

## The News Feed of heaven

Over the past few weeks I've felt inundated with negative news regarding the church and Christianity. In an already big year in which we've seen high profile Pastors stepping down in disgrace (some even walking away from the faith), there were a number of other recent negative headlines. There was the recent backflip by Chick-fil-A in their charitable giving (no longer giving to charities holding a traditional view of marriage), Israel Folau was once again in the news for linking Australia's bushfires to God's judgement on the nation (with the expected backlash and criticism), and there was PM Scott Morrison's call for prayer for the bushfires roundly criticised and laughed at.

With all that, and more, going on it can be easy for Christians to lose heart and just keep our heads down.

And into the midst of this came a timely SMS. One of the members of our church had finished editing together the video of 'SLE Celebrates' that happened at our recent church camp. While it's only been a few weeks but I had already forgotten much of what was shared.

So I had a quick review of the stories and sharing (which is available on Youtube right now, and will be available on the church website soon). It was just what my heart needed. Stories of God's grace at work—most of it unseen, most of it flying well below the radar of headline news. And yet, as Sam Allberry commented at a recent conference, "The news feed of heaven is very different to the news feed on earth."

The heavenly news feed is brimming with stories of grace. And it's that news feed which matters most.

There are many things in our world to rightly get worked up about. But if you're feeling overwhelmed with where our world is going then there can be no better medicine than to seek out and hear what God is doing. Spend some time these coming weeks catching up with members at church who you may not know that well, find out what God is doing in their lives, be encouraged and pray together for God's work to continue growing in this world.



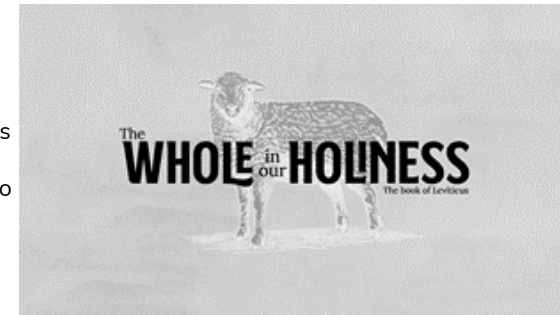
## Welcome, we're glad you're here!

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. Find out more about us at [www.slechurch.org.au](http://www.slechurch.org.au).

### This Week: The Whole in Our Holiness 7 — Holy Gatherings and Sabbath Years

The Lord who is holy and sanctifies His people calls His priests to a higher standard of holiness in every part of their lives. God's higher standards of holiness for the priests are there to show the world His own holiness and perfection.

**Next Sunday: Leviticus 26-27**



## Today's Service

**Welcome and Singing** You Made Us Your Own  
O Great God  
I Have a Shelter

### Holy Communion

### Offering

### Community News

**Bible Reading** Leviticus 23

**Sermon** By Pastor Ben Ho

**Song of Response** Oh How Good It Is

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Check out [slechurch.org.au/groups](http://slechurch.org.au/groups) to find a group that you can join.

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# Say hello

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Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.  
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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## Our Pastors

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## Financial Update

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Last Week	\$4,715.18
Weekly Required	\$5,750.00
Shortfall 2019	\$0.00

### Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

**A/C Name:** SLE Church  
**Bank:** National Australia Bank  
**BSB:** 084-424  
**A/C No:** 396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

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## Prayer Points

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**PRAISE GOD THAT JESUS IS OUR PERFECT HIGH PRIEST!** Praise God that He not only represents us perfectly to God (being a perfect human) but also presents God perfectly to us (being wholly divine). Praise God that because Jesus died for us He is our perfect mediator and we need no other.

**PRAY THAT WE WOULD BE THE ROYAL PRIESTHOOD** envisioned by God. Pray that our desire to be holy and distinct from our world will show itself in how we love God and obey His word, and how we love each other.

**PRAISE GOD FOR THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE FINISHED EXAMS!** Thank God for another year of study. Praise God for the students who have graduated and will be going home soon. Pray that they would rejoice in the years they have been here, and return home to gospel-centred churches. Pray for graduates to balance working life and prioritise serving God's Kingdom.

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR RAIN.** Pray that the God who is the Creator of all would graciously send down rain to ease the drought and quench the bushfires.

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## Community News

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### BAPTISM 8 DECEMBER

A baptism will be held at church on 8 Dec. If you are interested in getting baptized, please speak to Pastors Ben and Steve asap.

### CAROLS @ SLE

Date: Sunday 15 December

Time: 5-6pm (sausage sizzle from 6-7pm)

Address: St Lucia Evangelical Church, 83 Ryans Road, St Lucia.

An evening of Christmas carols for everyone!

Kids especially welcomed!

You are invited to join us for a sausage sizzle and ice cream after the carols event!

Doors will be open at 4:50pm and carols will begin at 5pm.

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Wednesday 25 December, 9am and 11am services.

Please bring a plate of morning tea to share between services.

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Chair</b>	Josh	Ps Steven
<b>Prayer</b>	Winnie <i>Jolene</i>	Randy <i>Randy</i>
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Ben	Ps Ben
<b>Bible Read</b>	Jansen  <i>Ps Steven</i>	Ps Steven  <i>Alan</i>
<b>M.Tea</b>	Genevieve, Georgie	Daisy, Winnie T.
<b>Wash Up</b>	Sunday YF	Sunday YF
<b>Welcome</b>	Ken Steph Meng Yin  <i>Andrew</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Marilyn</i>	Philip Mee Lan Esther
<b>Stewards</b>	Jeffrey John Richard  <i>Stanley</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Aaron</i>	    <i>Cam</i> <i>Josiah</i> <i>DT</i>
<b>Piano</b>	Dan Lowe	Joanna
<b>Guitar</b>	Keith	Jabez
<b>Bass</b>	Ethan	
<b>Drums</b>	Ivan	John
<b>Vocal</b>	Hui Ming	Shaun/ Amanda
<b>PA</b>	Matt C.  <i>Jowin</i>	

# Holy Gatherings and Sabbath Years [Leviticus 23,25]

1. Introduction:

2. Overview of the Feasts and Sabbaths

A. The weekly Sabbath (23:3)

B. The seven feasts

i. Passover (23:5)

M1D14

ii. Feast of Unleavened Bread (23:6-8)

M1D15-22

iii. Firstfruits (of the harvest) (23:9-14)

M1(?)

iv. Feast of Weeks (23:15-22)

50 days later

v. Feast of Trumpets (23:23-25)

M7D1

vi. Day of Atonement (23:26-32)

M7D10

vii. Feast of Booths (23:233-43)

M7D15-22

C. The Sabbath Year (25:1-7); The Jubilee Year (25:8-55)

3. The Purpose

A. Gathering to express holiness

B. Gathering to offer worship

C. Gathering to rest in God

4. The Feasts and Sabbaths Understood through Christ

A. The feasts re-appointed in Christ

B. Christians and holy days?

5. Conclusion