

## 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
- ♪ It Was Finished Upon That Cross
  - ♪ You Alone
  - ♪ Before The Throne Of God Above

### Community News

Bible Reading Psalm 103;  
Matthew 9:1-8

Sermon Pastor Steven Tran

Lord's Supper

Song of Response

- ♪ You Alone

## Financial Updates

Last Week \$10,402  
(Target: \$11,000)

Received to date 2024-25 \$353,720  
(Target: \$365,400)

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.



16 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 Sin With Forgiveness

Jesus proves he has the authority to forgive sins by healing the paralytic - challenging all to come to him in faith.

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## Prayer Points

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**Praise God that he is mighty to save**—that his power over the wind and the waves and chaos and demons demonstrates that he is capable to save us from the power of sin and death. Praise Jesus that we can take shelter and refuge in him because he gave himself as a sacrifice of atonement in our place. Give thanks that we can find security and safety in the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

**Pray that we would keep recognising what is truly wrong with this world—the problem of our sin.** Pray that as we marvel at Jesus' power to heal sickness, we would recognise more important Jesus' authority to forgive sins. Give thanks that through faith in Jesus and his saving death on the cross, we graciously receive the forgiveness of all our sins.

**Give thanks to God for sparing South-East Queensland from the worst of Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.** Praise God for his mercy in minimising damage to property and loss of life. Pray for those most impacted that they might recover quickly, and that as a church we would come together to continue helping and supporting those in need.

**Give thanks for another evening of Taste & See.** Pray for our friends as they wrestle with the Bible's answer to what's wrong with the world that they would acknowledge their own broken relationships with God because of sin. Pray that they would realise the abundant good news that God doesn't give up on us, that he comes looking for us, and that he is overjoyed when we come home to him.

**Pray for the LIFE Course starting this week!** Pray for those coming along to explore Jesus that they would be compelled by the gospel of Jesus and find true life and satisfaction in him. Pray that the gospel would be proclaimed clearly and faithfully, and that God might work powerfully by his Spirit to save. Pray that those exploring would be convicted of their sin and be captivated by God's grace.

**Pray for the Junior Kids Church Easter Party next week.** Pray for the kids to be bold and courageous in inviting their friends. Pray for their friends to come and hear the gospel - and for these gospel seeds sown to sprout into saving faith! Pray for the leaders and teachers to prepare well, and to clearly present the gospel in ways that are helpful for the kids.

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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 Sin with Forgiveness (Matthew 9:1-8)

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## Introduction

### 1. Jesus Confronts the Greater Problem (9:1-2)

### 2. Jesus Confronts Unbelief (9:3-7)

### 3. Let us Confront a Superficial Response (9:8)

So what?