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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](#)

## Today's Service

Welcome and Singing

- ♪ God Is For Us
- ♪ Take Heart
- ♪ Our Assurance

### Community News

Bible Reading

Esther 6:1-13;  
Romans 8:26-31

Sermon

Pastor Steven Tran

### Lord's Supper

Song of Response

- ♪ His Glory And My Good

## Financial Updates

Last Week

\$10,355  
(Target: \$11,000)

Received to date  
2025-26

\$307,099  
(Target: \$319,000)

Budget 2025-26

\$572,000

## Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name

SLE Church

Bank

National Australia Bank

BSB:

084-424

Acc No.:

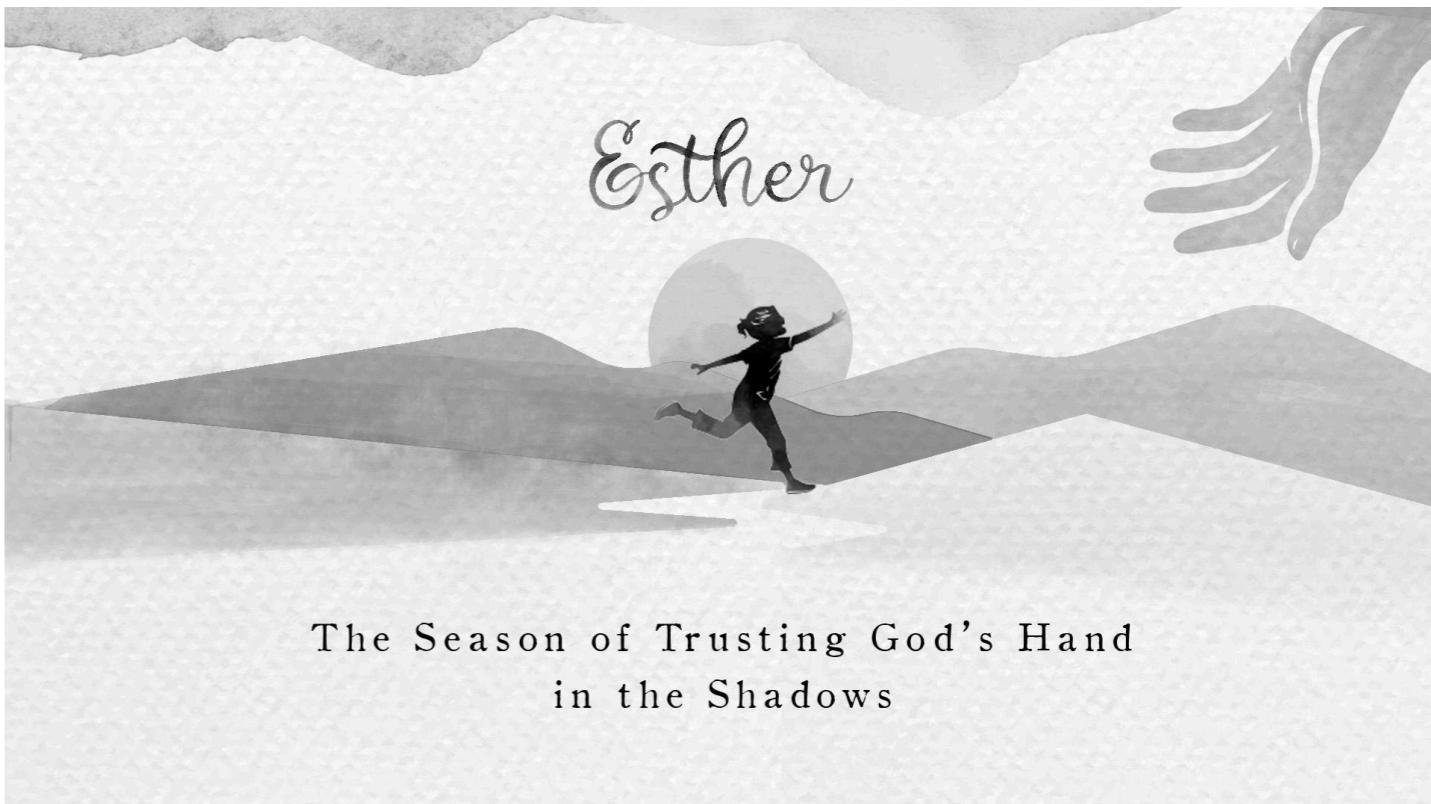
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SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane.



