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## Upcoming Events

- 14 Jan Re-Ignite
- 14 Mar The Men’s Conference

For more information, check out [sle.church/events](https://sle.church/events)

## Today’s Service

Welcome and Singing    ♪ Jerusalem  
                                 ♪ Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
                                 ♪ Take Heart

**Community News**

**Bible Reading**    Lamentations 1:12-16;  
                                 3:19-24  
                                 Hebrews 4:14-16

**Sermon**             Pastor Steven

**Lord’s Supper**    Pastor Steven

**Song of Response**    ♪ We Are One

## Financial Updates

**Last Week**                             \$6,482  
    (Target: \$11,000)

**Received to date**                     \$274,445  
**2025-26**                                 (Target: \$286,000)

**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

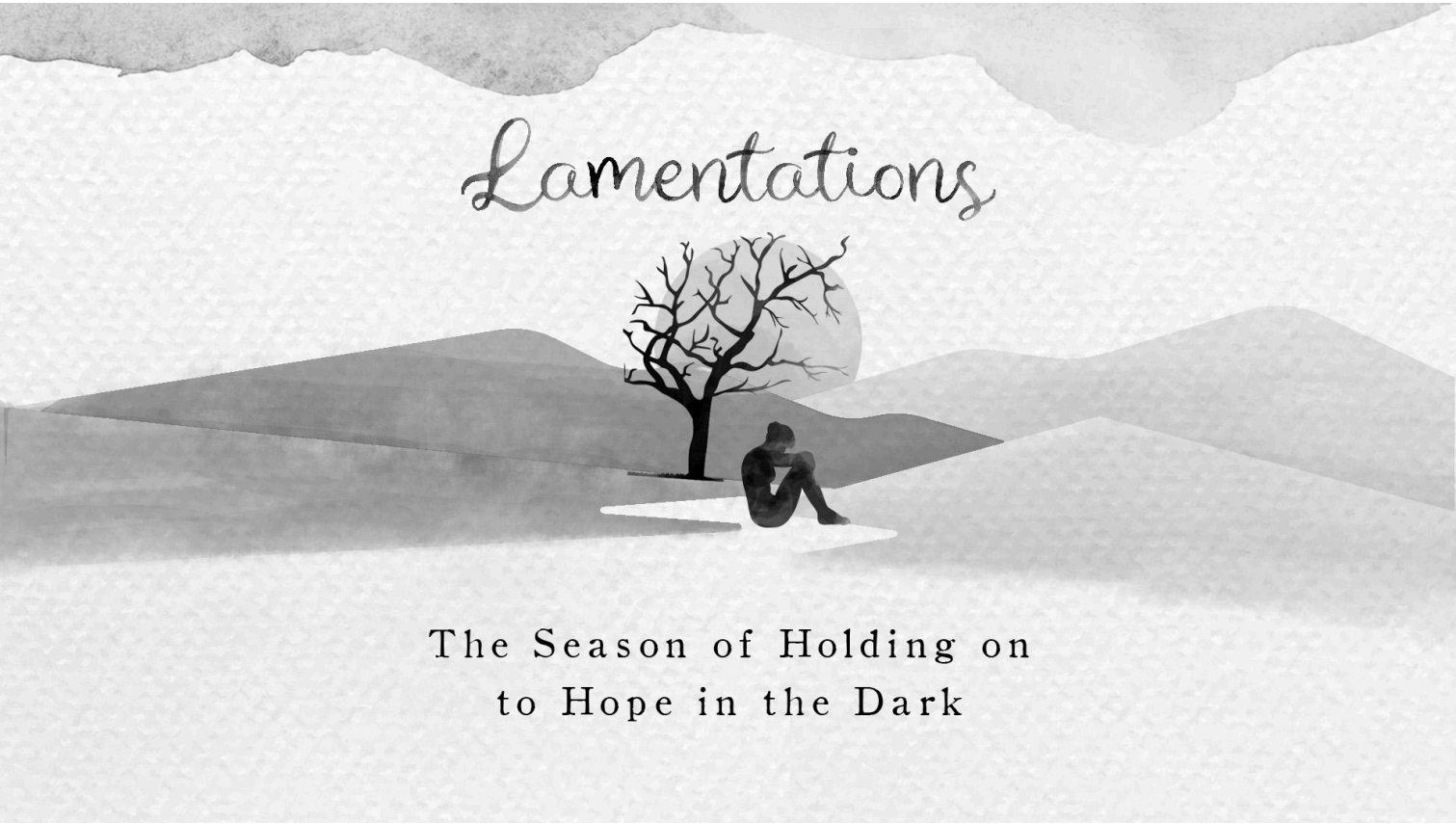
SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane.



