

## Our Pastors

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## Upcoming Events

- 23 May Taste & See
- 24 May Next Steps
- 27 May Membership Course
- 21 June CCCB Inc AGM

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

## Today's Service

Welcome and Singing

- ♪ No Other Name
- ♪ His Glory And My Good
- ♪ Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

### Community News

### Mission Spot

Bible Reading 1 Corinthians 8:1-9:27

Sermon Pastor Steven Tran

### Lord's Supper

Song of Response

- ♪ Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

## Financial Updates

Last Week \$10,459  
(Target: \$11,000)

Received to date 2025-26 \$473,822  
(Target: \$495,000)

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.



17 May 2026  
Service Times: 9am & 11am

### Welcome, we're glad you're here!

At SLE Church we want to be a community of maturing disciples of Jesus, investing in the next generations. Find out more at [sle.church](https://sle.church).

## THE GOSPEL AND FREEDOM FOR OTHERS

1 Corinthians 8:1-9:27



### The Gospel and Freedom for Others

Gospel-shaped freedom is not the right to serve ourselves, but the freedom to lay down our rights so others are built up and saved.

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## Prayer Points

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### Monday – 1 Corinthians 8–9

Pray for God's Word this morning to keep shaping us to reflect the gospel of Jesus, who gave himself to be crucified for us. Give thanks to God that we have genuine freedom because of Christ, and ask God to help us to use our freedom to lay down our rights to serve others joyfully and sacrificially.

### Tuesday – Reach Australia National Conference

Pray for the Reach Australia National Conference as church leaders from all across Australia gather for the week to fix their gaze on Jesus, be refreshed by his word, and be equipped to lead churches marked by gospel courage, joy, and optimism. Pray for those speaking at the conference to speak God's Word clearly, faithfully, and humble so that God is glorified. Pray for health, safe, and energy for all those preparing and attending the conference.

### Wednesday – SLE at RANC

Pray for those from our church attending the Reach Australia National Conference. Ask that they might ears to hear, and that what they learn would be a blessing to SLE Church in our efforts to reach the lost with the gospel. Pray for fruitful fellowship and conversations to reflect on the conference. Pray that the team might rest well and stay healthy, and pray for safe travels to and from the conference.

### Thursday – May Wilson

Give thanks to God for his healing power and loving care in bringing our sister May safely through heart surgery recently. Give thanks for the expertise and care of the doctors, nurses, physios, and other medical staff. Pray for May to recover and rehabilitate well, and for Graham as he adjusts to caring for her post-op.

### Friday – K, serving in a secure location

Pray for "K", who is serving the gospel overseas in a secure location. Give thanks for the growing number of Christian students getting involved in small groups and discipleships. Pray that God would sustain the team as they make necessary changes to the program and as they seek to raise up new leaders. Pray for K's health, especially for relief from seizures, for stable sleep, and adjustment to new medication she is taking.

### Saturday – Taste and See

Pray for the second session of Taste and See as they continue their journey exploring the big story of the Bible over a series of meals. Ask that God would be at work in the hearts of those exploring as they think about what's gone wrong in the world and learn of the impact and consequences of human sin. Pray that they would be confronted and challenged with their sinfulness and their broken relationship with God, and that they would see God's relentless desire to reconcile his lost people back to himself.

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## Community News

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### Next Steps – Sunday 24 May

Have you been regularly attending SLE Church and been wondering 'what's next?'

Then please come along to our Next Steps event (previously Newcomers Lunch) with our Senior Pastor Steven Tran, who would love to help you take the next steps to connect with the church.

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

**RSVP by** Tuesday 19 May at [sle.church/events](https://sle.church/events)

### Annual General Meeting: CCCB Inc 21 June (Sun) 7:30pm 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).

CCCB will be holding its Annual General Meeting via Zoom at 7:30pm, Sunday 21 June.

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 the meeting.

The Meeting Agenda, Budget, Financial Statement, and the Meeting Registration and Proxy Form and Zoom link details is now in your email inbox.

Please contact the church administrator: Winnie Wong on [info@sle.church](mailto:info@sle.church) if you have trouble locating the information.

c. Paul's reward was to preach the gospel free of charge (9:15–18)

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# The Gospel and Freedom for Others (1 Corinthians 8:1-9:27)

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## Introduction

### 1. Your rights can destroy others

- a. The Corinthians had true knowledge about idols (8:1–6)
- b. Some believers still had weak consciences (8:7–8)
- c. The strong were using their freedom carelessly (8:9–13)

### 2. Your rights may be real

- a. Paul really was free and really was an apostle (9:1–3)
- b. Paul really had the right to be supported (9:4–7)
- c. Scripture supports Paul's right to support (9:8–12a)

### 3. Your rights are not ultimate

- a. Paul chose not to use his right to support (9:12b)
- b. Paul's right was confirmed by temple practice and Jesus' command (9:13–14)

### 4. Your freedom is for the gospel

- a. Paul used his freedom to serve others (9:19)
- b. Paul adapted to different people for the sake of the gospel (9:20–23)
- c. Paul disciplined himself to keep running toward the prize (9:24–27)

### So what?