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## Upcoming Events

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| 27 Apr | Life Course             |
| 30 Apr | Church Online           |
| 06 May | Grunt                   |
| 20 May | Bloom                   |
| 21 May | PKC: Bring a friend day |

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## Today's Service

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Community News

Bible Reading	Psalm 23 1 Peter 5:1-14
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Sermon	By Pastor Benjamin Ho
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Song of Response	Cornerstone
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## Financial Update

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Last Week	\$6,945.81
Weekly Required	\$8,400.00
Shortfall 2023	\$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



23 April 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](http://www.sle.church)



## Standing Firm in Christ

*For believers to stand firm unto eternal glory, we must exercise humility and boldness. We need humble shepherds and need to be humble sheep. We need bold resistance in the battle against the enemy and all he uses to waylay our faith. On Gods part, He is the God of all grace who supplies all we need to make it to the end! Praise be to God!*

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## Prayer Points

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**PRAISE GOD THAT IN HIS SOVEREIGN PURPOSES** the suffering experienced by his people is not wasted. Praise God that we have a God who, in his Son Jesus, knows our weaknesses, temptations, and trials. Praise God that when Jesus returns suffering for his gospel will be no more.

**PRAY FOR FAITHFULNESS TO JESUS:** that our trust and living for him will be evident for all, and that any suffering we experience for our faith will not be in vain. Pray that we suffer well, with a focus on Christ, and that our suffering will shape and mould us more and more into the likeness of Jesus.

**PRAY THAT AS WE NEAR THE END OF THE BOOK OF 1 PETER** that we would spend time reflecting on the encouragements of this letter. Pray that we would take to heart the challenges to live in holiness and gospel-confidence in the face of suspicion and persecution. Pray that we would embrace all of Peter's words – whether they be comforting or convicting – and find ways to encourage each other in obedience.

**PRAY FOR OUR OLDER MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH WHO ARE SUFFERING** from various physical ailments and long term health concerns. Pray that God would be merciful towards their health, and that he would grow in them a greater trust and confidence in Jesus and the gospel. Pray that should God allow their suffering to persist, that they would suffer well. Pray that we, their church family, would find ways to connect with them and serve them.

**PRAY FOR THE LEADERS ATTENDING THE UPCOMING LEADER'S RETREAT.** Praise God for the opportunity to hear from Scott Curtis (Hunter Bible Church) and Peter Hughes (Reach Australia) on what leadership development looks like. Pray that it will equip our leaders well as we serve SLE Church and seek to grow God's kingdom.

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## Community News

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### **NOTICE RE 30 APRIL SUNDAY SERVICE AND KIDS CHURCH**

Please be reminded that 30 April's Sunday Service will be fully on line as we free up the leaders of SLE Church to attend the Leaders Retreat this coming weekend. There will be no Kids Church program. The Sunday Service will be pre-recorded and premiered on our You Tube channel from 9am.

### **GRUNT**

In a world where masculinity is so quickly prefaced with 'toxic' it's time to recapture the Bible's vision of masculinity. Over the coming Grunt sessions we'll be exploring what true masculinity looks like, starting firstly with the picture of The Sacrificial Man.

The main Grunt session will run on May 6 from 9am-11:30am, with breakfast (\$5/pp) and coffee (\$2.50/pp) available from 8am.

Registration at: [sle.church/grunt](http://sle.church/grunt)

### **BLOOM, SATURDAY 20 MAY, 1:30-4:30PM SWEET AND SOUR FRIENDSHIP.**

Friendship—it's one of the most precious treasures of life, and yet can also be confusing, frustrating, and even a deep source of pain. We've probably all experienced varied friendships— both sweet and sour. But have we unpacked what God says about friendship? Do we know the ingredients that creates a friendship to be savoured and delighted in? Are we mindful of the ingredients we bring that cause friendships to sour and turn bitter?

Come together with all the women of SLE Church to think deeply and biblically about this thing called friendship, knowing why God has created it, how we can pursue it and what to think and do when friendships turn sour.

RSVP: [sle.church/bloom](http://sle.church/bloom)

### **NEW CHECK IN PROCESS: 7 MAY, 9AM**

Starting 7 May, the 9am service will be using a new check in process to help capture attendance, as well as generate name stickers to help us connect better with one another. Please be encouraged to arrive 15minutes earlier to check in. The check in process will be introduced to the 11am service post fine-tuning in the 9am service. Stay tuned for the implementation date!

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## Standing Firm in Christ (1 Peter 5:1-14)

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1. Introduction: to the end?

2. Humble Shepherding (1-4)

a. Elders: shepherd the flock of God

b. With humility

3. Humble Sheeping (5a)

a. Younger: be subject to the elders

b. With humility

4. Humility All-round (5b-7)

5. Bold Resisting (8-9)

6. God will do it! (10-11)

7. Conclusion: to eternal glory!