. Pray that he continues to die well: testifying to the goodness of Jesus and holding firmly onto real hope to the end.

### **Pray that our church would know how to grieve well.**

We are truly in a season of rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. Pray that our love and care for each other would be deeply grounded in God's Word so that we would avoid hurtful or harmful platitudes. Pray for a deepening understanding of the mystery of pain and suffering in our lives that we explored in the book of Job in 2021. Pray that our love would also be practical as we seek to meet the needs of each other.

### **Give thanks for the children in our midst over summer.**

Give thanks that the service/sermon worksheets were helpful and pray that over the coming weeks our children will embrace that 'Big Church' is also for them as much as for adults. Pray that they would catch nuggets of truth that would encourage and sustain them for lives of faith.

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## Community News

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### **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.

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# “Follow Me” (Matthew 4:18-25)

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c. Will you follow Jesus?

## Introduction

### A disciple of Jesus...

1. ... follows Jesus
  - a. Following Jesus is radical

2. ... makes followers of Jesus

b. Following Jesus gets his identity right