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Upcoming Events

- 13 Sep Baptism
- 20 Sep Church Bookstore
- 26 Sep Spring Cleaning Day
- 2-4 Oct SaLT Camp
- 10 Oct SLE AGM

For more information, check out sle.church/events

Today’s Service

Welcome and Singing In Christ alone
 Man of Sorrows
 Christ is mine
 forevermore

Community News

Bible Reading Matthew 16:13–28

Sermon Pastor Steven Tran

Lord’s Supper

Song of Response This Life I Live

Financial Updates

Last Week	\$10,607 (Target: \$12,000)
Received to date 2026-27	\$108,740 (Target: \$120,000)
Budget 2026-27	\$624,000

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.



13 September 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.



THE KINGDOM AND THE CROSS

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The Kingdom and the Cross

Understanding who Jesus really is means going the way he went.

Prayer Points

Monday - Sermon Series on Humanity

Praise God that He has made us in His image! As we dive into the next sermon series on humanity, ask God to give Pastor Steve and Pastor Richard the wisdom and clarity as they prepare to bring the church through thinking what God has to say in the gospel of Jesus about what it means to be human as we wrestle with the big issues of our day.

Tuesday - More to Life

Thank God for bringing the 10 people along to the More to Life course that just commenced. Pray that as they go through the gospel of Mark, God will perform his mightily transformative work in their hearts, and that they will eventually come to faith and repentance in Jesus. Ask that God grows the facilitators too in their love for Jesus and His wonderful gospel.

Wednesday - SaLT Camp

Praise God for the 41 teens who have signed up for Camp that will be happening on 2-4 October! Ask that God grows and deepens their relationships with one another through the camp, and for hearts to be opened to hear and respond to what the bible says about their identities as His children. Pray for wisdom and tenacity as the leaders plan the camp and for our ministry trainee Laurie as he prepares the talks!

Thursday - Baptisms

Praise God for the 6 teens who have publicly professed their faith in Jesus and thank God for His mighty work that he has been doing in them to transform their hearts! Ask God to continue growing them in maturity and love for King Jesus, and for their parents to continue walking alongside them as they seek to live as children of the living God. Pray too that as a church family we will support the teens and their families in prayer and encouragement.

Friday - Providence Church, Brisbane

Thank God for 11 years of Providence Church's ministry, and for His faithfulness in building his church over these years and seeing people come to faith and new life in Jesus. Ask God to sustain Pastor Mikey Tai and his team in wisdom as they navigate relationships with Macgregor State High where they rent, and for opportunities for the gospel to be shared. Pray that God will raise up more lay leaders to serve the church, and pray for their finances as they hope to bring on staff/ministry workers in the coming years. Ask God to do His mighty work in growing the church as they too pray for more space or a new venue to meet in.

Saturday - Yemen

Pray for peace and protection amid the recent escalation of fighting in Yemen and the wider region, and for God to spare civilians from further suffering and bring an end to the conflict. Pray for courage and hope among Yemeni believers who face violence and even death for following Jesus. Ask God to strengthen underground church leaders with stamina, wisdom and courage as they faithfully serve and care for God's people.

Community News

Baptism - 13 Sept (Sun), 1pm

Baptism is a celebration of new life, a visible reminder of God's grace to us in Christ. It's always a joy to see what God has been doing in the hearts of our church family — stories of faith, change, and new beginnings. Come and be encouraged as we gather as a community today at 1pm to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of 6 of our teens. Whether you know someone being baptised or not, you're warmly invited to join us in celebrating together.

A light refreshment spread will be served prior to the baptism.

12:30pm - Light refreshment served
1:00pm - Testimonies
1:30pm - Baptisms

SLE Church Annual General Meeting - 10 Oct (Sat), 9am to 12noon. Lunch to follow

“It's AGM time!”

Our Annual General Meeting is an important part of our membership of SLE Church. It's the opportunity to gather as God's people invested in God's work as expressed in this local body of His. More than just an administrative meeting, it's an opportunity to hear what God has been doing among us and work out how we can play a part in shaping the future direction of our church together.

So, please book in the below AGM date if you're a member of SLE Church and we'll see you there!

Date/Time: 10 October (Sat), 9am-12noon.
Lunch to follow
Location: North Hall, SLE Church
Register and proxy at: sle.church/events
AGM information: sle.church/agm2026

Church Bookstore - 20 Sep (Sun)

Our church bookstall will be open on the patio after both services – come and have a look!

Good books are such a gift. They help us dig deeper into Scripture, wrestle with big questions of faith, and keep growing long after a sermon or Bible study has ended. Whether you're looking for something to encourage your own walk with God or a meaningful gift for a friend or family member, there'll be a great selection of books and resources to browse.

Cashless payment preferred. Pastor Steve will be running the table – he loves a good book and can happily talk your ear off about any of them, so come have a chat (and perhaps leave with a recommendation or two)!

Spring Cleaning Day — 26 Sept (Sat), 9am to 12pm

Our church building is more than a place we visit each week — it's where our community gathers, grows, and welcomes newcomers. As one body, let's give our church building some love and care.

The St Lucia District Branch Management Committee is organising a Spring Cleaning Day on 26 September, and we'd love as many hands as possible. Many hands make light work — plus it's a great chance to serve alongside others and get to know each other better.

To register your interest, simply scan the QR code to join the WhatsApp group or go to sle.church/events

Got questions?
Contact Hung Chow (SLE): 0413 564 884

Even an hour of your time makes a difference. Hope to see you there!



The Kingdom and the Cross (Matthew 16:13-28)

Introduction

1. Only God can show you who Jesus is (vv13–20)

- a. "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" (vv13–14)

- b. "But who do you say that I am?" (vv15–16)

- c. "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you" (vv17–19)

2. The Christ had to die (vv21–23)

- a. "He must go to Jerusalem" (v21)

- b. "Far be it from you, Lord!" (v22)

- c. "Get behind me, Satan" (v23)

3. Following him means going the same way (vv24–28)

- a. "If anyone would come after me" (v24)

- b. “Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (vv25–26)

- c. “The Son of Man is going to come” (vv27–28)