



**New or Visiting?** We're delighted you've been able to join us today. If you're new to St Bart's, we'd love to connect with you and hear more of your story. Please complete a next steps card in-person or online at: [stbarts.com.au/nextsteps](http://stbarts.com.au/nextsteps)



## FEATURED NEWS



## MISSION PARTNER

'M' serving with CMS.

For prayer points, see the back of the news.



MISSION PARTNER INTERNATIONAL  
**CMS: "M" serving in a region of the Middle East**



St Bart's Liaison  
Barry Stone



## GENERAL NEWS

### LIFE TOGETHER: GROW.

Growing as a follower of Jesus is a life-long and whole-of-life pursuit. We actively pursue maturity, especially through personal devotion and small groups. Our Training Centre, Centre for Work + Faith, and Leadership Local help us too. [stbarts.com.au/grow](http://stbarts.com.au/grow)

**Flower Arrangement Demonstration Aug 2.** Come along and enjoy a flower arrangement demonstration and morning tea. Contact the office to RSVP. 10AM on Sat Aug 2, at St Bart's.

**The Pantry.** There is a need for juice poppers for the chaplain breakfast programs, so please add them to your shopping list, and bring them in.

### Holiday Kids Club.

Registrations are open! For Prep-Yr 6, the theme is Magnified. To register: [stbarts.com.au/events/holiday-kids-club-2025](http://stbarts.com.au/events/holiday-kids-club-2025)

### Dedication, Baptism, And Confirmation Aug 3.

Everyone is welcome (*open to all ages!*) to this information session. To register: [stbarts.com.au/events](http://stbarts.com.au/events)

### Women's Afternoon Tea

**Sep 6.** Save the date for this wonderful event, and think about who you can invite to come along.

### This Week on Your Frontline.

What are you giving your attention to actively at the moment? How is it shaping you?

## COMING UP

Aug 2: Flower Demo  
Aug 3: Baptism Info  
Aug 6: Parenting Teens  
Aug 20: Prayer Night  
Sep 6: Women's Aft. Tea

## NEWS HIGHLIGHT

Whilst western Christianity can often look very similar to western culture, the very first followers of Jesus—along with their communities—were extraordinarily distinctive. Perhaps even a little weird! These new believers who were part of a new movement deviated from so many of the cultural norms and societal expectations. And in a culture in which everyone was 'religious', Christians still stood out as strange.

As Nijay Gupta puts it, *"the fundamental dynamics of the gospel changed their orientation toward God, God's world, God's creatures, and God's good end. They had unusual ways of talking about the divine and about spiritual matters, odd patterns and practices of worship, and suspicious social habits and behaviours."*

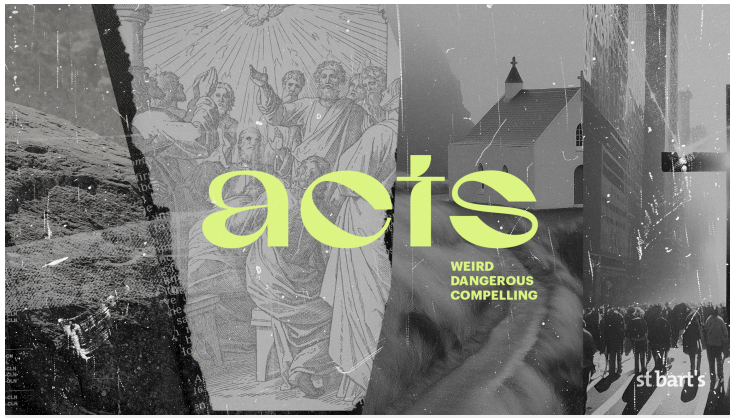
Yet whilst distinctive, these first Christians were also strangely compelling. As people witnessed their lives and heard their message, some were offended, others confused, but many believed.

In our new eight-part series, we'll explore some of the earliest accounts of the church in Acts to see how the Gospel distinctively transformed these very first believers, also considering how the Gospel should continue to transform the lives of believers today.

To get the most out of the series, join us on Sundays and:

- Collect a Series Guide
- Peruse the bookstall (with the recommended book for the series "Strange Religion" by Nijay Gupta.
- Access the St Bart's Kids curriculum + series resource.
- Join a Small Group

Adam Lowe (Senior Minister)



## SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

**Series: Acts: Weird, Dangerous and Compelling (1/8) Followed a Crucified King (Acts 1:1-11)**

심자가에 달리신 왕을 따르다 | Kuēny dē cōk dē Mēlēj cii Piāt |  
跟随一位被钉十字架的君王  
by Stephen McAlpine

**1. Alexamenos Worships His God** | 알렉사메노스가 그의 하나님을 예배하다 | Aleyāmānōth Adöör Nhiälic dē | 亚历克斯蒙诺斯敬拜他的神

i. Strange | 낯설지만 | Kē nuēn | 奇特

ii. Compelling | 마음을 사로잡는 | Dhiēl | 引人注目

**2. Weakness** | 연약함 | Niiōm | 软弱

i. The message | 메시지 | Thök dē Wēt | 信息

ii. The method | 방식 | Tēē lö yēē thin | 方法

iii. The men | 사람들 | Rōr | 人

**3. Power** | 능력 | Riēr | 能力

i. The Spirit | 성령 | Jōndit | 圣灵

ii. The Trinity | 삼위일체 | Diāndit | 三位一体

**4. Reach** | 복음의 확장 | Cäum | 触及范围

i. Across the World | 온 세상으로 | Nē Pīny Nōöm | 遍及世界各地

ii. Above the Powers | 모든 권세 위에 | Nē Riēr Nhiäl | 超越权势

## PRAYER THIS WEEK

**Workers for the Harvest.**

Pray for an Asst. Minister, Youth Minister, Church Planter, that God will raise more workers for the harvest.

**Life Together - GROW.** Please pray that we would all be active as disciples—and effective as a church—in growing in maturity. Please especially pray that people not yet in small groups might consider joining one. Please also pray that God would raise up more small group leaders..

**‘M’.** Give thanks for: the opportunity to visit family in the UK; for safe arrival in Argentina; opportunity to meet with L’s family and friends. Pray for: friends and associates left in the ME, especially new followers; M’s Rohingya friend R to be encouraged to make the next step; for preparation in returning to Australia in December; for direction in the next steps for mission as a married couple.

**Those unwell/in need.**

Charlotte, Morgan, Hannah, Robbie, Cheryl, Dell, Bill, Graham B, Reg, Josh, Alan, Tridiv, Amy F.

## GIVING Details

Giving in June **\$68,552**  
Budgeted Amount \$60,000

Giving 2025 (to date) **\$354,368**  
Budget (to date) \$360,000

Ways to financially support the ministry of St Bart’s:

### #1 Direct Deposit

**Tithes & Offerings**  
BSB: 704 901 Acc: 00009650

**Church Building Fund**  
BSB: 704 901 Acc: 00014729

### #2 In-Person

Gifts can be placed in offertory box at rear of the auditorium.

### #3 Scan the QR Code



## BIBLE READINGS

If you don’t have a Bible or a Bible app with you, you can collect one from the ushers. You’re also very welcome to keep one and take it home!

### TODAY

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 85  
Luke 11:1-13

### NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:1-21 & 8:9-2  
Psalm 107:1-9; 43  
Luke 12:13-21

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**7.30AM** In-Person & Online\*

**9.30AM** In-Person & Online\*

**6.00PM** In-Person

\* [stbarts.online.church](http://stbarts.online.church)

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Sermon Series and Weekly Family Resources

