

## Pastor's Desk- 'A Call to Extraordinary Prayer' (Steven Nation)

Steven Nation, dear brother to many of us and former pastor of SLE and 517 Church, has written a wonderful little book on prayer that I had the pleasure to read a few months ago. It has a big impact on me personally and on the renewed emphasis on prayer as a church. Here is the synopsis of the book:

*What is a strong church? To be classified as a faithful and Christ-centred church today, a consistent criterion is whether or not the church in focus is a good Bible-teaching church. Of course, this is vital. But what if the church has solid teaching, but is a relatively prayer-less church? Is it still a strong church? The Bible seems to say, unequivocally, no! A strong Biblical church is a church that gives its attention to Word and prayer.*

*The Book of Acts shows how these two go hand in hand—the link between the ministry of Word and prayer. Acts teaches us that a distinguishing mark of a Christian and of a truly Biblical church is that they pray. The way Christians pray in the Book of Acts is largely corporate in nature. This includes prayer for healing, prayer for sending out missionaries, prayer for church leaders, and prayer for boldness in proclaiming the gospel to an apathetic or hostile world.*

*This book takes us through Acts, and calls upon God's people to pray for revival in our day—for the gospel to go forth, asking God to bring multitudes of the lost under the Lordship of Christ, and mature His church till we see Him in glory.*

Would you like to buy a copy of this book? Speak to our Pastor Steve, go to a Christian bookshop or buy it online!

Would you like to pray? Join us for our prayer meeting this afternoon at 1:45pm. Set aside time to pray during the week.

11 February 2018

## welcome to sle church

We are delighted to have you join us today! It is our prayer that you will enjoy all aspects of our gathering this morning.

## about

The 'SL' in 'SLE' means St Lucia. The suburb our church is located in. The 'E' stands for English. We are a church family made of many migrant families from across South-East Asia, and we are English speaking. The 'E' also stands for Evangelical. We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services.

## get connected

Please join us for refreshments and a chat after the service. We look forward to getting to know you. If you are new to SLE Church, have a prayer request, family news, or change of contact details please email: [info@slechurch.org.au](mailto:info@slechurch.org.au) or call 3371 7589.

Connect with us online: [slechurch.org.au](http://slechurch.org.au) or 'like' us for further updates at [facebook.com/slechurch](https://facebook.com/slechurch)

## service times

9:00am (North Hall)  
11:40am (South Hall)

### giving: financial stewardship update

Last Week:	\$7,214.65
Weekly Required (for 2018):	\$5,500.00
Shortfall (for 2018):	\$0.00

### electronic fund transfer

<b>A/C Name:</b>	SLE Church
<b>Bank:</b>	National Australia Bank
<b>BSB:</b>	084-424
<b>A/C No:</b>	396558544
<b>Description:</b>	Offering





THE STORIES  
**JESUS**  
TOLD

FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

## serving grace

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Ps Ben	Simeon
Preach	Ps Steven	Ps Ben
Bible Read	Simeon	Matthew
	<i>Dan Lowe</i>	<i>Alan</i>
M.Tea	Georgie	Ethel
	Daisy	Elleen
Wash Up	SOS Dan	SaLT
Welcome	Philip	Philip
	Mee Lan	Mee Lan
	Amy	Amy
	TBA	TBA
	TBA	TBA
	TBA	TBA
Stewards	Philip	Philip
	Norman	Norman
	<i>Josh</i>	<i>Josh</i>
	<i>Aaron</i>	<i>Aaron</i>
	<i>Stanley</i>	<i>Stanley</i>
Piano	Dan Lowe	Sylvia
Guitar etc	Ivan, Aaron	Chuan Yuan
Drums	Marcus/ Ariel	Lucas
Vocal	Jo Ng	Jolene
PA	Reuten/ Li Wei William	William/ Li Wei Daniel

## current sermons

Last Week: Parables in Luke #3: Table Talk  
[Luke 14:1-24]

This Week: Parables in Luke #3: Three Times Found  
[Luke 15:1-32]

Next Week: Romans 1: 1-17

## prayer points

- Thank God for the move to a new time and location for our second service. Thank God for the partnership we have with Huai En Tang (HET) that has enabled this to happen. Pray that the administration and logistics would work out quickly and smoothly. Pray that God would be pleased to use this change to grow His church.
- Continue to pray for the people you are reaching out to with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for their hearts to be softened to receive the invitation that Jesus offers for them to be forgiven and reconciled to God, and to have the hope and joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ's eternal kingdom.
- Pray for the new academic year for all the students in our church—for those entering school for the first time (at varying levels) and for those continuing on. Pray for all our parents and children to have a proper understanding and perspective of God's intention for schooling. May we use this gift of education in the way God intended, for our good, and for the building up of His Kingdom and glory.

## community news

### 1. Stop the Press!! Second Service Time and Location Change!

Please take especial notice of the time and location change for our second service.

Time: 11:30am (begin entering hall—do NOT enter before this time); 11:40am service starts.

Location: St Lucia South Hall (formerly HET/Chinese Hall)

This change will take effect from TODAY **11 February 2018**. Please tell everyone!

### 2. SLE Lunch and Prayer Meeting TODAY

Please join us for lunch and prayer meeting this afternoon to commemorate and launch our new service time and location, and pray together as a church, especially in light of our visioning process.

Lunch 1:00-1:45pm (BYO lunch if you did not pre-order)

Prayer meeting after lunch

### 3. SLE Church Members (and committed attendees) Meeting

All members and those committed to SLE Church are invited and encouraged to attend an information session on 18th February, from 10:45-11:15am in the North Hall (prev. SLE Hall).

Over the past few months, we have started to consider what God's mission, values and visions are with regards to our church. To follow up, we have planned for the meeting to cover the following:

- explain the terms, processes and timeline of formulating the Mission, Vision and Values (MVV)

- share what processes the SLE Church Council have been undertaking

- begin the process of hearing from the members and committed attendees on these issues.

This process of developing our MVV will impact all of us as individuals and as a church, so we hope that you will come along and be a part of these discussions.

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