4th Jan 2026  
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](https://sle.church).



### Lamentations - Holding on to Hope in the Dark

Under God’s judgement, His people give voice to their grief, complain honestly to Him, and cling to hope in His mercy – even in the dark.

# Prayer Points

## Monday – Lamentations

Give thanks that all of Scripture is given to us, so that we might not only know and understand God and the gospel, but are also given words to express life in this broken world. Pray that in our grief and trials we would call out to God with all of our pain and complaints, humbly calling on God to help us and to act. Pray for trust in: His goodness despite our circumstances; His ways despite our limited knowledge; His plans and purposes to comfort and hold us.

## Tuesday – Jordan & Jo

Pray for Jordan and Jo as they embark on moving to Coopers Plains Evangelical (CPE). Give thanks for their loving heart for serving God and his people and the amazing brother and sister in Christ that they’ve been to many of us at SLE. Ask God to be working in them to find peace as they go through a significant period of change, and that they’d be able to build meaningful relationships well at CPE. Through the move, ask God to be growing them in their love for Him, and desire to serve the church lovingly going forward.

## Wednesday – The Manders

Pray for our Mission Partners in Japan – the Manders family. Steve has been battling liver cancer since June last year, but his condition has deteriorated in the past few weeks, and he’s in palliative care. Ask God that Steve would continue to know God’s peace and presence. Ask for the family (Saeko and Emilie) to be holding fast to the Lord’s comfort and strength in this difficult time. Even though the medical outlook isn’t positive, please ask for God’s will to be done and God to be glorified, which was Steve’s greatest desire in every part of his life.

## Thursday – The New Year

Give thanks to God for sustaining us to a New Year. As people consider a fresh start, ask God to be guiding us to be one minded for Christ, and for our desires and joy to be found in Him. Ask God to be growing us as a church this year who are focused on what is everlasting and of eternal significance, rather than fleeting and temporary.

## Friday – Give Thanks and Praise God

~ *Inspired by Prayerfulness by Peter Adam* ~

Give thanks to God who is full of glory, holiness, power, justice, beauty, love, mercy, grace, compassion, and faithfulness. Praise Him for his creation and constant loving preservation of the world, for his mercy to us in the atoning death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Praise Him for his great and precious gospel promises in the Lord Jesus Christ, for the gift of forgiveness of sins, salvation, and eternal life, for adoption into his family, for the gift of the Holy Spirit, and for fellowship among his people.

## Saturday – For Those On Holidays or Returning Soon

Give thanks to God for the opportunity for lots of us to go away on holidays over the Christmas break. Ask for those still on holidays to have a restful time spending time with friends and family, and to be able to return refreshed for the next season. Ask God to enable fruitful conversations and opportunities to present the life giving gospel to those who haven’t yet heard. For those who are travelling back to Brisbane, ask God to grant them safe travels.

# Community News

## RE-IGNITE Wednesday 14 January 2026 7pm to 8.30pm at Spring Hill

Join us for a special one-night event to fuel your faith as David Walter (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) brings us God’s Word to encourage our hearts to keep living for our great God.

We’ll gather with Christians from all over our city to sing praises to our Great God, sit under His wondrous Word and be reminded about how the Gospel transforms our lives.

Get your ticket at <https://sle.church/events>

## THE MEN’S CONFERENCE Saturday 14 March 2026 9am to 2.30pm at Carindale

Life doesn’t slow down. Pressures mount. Faith gets tested. Hebrews 10–12 calls men to stand firm, to persevere, and to fix their eyes on Jesus, especially when life gets hard.

This year’s Men’s Conference is a day to stop, refocus, and be strengthened for the race ahead. Dave Jensen will open God’s Word with clarity and conviction, calling us to live with endurance and courage in a world that’s always pulling us off track.

Don’t miss it, because when more men are more like Jesus, it’s better for more people.

Get your ticket at <https://www.mens-conference.com/>

Early bird tickets available until 16 Jan 2026.

Buy a group ticket and select “St Lucia Evangelical (SLE) Church” after payment

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# The Season for Holding Onto Hope in the Dark (Lamentations)

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Introduction

The Setting

1. Words of Grief

2. Permission to Lament

3. Hope to Endure

So what?