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# **Upcoming Events**

25 Mar LIFE

30 Mar Primary Kids Church Easter Event

10 Apr Mamak for Mission

18 Apr Good Friday Services

20 Apr Easter Sunday Services

Baptism

3 May Bloom (Save The Date)

For more information, check out <u>sle.church/events</u>

# **Today's Service**

Welcome and Singing ♪ This Is Amazing Grace

♪ You Alone

♪ Christ Is Mine Forevermore

#### **Community News**

**Mission Spot** 

Bible Reading Hosea 6:4-10;

Matthew 9:9-17

**Sermon** Pastor Steven Tran

Lord's Supper

Song of Response

♪ His Mercy Is More

# **Financial Updates**

Last Week \$6,248

(Target: \$11,000)

**Received to date** \$359,968 **2024-25** (Target: \$376,400)

**Budget 2024-25** \$541,400

#### **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.



23 March 2025 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>.



## **Jesus Confronts Hollow Religion**

We gasp in awe at Jesus' gracious and radical fulfilment of the Old Testament, not a preservation of old customs and hollow religion.

# **Prayer Points**

Monday: Praise God that he forgives our sins that more than just our physical, earthly, and often temporary problems, he sent his Son, Jesus, to meet our greatest need, which was to have our sins forgiven. Pray that we will continue to be for Mission, and the Junior and Primary Kids' deeply convicted by our sins - that we may recognise how we have rebelled against God, rejected how good and wonderful he is, and betrayed him as our creator, ruler, and heavenly father. Ask God for help from his Spirit, that we may grow ever more convicted of the many ways in which we seek to rule over our own lives, and the futility of this. Give thanks that our heavenly father offers forgiveness and salvation to all who run to him in faith. Praise Jesus that through his death and resurrection we have received salvation by resting our entire being on him, which is faith.

Tuesday: Pray that we will behold the **goodness of Jesus rightly -** that we may recognise Jesus as the promised Messiah, who has come to radically transform all of us, to make us eternally like himself. Give thanks that this is made possible because Jesus is good and kind, which should lead us to be in awe of him and live our lives in worship of our lord.

Wednesday: Pray also for Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services. That our hearts will be moved to reflect upon the sin that led Jesus to die on the cross for all of us. Pray that we may use this time to invite our family and friends who do not yet know of Jesus, who died on the cross for them as well. Ask that we may take the public holidays to rest physically but also spiritually.

## Thursday: Give thanks for the many opportunities to share the good news of Jesus.

Pray that we had our first Life Course session, the Taste & See Sessions, the upcoming Mamak Church Easter events this week and next week. Thank God that we have so many willing volunteers who serve God faithfully in many ways so that those who have yet to hear of Jesus may also come to hear of his free gift of salvation. Pray that the gospel may be shared clearly and lovingly through those serving. Ask that the newcomers who attend these events will experience the love of lesus with the work of the Holy Spirit and through the service of the volunteers and teachers, and may eventually come to know Jesus as their Saviour.

Friday: Pray for the Baptism Classes - that the attendees will intentionally consider the biblical basis of Baptism. Pray that the 6 attendees may consider saying yes to baptism if appropriate, so that as a church we may witness and hear of how the gospel has worked in their lives and give a hearty amen!

Saturday: Pray for the Staff Development **Training -** that the staff members attending will be refreshed and equipped to better serve God and the church.

(We have assigned a different prayer point to each day of the week, giving you a specific focus to pray for every day)

# **Community News**

#### LIFE: Starting Tue 18 Mar for 5 weeks

Have you considered the meaning of life and the claims made by Jesus in the Bible? Jesus is the most significant figure in all history! And if the claims made about him are true, it will have a massive impact on our lives today... and for eternity.

LIFE is a 5 part series that includes FREE tasty food, good coffee, an engaging talk about Jesus and the Bible, and the opportunity for discussion and questions. Everyone is welcome!

Whether you would like to attend as a guest, accompanying a guest, or to help serve at LIFE, we invite you to register at sle.church/events

#### MAMAK FOR MISSION 2025 #1:10 Apr (Thu) 6:30 pm dinner, 7 pm official start

Mamak for Mission, a country specific prayer group for Malaysia is back and running in 2025! Join us as we learn and pray about a diverse range of gospel work happening in Malaysia. This session, we are hearing about a small minority community in Kuala Lumpur and familiar friends at Gracepoint Evangelical Church. Malaysian food will also be served at this gathering in a Chapel Hill home, so do bring hungry tummies and hearts!

Register at sle.church/events

## PRIMARY KIDS CHURCH EASTER EVENT: 30 Mar (Sun) 8:45am

What a great opportunity to share about Jesus this Easter to kids of all ages through engaging stories, songs, crafts and fun games. Invite any kids that you know from Grade 1 to Grade 6 to our Kids Church Easter Events:

Register at sle.church/events

Primary Kids Church - Celebrate Easter

Ages: Grade 1 to Grade 6 Date: 30 March (Sun) Time: 8:45 am - 10:45 am

Venue: 119 Carmody Road, St Lucia Playground

RSVP by: 23 Mar (Sun)

# 3. Confronting the Manmade Old with the Fulfilling New (9:16-17) Jesus Confronts Hollow Religion (Matthew 9:9-17) Introduction 1. Confronting Manmade Social Expectations (9:9-13) So what? 2. Confronting Tradition with Joyful Fulfilment (9:14-15)