## 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](#).



The Season of Trusting God's Hand  
in the Shadows

## Esther - Trusting God's Hand in the Shadows

God sovereignly preserves his people through unseen means, even through unlikely, hesitant and imperfect servants.

## Prayer Points

### Monday – Australia

Give thanks for the work of the gospel in Australia. Praise God for the Christians who brought the Christian faith onto our shores, who lived faithfully, loved their neighbours, planted churches, and worked for gospel growth in their own generation and for generations to come. Praise God for bringing the nations to our shores so that they might have the opportunity to hear the gospel, grow in their faith, and take the gospel back to their home countries. Pray that God would have mercy on all those who call Australia home, and that he would teach us to trust in his Son Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

### Tuesday – Izzy and Dom

Give thanks to the God of love for giving us the gift of marriage. Give thanks for the joining in marriage of Isabel and Dominic on Saturday. Pray that they would know God's presence in their joys and in their sorrows, and ask God to deepen their love for each other and sustain them in their commitment and vows. Pray that their marriage would proclaim the love of Jesus to those around them.

### Wednesday – Liesl See

Pray for our new ministry apprentice, Liesl See, as she begins training in ministry with our church over the next two years. Pray for God to grow her in her godliness, her humility, and her pastoral heart to serve and care for others. Pray that the training she receives would be fruitful and beneficial for the growth of God's kingdom, both here and in her future ministry. Pray for her as she invites people to partner in her ministry through prayer and financial support.

### Thursday – HET Second Service

Pray for our sister church Huai En Tang (HET) as they proclaim the gospel to the Chinese-speaking people in our area. Give thanks to God for their growth as a church, both in welcoming new people and in their maturity as disciples of Jesus. Pray for their plans to begin an afternoon service in a few months to reach Chinese-speaking students with the gospel. Ask that God may raise up suitable gospel co-workers to serve at this new service.

### Friday – Steve Manders

Give thanks to God for the life and ministry of Steve Manders, who passed away and graduated to glory on Friday 16 January. Pray for his wife Saeko and his daughter Emilie in Japan, and his mother in Brisbane as they grieve during this difficult time and remember the gift of hope that our Lord Jesus kindly gave us. Pray for the OMF Japan team as they grieve their brother and partner in the gospel who encouraged many of them to develop and grow in their knowledge of the Lord and in service of his church in Japan. Pray that God would comfort all who knew him and who were impacted by his passion and servant heart.

### Saturday – Japan

Praise God that salvation in the gospel of Jesus is for all nations. Pray for the over 99% of the population of Japan who have not yet entrusted themselves to the hope of salvation in Jesus. Pray for Japanese Christians and gospel workers in Japan to courageously and carefully preach the gospel to a culture that is heavily influenced by many religious and spiritual beliefs and that still perceives the Christian faith to be a predominantly foreign concept.

## 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 1 February at 9am.

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

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

### 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/>

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

### SALT PARENTS INFO SESSION

#### Sunday 8 February, 10.45am to 11.15am

Is your high school teen new to SaLT (Saint Lucia Teens) this year? We would love to invite all parents and teens who would like to find out more about SaLT to our Parents info session. It'll be held downstairs in the meeting room.

### 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](http://sle.church/events)

## The Season of Trusting God's Hand in the Shadows (Esther)

### Introduction

#### 1. A story shaped by God's hidden providence

##### a. The King of Persia's Greatness (1-2)

##### b. Haman Elevated (3:1-2a)

##### c. Haman's Decree to kill the Jews (3:2b-15)

##### d. Esther and Mordecai Plan to Reverse the Decree (4)

##### e. Esther's first banquet (5)

##### f. The story pivots (6)

##### e'. Esther's second banquet (7)

##### d'. Esther and Mordecai Plan to Reverse the Decree (8:1-8)

##### c'. Mordecai's decree to save the Jews (8:9-14)

##### b'. Mordecai elevated (8:15-17)

##### a'. Mordecai's greatness (9-10)

#### 2. A salvation shaped by God's hidden providence

##### a. Emmaus: when salvation looked like a failure (Luke 23:13-34)

##### b. Assurance grounded in history (Romans 8)

#### 3. Living as God's people in the long middle

- As God's people together

- In times of suffering, loss, and with unresolved stories

- For His mission and presence in the world

#### 4. Every season of the Soul: Love, Loss, and Life under God