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## Upcoming Events

- 1 Feb Kids Church Resumes
- 8 Feb Newcomers' Lunches
- 14 Mar The Men's Conference

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

## Today's Service

Welcome and Singing    This Is Amazing Grace  
                                 How Deep The Father's Love For Us  
                                 In Christ Alone

**Community News**

Bible Reading    Song of Solomon 2:1-7, 8:6-7  
                                 Revelation 21:1-5

Sermon            Pastor Steven Tran

**Lord's Supper**

Song of Response    Christ Is Mine  
                                 Forevermore

## Financial Updates

Last Week	\$7,109 (Target: \$11,000)
Received to date 2025-26	\$296,594 (Target: \$308,000)
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

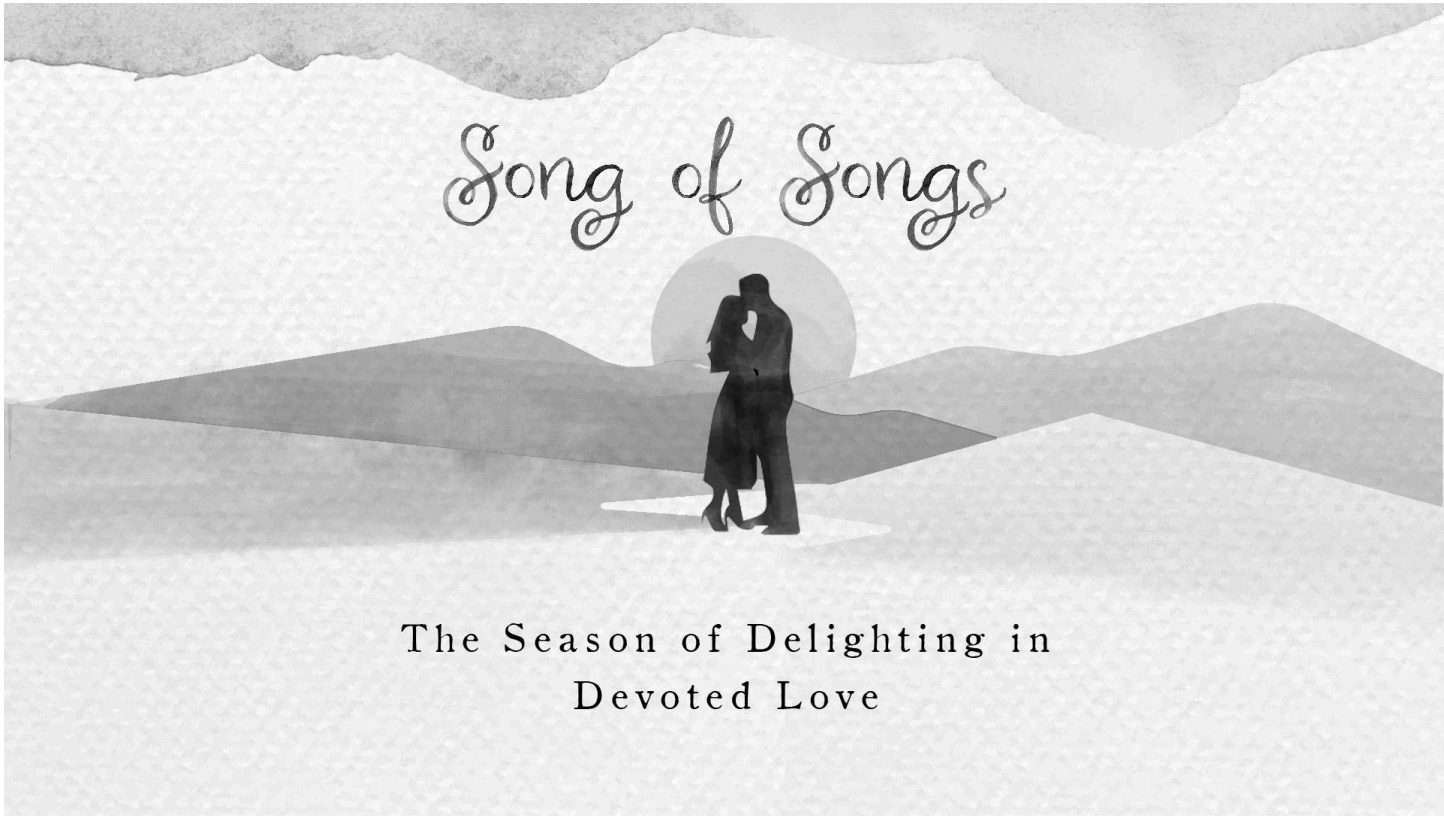
SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane.



