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# **Upcoming Events**

**Newcomers Lunches** 4 May

Primary Kids Church 18 May

Bring-a-friend-day

CCCB Inc AGM 1 Jun

**SLDB AGM** 

For more information, check out sle.church/events

# **Today's Service**

Welcome and Singing

- ♪ The Is One Gospel
- ♪ His Glory And My Good
- ♪ Christ Is Mine Forevermore

#### **Community News**

Mission Spot

**Bible Reading** Matthew 10:34-42

Sermon Kevin Huang

Lord's Supper

Song of

♪ For The Cause

Response

# **Financial Updates**

\$9,023 **Last Week** 

(Target: \$11,000)

Received to date \$424,203

2024-25 (Target: \$442,400)

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.



4 May 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 sle.church.



## Jesus Confronts the Cost of Following Him

Following Jesus requires cross-carrying self-denial, but press on so that others may also receive the reward of knowing God.

# **Prayer Points**

Monday: Praise God that because Jesus suffered for our sake, we have nothing to fear in this world. Pray that this comfort would stir us to boldly proclaim and bear witness to the gospel. Pray that we would count the cost of the gospel, knowing what it cost Jesus and what it will cost us. Pray that even as the gospel message divides and stirs hostility, it would speak words of life and love and peace to those who are ready and willing to lose their life and live for Jesus.

Tuesday: Give thanks to God for free and democratic elections in our country that enable us to elect representatives to parliament and keep those who govern accountable. Pray for God to grant to our newly elected federal government wisdom, skill, imagination, and energy to govern our country well and with integrity. Pray that our government would seek to maximise justice and minimise evil for all. Pray that God would protect them from corruption and the temptation to serve themselves.

Wednesday: Give thanks for the compassion Jesus has for the lost sheep of the world, and for his raising up of workers to proclaim his good news of salvation and redemption. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out more workers into the fields, to proclaim the gospel and see the lost saved. Give thanks for the opportunity our church has to raise up, train, and send out gospel workers to serve God's church and his mission. Pray for our current ministry apprentice Kevin Huang to grow in his godliness, his humility, and his pastoral heart to serve and care for others. Pray that the training he receives in our church would be fruitful and beneficial for the growth of God's kingdom both here and in the future when he returns to Singapore.

Thursday: Pray for the children in Primary Kids Church as they invite their friends to Bring A Friend Day. Give thanks for their courage and desire to see their friends hear the gospel and be invited to trust Jesus for their salvation. Pray that the gospel would be clearly and faithfully proclaimed on the day so that visitors would realise their need for Jesus and be struck by his grace. Pray for the teachers and the PKC kids to have helpful conversations with their friends and their friends' parents.

Friday: Pray for the work of God's mission throughout the world and for SLE's support and partnership in this work. Give thanks for the opportunity our church has to support mission work in various parts of the world through finances, prayer, encouragement, and partnerships with missionaries and organisations. Pray for the SLE Missions Committee as they seek to promote within SLE an awareness of and involvement in mission work both here in Australia and abroad.

Saturday: Pray for the Manders (Steve,

Saeko, and Emilie) as they minister the gospel with OMF International in Sapporo, Japan. Pray for their ministry at Sapporo Immanuel Christ Church, and in particular for Saeko as she facilitates evangelism training. Pray for Steve's ministry in training ministry coaches within OMF and his involvement with the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Association in providing a support network for missionaries they seek to make Jesus known in Japan. Pray that Steve's upcoming home assignment in July–August would be a restful and encouraging time back in Australia with his daughter Emilie as they visit their partner churches.

## **Community News**

#### PRIMARY KIDS CHURCH: Bring-a-Friend-Day 18 May (Sun)

At Primary Kids Church we love helping children know, grow and follow Jesus. So we would love you to invite your friends to our Bring-a-friend-day at Primary Kids Church for bible stories, games and songs, followed by a family morning tea picnic. School friends, neighbourhood friends, nieces and nephews, colleague's children are all welcome. Please invite them to register at sle.church/events.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS: CCCB INC and St Lucia District Branch 1 June (Sun) via Zoom

As a Member of SLE Church you are also a member of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane (the umbrella organisation for four sister Churches) as well as of CCCB St Lucia District Branch (the organisation which owns and manages the property which SLE and our sister Church, HET, use).

CCCB and SLDB will be holding their Annual General Meetings via Zoom on the evening of Sunday June 1 (CCCB at 7:30 pm, SLDB at 8:00 pm). You are welcome to attend these meetings, but are not required to do so. However, if you do not attend you are expected to appoint proxies to vote for you at each meeting.

The meeting agenda, Chairman's report, financial statement, and form for appointment of proxy will be available soon. Members are reminded to check their emails.

# Jesus Confronts the Cost of Following Him

(Matthew 10:34-42)	
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Context:	
	4. Disciples Then, Disciples Now
1. Following Jesus is Costly: an example seen in familial ties (v.34-37)	
2. Following Jesus requires cross-carrying self denial (v.38-39)	5. So what?

3. So that more may come to receive Jesus (v.40-42)