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## **Upcoming Events**

18 Apr MI

21 Apr Newcomers' Lunches

18 May Bloom

21-23 Jun SaLT Camp

7 July CEC All In Gathering

3 Aug Grow Women's Conference

4-7 Oct Church Camp

For more information, check out sle.church/events

## **Today's Service**

Welcome and Singing J God Is For Us

No Other Name

Jesus Strong And Kind / Jesus Loves Me

1 Samuel 20:1-42: 23:15-29

Community News

Bible Reading

Sermon Pastor Richard Wong

Lord's Supper

Song of Response >> Man Of Sorrows

# **Financial Updates**

**Last Week** \$16,258.25

Weekly Required \$9,104.00

**Shortfall 2023-2024** \$3,655.54

#### **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.



14 April 2024 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 <a href="https://www.sle.church">www.sle.church</a>.



## The King's Escape

God's chosen king must innocently suffer to prove he is the true king.

### **Prayer Points**

# Praise God that he works in our lives to shape and mould us into His likeness.

Praise God that the flaws we increasingly see in the life of Saul, flaws that we see in our own lives, are no longer determinative of our identity or the master over our lives. Praise God that in Jesus we are freed from slavery to sin.

#### Thank God for the sufferings of Jesus.

Thank God that he suffered in our place, at the hands of His, and our, great Enemy - and in doing so the bonds of slavery and death are broken. Thank God that suffering in this life no longer has the final word. Thank God that we are united to Jesus in his death and resurrection. Pray that this would be so real in our lives that it overflows in confident sacrificial service and living for Jesus.

#### Thank God for times of rest and

refreshment. Thank God for those who have been able to find moments of rest and refreshment in the past few weeks of school holidays. Pray that we would be in regular habits of rest each week - a time of sabbath - in which we pause from our work, our studies, our cares and worries, that we might be renewed for the week ahead. Pray that this regular rhythm be guarded in our lives as a means not only of resting but also of reminder that we live for eternal rest to come.

Pray for More To Life course. Thank God for the Life Course that recently ran - especially for those who have drawn closer to knowing and trusting Jesus. Pray for the More to Life course - thank God that there are so many who are willing to keep reading the Blble to find out more! Pray for the organisation of it, that it may be smooth - and pray that the time together would be used by the Spirit to bring salvation to those attending.

#### **Pray for the upcoming Leaders Training**

Day. In lieu of a leaders retreat the Staff team are working on a few leaders training days through the year. Pray that it would be a helpful and encouraging time for the leaders of SLE Church to be gathered to be equipped with the vision of SLE Church and equipped in their ministry leading. Pray for the pastors as they prepare the material - that God would give them wisdom as they prepare.

## **Community News**

# MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP, Thursday 18 April, 6:30pm (dinner), 7:30-9pm (meeting)

"There are no shortcuts in missions."

In an insta-world, we want quick results, and taking shortcuts is what we do to get ahead. But not so for missions. Why is that? And what impact does that have on our mission partners? How should that make you re-think missions?

Join us for MIG as we think about this together, and pray for our mission partners in light of this reality!

Register at sle.church/events

# NEWCOMERS LUNCH Sunday 21 April, 11am and 12:30pm @ North Hall

All newcomers to SLE Church are warmly invited to join a Newcomer's Welcome Lunch happening after church on Sunday 21 April. This is a great chance for newcomers to get to know our church family better, hear personally from our pastors and find out more about the heart and vision behind SLE Church.

Lunch Session: 11am & 12:30pm North Hall @ SLE Church

RSVP: Tuesday 16 April at sle.church/events

#### **SAVE THE DATE: BLOOM Women's Ministry**

18 May 2024, Saturday. 1-4pm

#### SALT CAMP, Friday 21 June to Sunday 23 June

SaLT is the high school youth ministry at SLE Church.

We are having a camp from Friday 21 June to Sunday 23 June @ QCCC Mt Tamborine. Anyone from year 7 to 12 is welcome to come along!

For more info and to register go to <u>sle.church/events</u> Early bird ends 13th May.

#### SAVE THE DATE: CEC ALL IN GATHERING 7 July

More information to come!

#### SAVE THE DATE: SLE CHURCH CAMP 2024!

Join us this October during the King's Birthday long weekend at the SLE Church Camp, where we will gather as One Church to sit under God's word, strengthen relationships, and disciple one another.

Church Camp is a fantastic opportunity to have deeper conversations, encouragement in singing, and sharing stories of grace as we come together in fellowship.

Right now, we would love for you to:

- Save the date in your diary now
- Start setting aside funds today

When: Friday 4 Oct–Monday 7 Oct Where: QCCC Tamborine Who: Open to all at SLE Church Cost: Approximately \$100/night across 4 days 3 nights.

The King's Escape (1 Samuel 20–23)	•
Introduction	
"A step between me and death." (20:1–42)	"You shall be king over Israel." (23:15–29)
	"Do not lose heart."
"With me you shall be in safekeeping." (21:1–23:14)	