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# **Upcoming Events**

17 Nov	Primary Kids Church Christmas Event
24 Nov	Junior Kids Church Christmas Event
27 Nov	Mamak for Mission & Kingdom Prayer Group
27 Nov, 4 Dec	Baptismal Classes
	Baptismal Classes Christmas Carols Service
4 Dec	'

For more information, check out sle.church/events

- ♪ This Is Amazing Grace Welcome and Singing ♪ O Great God
  - ♪ Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#### **Community News**

Bible Reading	Malachi 1:6-2:16; Matthew 22:35-40
Sermon	Pastor Steven Tran

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#### Lord's Supper

Song of

♪ Be Thou My Vision Response

## **Financial Updates**

Last Week	\$15,028.52
Weekly Required	\$11,000.00
Shortfall 2024-2025	\$0.00

### **Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer**

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

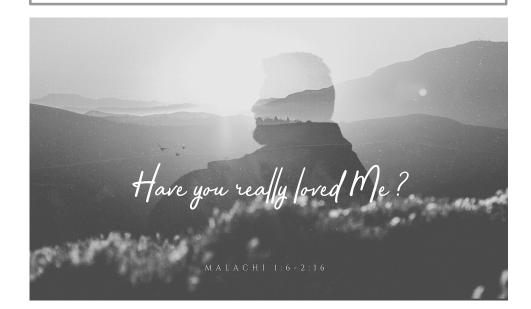
SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane.



10 November 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 <u>sle.church</u>.



## Have you really loved Me?

The people of God are rebuked for their faithlessness in which they despise worship and God's marriage covenants.

## **Prayer Points**

### Praise God that His love for us is clearly demonstrated in the defeat of our enemies – spiritual forces and principalities, and more deeply, our sin.

Thank God that His love is not dependent on what we are like or what we do, but on His promise of steadfast love. He loves us with the deep and unwavering affection of a Father. We can be confident of our Father's love for us because He sent His Son to disarm the spiritual powers and principalities (Col 2:15), and ultimately, to defeat our sin. Whoever believes in the Son will receive the Father's love and the incomparable gift of eternal life with Him – may God be praised for making this possible!

### Pray that in our weariness, we would be refreshed in God's love and not give in to doubts of his love for us.

At a time where many of us are physically, emotionally and spiritually weary, ask that God would show us the heart issues hindering us from following Christ wholeheartedly. Where doubts of God's love start to creep in, ask that God would enable us to walk with each other in praverful and understanding ways, providing safe spaces to engage with hard questions and bring these before God together. Pray that God would be at work to grow our love and affection towards Him as we persevere in engaging with His Word and prayer, even when our feelings try to persuade us away from these acts of worship. Thank God that when we feel weak in the battle to persevere in living out our faith. we can be assured of his unchanging love for us.

### Pray for the Primary Kids Church Christmas Party next Sunday.

Thank God for the many friends who are expected to come! Pray that the really good news of Christmas would be communicated in a clear and engaging way, and that the newcomers would not just be attracted to the fun of the day but ultimately to the good news of a King who deals with our biggest problem. Ask that God would grant good weather so that the event can go ahead as planned. As some of the wider church community meets together this Friday for the working bee, pray for the many preparations to come together smoothly. May we all be intentional in praying for Jesus to be magnified through this event and the ensuing interactions that may occur with children and parents.

#### Pray for the newly elected US President, Donald Trump.

Pray for a peaceful transfer of power as Donald Trump prepares for his second term in office. Pray that he would govern well for the benefit of all, with wisdom, courage and integrity. Ask that God would grow in him the humility to see his sins, the honesty to admit his faults, the grace to forgive his enemies, and the strength of character to change his mind. May God be gracious in working through his governance to bring greater stability to his nation and the world. and compassionate help for the poor and powerless. Pray that Christians would be wise and continue to place our hopes in Jesus' death and resurrection to change our world, rather than in political powers.

# **Community News**

#### **Kids Church Christmas Events**

What a great opportunity to share about Jesus this season to kids of all ages through engaging stories, songs, crafts and fun games. Invite any kids that you know from 2 years old to Grade 6 to one of our kids church Christmas events.

### Primary Kids Church Christmas Party A Very Merry Message

Ages: Grade 1 to Grade 6 Date: 17 Nov (Sun) Time: 8:45am to 10:45am Venue: 119 Carmody Road, St Lucia Playground RSVP: by 10 Nov (Sun) at <u>sle.church/events</u>

### Junior Kids Church Christmas Party The Shepherd's Baaa-rilliant Night!

Ages: 2 years old to Prep age Date: 24 Nov (Sun) Time: 9am to 10:30am Venue: SLE Church, enter from Armadale St. RSVP: by 20 Nov (Wed) at <u>sle.church/events</u>

#### Baptismal Classes: Wednesdays 27 November & 4 December

Baptism is a wonderful and joyous occasion for our church - a great time to witness and hear how the gospel has been at work in someone. **Do save the date for baptism on 15 December** (Sunday).

Pastor Steven will be holding baptismal classes on 27 Nov and 4 Dec on what baptism is, and what it means for SLE Church.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Steven on 0411 621 159 or steven.tran@sle.church.

#### Mamak for Mission and Kingdom Prayer Group, Wednesday 27 November

Better together: Mamak for Mission and Kingdom Prayers will be partnering for our first-ever joint prayer meeting! Join us as we learn about how God has been working through two South-East Asian Nations, as we take the privilege to pray to our Great God to grow His kingdom in these regions. We hope that people will be encouraged to grow their heart for God's global mission.

The evening will kick off with dinner, followed by a program of icebreaker games, short talks, and prayer time.

Date: Wednesday 27 November Time: 6:30pm (Dinner), 7:00pm official start Location: Chapel Hill Dinner will be provided (if you're happy to chip in)

To RSVP, please register at <u>sle.church/events</u>

#### Christmas Carols Service: Sunday 8 December 11am 83 Ryans Road, St Lucia

Join us for a special morning of Christmas Carols as we sing and remember God's love for us in the coming of Jesus. For centuries, Christians have gathered to sing out and remember what matters most at Christmas.

This is a wonderful tradition to share with family and friends, so invite them along for a morning of music, fellowship and festive cheer as we prepare our hearts for Christmas!

Have you really loved Me? (Malachi 1:6-2:16)	The faithful Teacher and Leader
Introduction	
1. Giving God second-best (1:6-14) a. Sub-standard sheep (1:6-9)	All of us leading as priests
b. Close the Temple! (1:10-11)	Faithful leaders and teachers
c. The priest's rotten attitude (1:12-13)	<ol> <li>Faithlessness in their covenants (2:10-16)</li> <li>a. Marriage to non-believers (2:10-12)</li> </ol>
d. Warning - cursed those who cheat God, because God's name will be feared (1:14)	b. Faithless religiosity (and divorce) (2:13-16)
God giving us His best	
Giving God our best	The faithful covenant groom
<ol> <li>Teaching that stumbles, corrupt leaders (2:1-9)</li> <li>a. If you will not listen curse you (2:1-3)</li> </ol>	Faithful covenant leaders
b. The original covenant with Levi (2:4-7)	Faithful religiosity
c. The way you corrupted that covenant (2:8-9)	So what?