

Massive Fire Destroys Mormon Church, Leaves Community in Shock

The Mormon Church continues to experience a season of struggle as one of their beloved sites was burned down in a fire.

According to Deseret News, a fire engulfed a Latter-day Saints Church located near Sydney, Australia. While crews worked endlessly to take on the flames, the roof of the building collapsed. There was no one inside of the structure when this occurred.

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There reportedly were 120 firefighters and 20 different fire trucks that came to battle the flames.

“They did a lot of great work to try and cut the fire off from progressing into the main auditorium and chapel area of this church,” fire and rescue team member Steve Perkins said. “They were successful in that.”

The church’s locked gates made it harder for the fire crews to make it inside of the building.

“The structural integrity of the roof had also caved in,” Digby Werthmuller said, via ABC News Australia. “Which meant that firefighters weren’t able to get access to the building. Instead, they had to fight the fire using aerial appliances.”

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A cause for the fire has not been determined at the time. The

damage done to this building hits hard for some in the community, as one observer said: "This chapel has been around for many 's just such a sad sight to see."

In a statement by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the organization said they are "...saddened to confirm that an overnight fire has caused significant damage to the Hebersham meeting house of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The blaze occurred in the early hours of Monday, 6 October, 2025. While there has been extensive damage to the building, there have been no reported injuries. The cause of the fire is unclear and the Church is working with authorities as they investigate."

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This fire comes right after the terror attack in Michigan where a gunman killed multiple people inside of an LDS Church. The president of the LDS, Russell M. Nelson also recently passed away at the age of 101. His public funeral service is set to take place Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 12 p.m. MDT.

While Christians and members of the LDS Church hold different theological views, moments of loss and tragedy remind us of our shared humanity. Let us lift up the families, congregants and communities affected by these recent events, asking God to bring comfort, healing and truth.

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