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Check out sle.church/groups to find a group that you can join and connect with us at sle.church/connect

Upcoming Events

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| 19 Feb | International YF Welcome Lunch |
| 5 Mar | Newcomers Lunch |

Today's Service

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| Welcome and Singing | This Is Amazing Grace How Great Thou Art 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) |
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Community News

Lord's Supper

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| Bible Reading | Deuteronomy 7:6-11 1 Peter 1:1-12 |
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| Sermon | By Pastor Benjamin Ho |
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| Song of Response | When Trials Come |
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Financial Update

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| Last Week | \$18,002.92 |
| Weekly Required | \$8,400.00 |
| Shortfall 2023 | \$0.00 |

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

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| 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



19 February 2023 | Service Times: 9am & 11am

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.sle.church



Chosen by God; Strangers in the World

It is God's great mercy that gives true hope that sustains believers through trials and testing. Christians persevere in the faith by understanding the great mercies of God poured out on the believer and the trials and testing that come because of that. Knowing our identity as 'elect exiles', believers give praise to God and rejoice in His mercy and persevering in loving and trusting Jesus in hardships.

Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD FOR GIVING US OUR TRUE, SPIRITUAL REST in Jesus our Good Shepherd. Pray that upon hearing his voice calling us to come to him for rest, we would soften our hearts, embrace our creatureliness, and find rest for our wearied souls in the gospel of grace.

AS GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH OUR NEW SERIES IN 1 PETER over the coming weeks, pray that we would be uplifted and challenged as we wrestle with what life looks like as elect exiles in this world. Pray that our hearts would be gripped by the overflowing mercy of God.

GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THOSE WHO SERVE IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES within SLE Church. Pray that they would serve gladly and joyfully, with deep humility and sacrificial love. Pray for the various leaders who have begun or are about to begin leading their teams and ministries this year, that God would give them a gospel heart for the people they serve.

PRAY FOR THE BARTLEETS, ONE OF OUR GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS who are serving with OMF in Thailand, that as they proclaim the gospel many would respond in repentance and faith. Pray that God would give them wisdom and discernment in deciding whether to move their ministry to Bangkok in the future.

Community News

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (YF) WELCOME LUNCH
19 FEBRUARY, 1-3:30PM, NORTH HALL
If you are a new international student or know of one who's interested in getting connected with SLE Church, International YF will be holding a welcome lunch for all newcomers to hear more about our fellowship group! There will be a time of introduction, sharing, and games for you to get to know us better. Lunch will be provided for upon request and FREE for newcomers! Please save the date and invite your friends along! Do keep a lookout for upcoming details regarding sign-ups. We can't wait to see you there!

CONNECT COURSE

The Connect Course has been crafted to give you a taste of what life is like at SLE Church. Over five sessions you'll hear what God has to say about each of our purpose areas—Worship, Reach, Connect, Grow, and Serve. You'll spend time reflecting with others about why these are important for our church community. You'll prayerfully consider how these might shape your life and Christian service. By the end of this Connect Course, we pray that you will not only embrace what it means to be part of SLE Church, but also be motivated to continue living and serving as a mature disciple of Jesus Christ wherever you are. Whether you're a newcomer, a new Christian, or a committed regular, we invite you to come along to the SLE Connect Course as part of our growth group program for Term 1 2023. To find out more, get in touch with your fellowship group leaders or speak with one of our pastors.

NEWCOMERS LUNCH—SUNDAY 5 MAR

Hello there! Thanks for visiting us. If you are new to SLE Church in the past 6 months and would like to know more about what we do, get connected with the church, what better way to do so than to join our Newcomers Lunch? You will also hear our pastors on the mission and vision of SLE Church.

Date: Sunday 5 March

Please choose one of the two sessions available with details below (Lunch is on us!)

Session 1:

Time: 11am-12:15pm

Venue: North Hall, SLE Church

Or

Session 2:

Time: 12:30pm-1:45pm

Venue: North Hall, SLE Church

RSVP before 1st March at sle.church/events —look for Newcomers Lunch

We can't wait to see you there!

For more information/queries:

Contact Louis at 0423 577 783

Chosen by God; Strangers to the World (1 Peter 1:1-12)

Past, present, future

1. Introduction

a. The Christian 'experience'

b. Series overview: 'elect exiles'

2. Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ! (1-2; 3-5)

a. Trinitarian mercy (1-2)

b. Great mercy (3-5)

Cascading flow

3. Rejoicing in Present Trials and Testing (6-9)

a. Rejoicing in trials (6)

b. Rejoicing in testing (7)

c. Passing the test (8-9)

4. Conclusion