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Upcoming Events

27 Jul International YF Welcome Lunch

30 Jul Mamak for Mission

3 Aug Newcomers' Lunch

5 Aug LIFE

17 Aug Primary Kids Church

Bring-a-friend Day

For more information, check out sle.church/events

Today's Service

Welcome and Singing

- ♪ How Great Is Our God
- ♪ Before The Throne Of God Above
- Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Community News

Bible Reading 2 Samuel 2:12-3:1,

5:1-12

Matthew 26:47-54

Sermon Pastor Steven Tran

Lord's Supper

Song of Response

♪ In Christ Alone

Financial Updates

Last Week \$14,192

(Target: \$11,000)

Received to date \$37,557 **2025-26** (Target: \$33,000)

(Target: \$55,000)

Budget 2025-26 \$572,000

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name SLE Church

Bank National Australia Bank

BSB: 084-424

Acc No.: 396558544

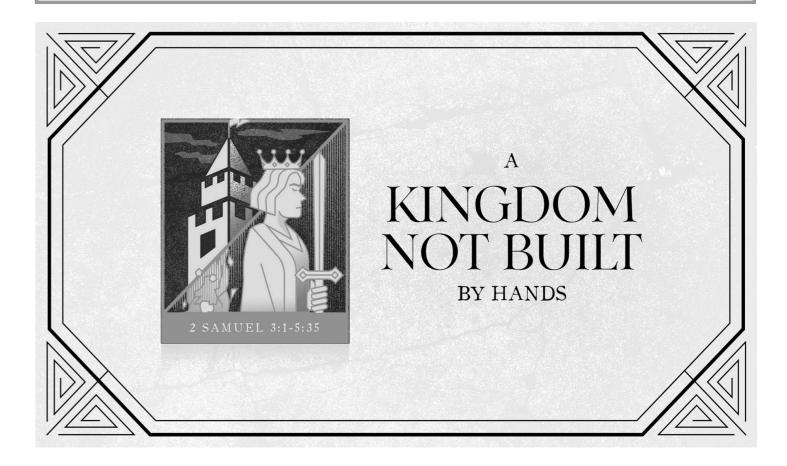
SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane.



27 July 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>.



A Kingdom Not Built By Hands

God's king is often opposed-but our hope is that God's promises will slowly prevail through faithfulness and righteous actions, not grasping for control.

Prayer Points

Monday: Give thanks that God is faithful to His promises, even when the path toward them is slow, painful, or marked by human failure. Praise God for the glimpses of integrity we see in David, and for the way they point us to Jesus—the true King who never grasped for power, never had flaws casting shadows, and always led with justice and grace. Pray that we would be a people who wait well, walk with integrity, and place our hope in the King who will never disappoint.

Tuesday: Pray that God would continue to build a welcoming community at SLE

where everyone who walks through the doors of our church can feel at home in the welcoming love of Christ through His people. Praise God for bringing over 160 newcomers to our church since the start of this year. Give thanks for the host team members and the wider church community who actively look out and intentionally welcome newcomers and visitors so that they feel welcomed and loved. Give thanks for the recent Host Team Training that clarified the Host Team vision, streamlined processes, and strengthened team relationships.

gospel in Sarawak, Malaysia—particularly amongst the indigenous Iban people. Give thanks for a widespread Christian heritage amongst the peoples of Sarawak, and pray for the gospel to speak into the associated challenges of nominalism and syncretism that this heritage brings. Pray for more gospel-centred ministries and churches to spring up in Sarawak so that the true biblical gospel might be proclaimed and bear fruit through

saved and radically transformed lives.

Wednesday: Pray for the work of the

Thursday: Give thanks for those serving in ministry support at SLE Church. Give thanks the opportunity for these teams to meet together recently to gain clarity and find ways to collaborate more. Pray that the team would serve with wisdom and unity, enabling all ministries to flourish toward our shared vision to make and mature disciples across generations.

Friday: Pray for the Manders (Steve, Saeko, and Emilie) as they minister the gospel with OMF International in Sapporo, Japan.

Praise God for the OMF Biennial Training held in Singapore in May and the renewed connections Steve was able to make with old colleagues. Praise God for the 21 people that gathered for the Summer English Festival at Sapporo Immanuel Christ Church in June and for the opportunity for one of the young men in church to share his testimony.

Saturday: Pray for Steve Manders following his recent diagnosis of cancer in the bile ducts of the liver. Pray for Steve, Saeko, and Emilie during this difficult journey. Give thanks for the optimism that Steve and his medical team have that chemotherapy will be successful. Pray for wisdom for the medical team and that the treatment will lead to a positive outcome. Pray for Steve's energy and rest during this time, and ask for wisdom in making decisions about Steve's workload and priorities.

Community News

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP WELCOME LUNCH: Sunday 27 July, 1-3pm, North Hall

Are you an international student looking to connect with a gospel-centred community? Or do you know someone who is? International YF exists to grow international university students to be maturing disciples, captivated by and living for Jesus Christ in university and beyond.

Join us for our welcome lunch, where you'll get to know our fellowship group, hear how we grow together in Christ and connect with each other through sharing and games. Lunch is provided upon request and FREE for newcomers!

Please register for yourself and friends sle.church/events

MAMAK FOR MISSION 2025 #2: Wednesday 30 July @ Chapel Hill 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:00 PM Official Start

Join us as we learn and pray about a diverse range of gospel work across Malaysia. This session, we will be learning about the indigenous people in Malaysia and hearing about gospel work happening in Penang. Malaysian food will also be served, so do bring hungry tummies and hearts!

RSVP: Register at sle.church/events

NEWCOMER'S LUNCH: Sunday 3 August, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

If you are new to SLE Church in the past few months and would like to know more about what we do, what better way to do so than to join our Newcomer's Lunch with our Senior Pastor Steven Tran, who would love to help you take the next steps to connect with church.

Lunch sessions: 11am or 12:30pm at church.

RSVP: By Tuesday 29 July at <u>sle.church/events</u>

LIFE: Starting Tuesday 5 August 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 selection-levents

A Kingdom Not Built By Hands (2 Samuel 2:12-5:35) Introduction

- 1. When Kingdom's Clash (2:12-4:12)
 - a. Power struggles escalate, and the cost is high

b. Schemes and assassinations don't secure God's Kingdom

- 2. The King Receives What Only God Can Give (5:1-25)
 - a. The tribes unite, recognising God's work

b. Victory through seeking God, not self-reliance

3. The Growing Shadow Behind the Crown (3:1-5, 5:12-16)

4. The King with No Shadow (Matthew 26:52-54)

So What?