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Upcoming Events

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| 8 Apr | LIFE |
| 10 Apr | Mamak for Mission |
| 18 Apr | Good Friday Services |
| 20 Apr | Easter Sunday Services
Baptism |
| 3 May | Bloom |

For more information, check out sle.church/events

Today's Service

Welcome and Singing ♪ God Is For Us
 ♪ Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
 ♪ You Alone

Community News

Mission Spot

Bible Reading Matthew 9:18-34

Sermon Pastor Richard Wong

Lord's Supper

Song of Response ♪ No Other Name

Financial Updates

Last Week \$8,356
 (Target: \$11,000)

Received to date \$377,381
2024-25 (Target: \$398,400)

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.



6 April 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.



Jesus Confronts Desperation with Power

Faith is believing that Jesus can do what we are helpless to do ourselves. Therefore, come to Jesus in desperation and faith, and take heart because he has saved us.

Prayer Points

Monday: Praise God that we need not rely on our own wisdom to make decisions.

Thank God that he has graciously given us his word, prayer, and wise counsel in our lives, to help us make the many decisions of life. Ask that God may help us to turn to him as we build our decisions on the firm foundation of God's wisdom, and not human folly.

Tuesday: Give thanks to God that we can freely run to him in our desperation.

Because of Jesus' work on the cross and his resurrection, we who are helpless may find refuge in our times of need. Ask God to help us perceive our depravity in saving ourselves, so that we may always run to Jesus.

Wednesday: Praise God for our church's ongoing evangelism efforts.

Through *Life Course, Taste & See*, and our *Good Friday* and *Easter Sunday Services*. Ask for God to not only grow our desire to see people saved, but also that his Spirit may soften the hearts of the non-Christians attending these events, and that they may one day place their faith in Jesus and live for him as their Lord.

Thursday: Pray for The Crossing Church in Singapore.

Pray for them as they study Ephesians in their Grow Groups. Pray that they will be amazed by God's plan as he uses the church in Christ to declare his wisdom to the world. Pray that their desire for Jesus will increase and that they will enjoy speaking the truth in love to one another. They are also preaching through the latter chapters of Matthew's gospel. Pray that they will not tire of hearing of the cross and resurrection every Sunday, but that their hearts will be stirred to cling on to the Savior. Pray that they will not lose sight of evangelism as they continue to hold out this good news in Singapore. Pray that they will make use of the Good Friday and Easter Services as gospel opportunities.

Friday: Pray for the people in Myanmar. For rescue efforts to go as smoothly as possible.

As they recover from the devastating effects of the earthquake, Christians in the country and around the world will continue to offer practical help. And also spiritual help in the form of prayer and the sharing of the good news of Jesus, who offers eternal respite and salvation.

Saturday: Pray that we might elevate our prayer lives.

That our hearts may see that the point of prayer is in response to our relationship with God, rather than something we must do. We ask that out of God's glorious riches, he may strengthen us with power through his Spirit in our hearts, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith (Eph 3:16).

Community News

MAMAK FOR MISSION 2025 #1 : 10 Apr (Thu) 6:30pm dinner, 7pm official start

Mamak for Mission, a country specific prayer group for Malaysia is back and running in 2025! Join us as we learn and pray about a diverse range of gospel work happening in Malaysia. This session, we are hearing about a small minority community in Kuala Lumpur and familiar friends at Gracepoint Evangelical Church. Malaysian food will also be served at this gathering in a Chapel Hill home, so do bring hungry tummies and hearts!

Register at sle.church/events

EASTER SERVICES

Invite your friends and join us for our Easter Services

Good Friday 18 April, 9am and 11am

Easter Sunday 20 April: 9am and 11am

BAPTISM THIS EASTER SUNDAY, 20 April 1pm

Baptism is a celebration of new life, a visible reminder of God's grace to us in Christ. Let's gather as a community this Easter Sunday at 1pm to hear the testimonies and witness the baptisms of a few of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

A light lunch spread will be served prior to the baptism.

12:30pm - Light Lunch served

1:00pm - Testimonies

1:30pm - Baptisms

BLOOM SESSION 1:

**The Comfort of Identity in Christ
3 May (Sat) 1:30pm - 4:30pm Various Homes**

In a world of confusion, God's Word gives crystal clarity as to who we are. Amidst all the uncertainty and instability about who we really are, we get profound stability as we understand the gospel and how through it we become united to Christ, and are 'in Him'. Where fear and anxiety about whether we measure up or are good enough plague us, we'll see how being 'in Christ' brings profound comfort, joy and direction to our lives.

Early registration is much appreciated for planning purposes. Register at sle.church/events

Two responses to power (9:32–34)

Jesus Confronts Desperation with Power (Matthew 9:18-34)

1. Feeling desperate

2. Jesus confronts desperation

Two dead daughters (9:18–26)

Two blind men (9:27–31)

3. Confronting our desperation

4. Embrace desperation