18 January 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](https://sle.church).



### The Season of Delighting in Devoted Love (Song of Solomon)

The love shared between lovers can be profoundly passionate and powerful - and is therefore something to be received with delight and handled with reverent care.

# Prayer Points

## Monday – Ecclesiastes

Praise God for the resurrection of Jesus and give thanks that this means death is not the end. Give thanks that in the midst of the mess and confusion of this world, we can truly make sense of life because Jesus’ resurrection redefines reality. Ask God to help us to live for him, to teach us to fear him, and to compel us to enjoy his good gift of life in Jesus.

## Tuesday – Song of Songs

Give thanks to God for love as his good gift. Pray for wisdom to receive love with delight, self-control, and patience to wait for it rightly. Pray that our longings, disappointments, and contentment would find their ultimate hope not in human relationships, but in Jesus and the future he has promised. Ask that God would shape our lives—whether married or single—to reflect his love with faithfulness, gentleness, and hope as we wait for Christ’s return.

## Wednesday – Re-Ignite

Give thanks for the incredible encouragement the evening was, gathered together with brothers and sisters in Christ, singing praise to Him, and hearing from his word. Give thanks for the 230 people from churches all over Brisbane (and beyond) who gathered to hear from Dave Walter on 1 Kings 21 about outrageous grace. Ask God to be working in those who attended to be trusting in him in every aspect of their life, and to be sharing this life-transforming news with others.

## Thursday – Ignite Training Conference

Praise God for the precious opportunity for brothers and sisters around Brisbane and beyond to gather and dig deep into God’s word for a week at the Ignite Training Conference this past week. Thank God for the reminder and exhortation from 1&2Kings to listen, trust, and obey His Word because He is our Holy God, the creator and controller of all things. Pray that those who attended will be spurred on to proclaim Jesus boldly, to pray for all to turn to Him. Pray that they will be encouraged to cling to the unwavering hope grounded in Christ's death and resurrection even when the world rejects them for bringing the good news of Jesus. Pray too that God will use the attendees mightily in their churches across the nation for His purposes and glory.

## Friday – Ministry teams

Pray that God would give wisdom to ministry teams as they make plans for the new year. Pray for team leaders to lead well and envision their team members to joyfully and sacrificially serve God for the sake of growing people in maturity in Jesus and investing in the next generations. Give thanks for those in SLE who give their time and energy to serve others.

## Saturday – Iran

Pray that God would bring peace, protection, and wisdom for the people of Iran amid violence and uncertainty. Ask that God would give comfort to families who have lost loved ones, and healing for those injured and traumatised. Pray for Iranian Christians to have courage, protection, and perseverance as they live out the gospel. Pray that God’s light would shine through the church in Iran, bringing true freedom, dignity, and hope in Jesus.

# Community News

## KIDS CHURCH BEGINS

**Sunday 1 February, 9am**

Junior Kids Church (2 years old to Prep) and Primary Kids Church (Year 1 to 6) begins 2 February at 9am.

New to Kids Church? We'd love you to join us!

Register at [sle.church/kidschurch/](https://sle.church/kidschurch/)

## Primary Kids Church Orientation for ALL PKC parents 1 February

A compulsory orientation meeting for all PKC parents will be held downstairs at 10:30 to 11am while children have morning tea in their classrooms.

## NEWCOMERS’ LUNCH

**Sunday 8 February**

**11am and 12:30pm at the North Hall**

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 3 February at

[sle.church/events](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 **19 Jan 2026**.

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

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# The Season of Delighting in Devoted Love (Song of Solomon)

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## Introduction

**1. Let’s talk about S...ong of Solomon**

- a. A long and awkward history**
- b. It’s not primarily about getting physical**
- c. An “expert” author**

**2. A book about love**

- a. They delight in each other**

- b. But sometimes they miscommunicate and miss each other**

**c. The strong oath**

**3. A kind of love that we all want (8:7-10)**

- a. Love that leads to peace**
- b. Love that burns with God-given intensity**

**4. Love that is precious - and ultimately found in Him**

- a. Why the best human love cannot be ultimate**

- b. Jesus and the limit of marriage (Matt 22:30)**

- c. How the gospel explains why love points beyond itself**

- d. The future that gathers everyone (Revelation 21:1-5)**