



st bart's

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Making, maturing, & multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ for God's glory

**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**



**prayer night**



COMING UP  
MAY 22-24, 2026

**FOCUS WEEKEND AWAY**

With Stephen McAlpine



COMING UP  
JANUARY 17, 8.00AM

**WORKING BEE**

[STBARTS.COM.AU/EVENTS](http://STBARTS.COM.AU/EVENTS)

**GENERAL NEWS**

**LIFE TOGETHER: GATHER.** Sundays are the heartbeat of our life together. We gather (in-person and online) to re-orientate our lives to God, confess our sin, rejoice in grace, declare Good News, feast on God's Word, experience God's holiness, and build up Christ's church. [stbarts.com.au/gather](http://stbarts.com.au/gather)

**Week on Your Frontline.** Take some time this week to give thanks to God for 2025. Write down a few things you are thankful for.

**Working Bee.** Come and spend a morning working together on January 17, to maintain our church gardens. All ages and experience welcome! Sign up on a clipboard to help with catering (morning tea will be delicious and plentiful!).

**FOCUS Weekend Away 2026.** Join us next year for a weekend away to Coolum Beach, from Friday 22 May - Sunday 24 May. This is a great opportunity to meet others, grow as a disciple, and enjoy the beach! Everyone is welcome. You can secure your place with a 25% deposit. Find out more and register at: [stbarts.com.au/focus](http://stbarts.com.au/focus)

**All Church Prayer Night.** Start the year together in prayer! The night begins at 5:30PM with a meal, and then 1-hour of prayer for all ages. You can also join us online. Register at [stbarts.com.au/events](http://stbarts.com.au/events)

**COMING UP**

- Jan 14: Prayer Night\*
- Jan 17: Working Bee
- Jan 29: mainly music
- Jan 30: Kids Club & CHARGE
- Feb 2: Alpha Launch Party\*

\*Register to join online at [stbarts.com.au/events](http://stbarts.com.au/events)

**NEWS HIGHLIGHT**

Today we commence a new four-part series: **Together in Christ** (a whirlwind tour of the letter to the Ephesians).

As Mike Bird, puts it:  
*"When it comes to salvation, what matters is "location, location, location." Paul places a huge amount of emphasis on being "in Christ." For instance, "Whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit" (1 Cor 6:17), and "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Rom 6:5)... In our union with Christ, we participate in his obedience, death, resurrection, vindication, exaltation, and future glory. Consequently, justification and transformation can never be conceived in abstraction from union with Christ as they both proceed immediately from that faith union itself. God's salvation revealed in the gospel is apprehended only in union with Christ as applied by the Spirit."*

No book of the New Testament works through the implications of being in Christ more prominently than Paul's letter to the Ephesians. *In this four-part series, we explore the rich blessings of our union with Jesus and the profound implications this has for us as a community—formed together, sent together, and joined forever to the praise of his glory.*

- 04/01 Together in Christ
- 11/01 Together as Community
- 18/01 Together on Mission
- 25/01 Together Forever

You can collect a series of overview today, or download it (along with other resources from our website):

[stbarts.com.au/sermon-series/together](http://stbarts.com.au/sermon-series/together)

Adam Lowe  
Senior Minister

# together

a four-week study in Ephesians

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## SUNDAY SERMON NOTES

**Series: TOGETHER (1/4) – Together in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-14)**

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by the Rev'd Adam Lowe

### Blessed Spiritually

영적으로 복을 받음 | 灵里蒙福

### United in the Fullness of Time

충만한 시간 속에서 연합됨 | 在时机成熟时合而为一

### Purposed for God's Praise

하나님을 찬양하기 위해 부르심 | 为赞美神而预备

### Sealed with the Holy Spirit

성령으로 인침을 받음 | 被圣灵印记

### Sermon Series and Weekly Family Resources

Download a transcript of today's sermon by scanning the QR Code. Translation points in Korean, Dinka, Simplified Chinese and Tamil. For sermons (video, audio, transcripts), Small Group, St Bart's Kids, and Youth resources:

[stbarts.com.au/sermons](http://stbarts.com.au/sermons)

Subscribe to the Sermon Podcast using your favourite Podcast app (search for "St Bart's Toowoomba").



## PRAYER THIS WEEK

### Workers for the Harvest.

Pray for a Youth Minister and a Church Planter; that God will stir hearts and grant courage to those he has called to be workers for the harvest. Pray for our church to come together in generosity towards the Training Fund to enable more workers to be trained.

### Life Together - GATHER.

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### MISSIONS PARTNERS.

Please pray for all our Mission Partners; for the ones away from their families and loved ones at this time; for those on leave, that they will have good rest and enjoy their break. Pray for all of them as they pray and consider the coming year, that they will have God's guidance and wisdom; for good health; for continued prayer as well as financial support. Pray God meets all their needs as they serve his kingdom.

### Those unwell/in need.

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

## GIVING Details

Giving in December **\$56,372**  
Budgeted Amount \$60,000

Giving 2025 (to date) **\$671,119**  
Budget (to date) \$720,000

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

Eph. 1:3-14  
Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14  
Matthew 2:1-12

### NEXT WEEK

Eph. 2:11-22  
Psalm 29  
Matthew 3:13-17

## 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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