

## Our Pastors

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## Upcoming Events

- 17 Mar, 24 Mar Baptism Classes
- 18 Mar LIFE
- 23 Mar Junior Kids Church Easter Event
- 30 Mar Primary Kids Church Easter Event
- 3 May Bloom (Save The Date)

For more information, check out [sle.church/events](https://sle.church/events)

## Today's Service

Welcome and Singing   ♪ Hear The Call Of The Kingdom  
                                  ♪ All I Have Is Christ  
                                  ♪ Turn Your Eyes

### Community News

Bible Reading   Matthew 8:18-22,  
                                  13:44-46

Sermon             Pastor Steven Tran

Lord's Supper

Song of Response   ♪ Undivided

## Financial Updates

Last Week                             \$12,394  
  (Target: \$11,000)

Received to date                     \$333,216  
2024-25                                 (Target: \$343,400)

Budget 2024-25                     \$541,400

### 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.



2 March 2025  
Service Times: 9am & 11am

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

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. We gather to sing songs, read the Bible, and know more about Jesus. Check us out at [sle.church](https://sle.church).



### Jesus Confronts Half-Hearted Discipleship

Jesus challenges half-hearted attempts to follow him. He calls for and deserves radical courageous commitment.

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## Prayer Points

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**Praise God for sending Jesus to deal with sickness and suffering in the world.** Give thanks for his ministry of healing that points us to the profound truth that he takes on our illnesses and diseases and, ultimately, our sin when he is punished in our place on the cross. Praise God that through the suffering of his servant, our sins are forgiven. Pray that we would have faith to trust in Jesus' authority over the world and over us.

**Pray that God would prepare our hearts to hear the challenge and have the courage to follow Jesus.** Pray that God would help us to loosen our grip on worldly and temporary things, and instead to yearn for our true heavenly home in his eternal kingdom.

**Pray that our church would be a warm and welcoming community.** Give thanks for the recent opportunities to welcome newcomers and new students at our welcome lunches in the past month. Give thanks for opportunities to connect with new friends coming along to explore Jesus and the Christian faith. Pray for our Host Team as they faithfully follow up visitors and seek to connect them into our community. Pray that as a community we would welcome others just as Jesus welcomed us into his family.

**Pray for the gospel to be proclaimed faithfully and clearly through the Life Course and Taste & See.** Pray for God to soften hearts so that people might hear the good news of Jesus and take up the call and challenge to follow him. Pray that God might use the faithful witness of his people to demonstrate his love and kindness to those who need to hear his gospel.

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## Community News

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### **BAPTISM CLASSES: Mon 17 Mar and 24 Mar**

Baptism is a wonderful and joyous occasion for our church - a great time to witness and hear how the gospel has been at work in someone. Do save the date for baptism on 20 April (Easter Sunday).

Pastor Steven will be holding baptismal classes on Monday evenings, 17 Mar and 24 Mar on what baptism is, and what it means for SLE Church.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Steven on 0411 621 159 or [steven.tran@sle.church](mailto:steven.tran@sle.church)

### **LIFE : Starting Tue 18 Mar for 5 weeks**

Have you considered the meaning of life and the claims made by Jesus in the Bible? Jesus is the most significant figure in all history! And if the claims made about him are true, it will have a massive impact on our lives today... and for eternity.

LIFE is a 5 part series that includes FREE tasty food, good coffee, an engaging talk about Jesus and the Bible, and the opportunity for discussion and questions. Everyone is welcome!

Whether you would like to attend as a guest, accompanying a guest, or to help serve at LIFE, we invite you to register at [sle.church/events](https://sle.church/events)

### **KIDS CHURCH EASTER EVENTS**

What a great opportunity to share about Jesus this Easter to kids of all ages through engaging stories, songs, crafts and fun games. Invite any kids that you know from 2 years old to Grade 6 to one of our Kids Church Easter Events:

Register at [sle.church/events](https://sle.church/events)

*Junior Kids Church - Easter Party*

Ages: 2 years old to Prep age

Date: 23 March (Sun)

Time: 9 am - 10:30 am

Venue: SLE Church, enter via Armadale Street

*Primary Kids Church - Celebrate Easter*

Ages: Grade 1 to Grade 6

Date: 30 March (Sun)

Time: 8:45 am - 10:45 am

Venue: 119 Carmody Road, St Lucia Playground

RSVP by: 23 Mar (Sun)

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# Jesus Confronts Half-Hearted Discipleship (Matthew 8:18-22)

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## Introduction

1. Confronting the overconfident (8:19-20)

2. Confronting the hesitant (8:21-22)

3. What makes Jesus worth following (Matthew 13:44-46)

So what?

Where are you holding back?

What is Jesus calling you to do right now?

What would it look like to follow Jesus wholeheartedly?