



Scots' Weekly

Friday 30 April 2021

From the Senior Minister

Louise and I would like to say thank you to all for such a warm welcome to Scots'. In our first two months in Melbourne, even the weather has been magnificent!

So far, we've been on a steep learning curve, and I appreciate your forbearance as things work themselves into a new pattern. I realise if you're a long-time Scots' member that you've had a lot to adjust to as we move out of Covid-mode with the added complexity of a new minister to train 😊.

If things are different, you'll find that sometimes it's because I just don't know how it used to be, and sometimes it's because it's an intentional change. The best thing to do if you're wondering is to simply ask! (For example, you'll find the creed is back this Sunday.)

On the subject of change (for the better), thanks to all those who have commented on the improvements to the sound system over the past couple of weeks. We've had very a useful site visit from a consultant, who identified a number of easily fixed problems. Did you know, for example, that there's meant to be a tiny delay to the audio signal reaching the back speakers, so the sound arrives 'in phase'? For some years, that delay has been set wrongly, which creates a conflicting echo. In addition, the wireless microphones have been operating on the same frequency band as common wi-fi appliances, which means interference and dropouts are more likely. That's easily fixed with an inexpensive new wireless mic.

Also improved is our live stream video to our Facebook page. If you can't make it to church you can tune in and watch live, or pick it up later. The sound is now crisp and clear, both for the music and the preaching. It's much better. Join us at facebook.com/scotschurchmelbourne any Sunday, or click now to take a look at Phil Court's Anzac Day message last Sunday.

From this Sunday we're dipping in to Paul's letter to the Philippians, where we'll be asking the question "Where does real joy come from." The answer will have everything to do with Jesus, and the message of the gospel that inspires Paul's every ambition. Pray that this same gospel will be central for us at Scots' too. "The main thing," says Paul, "is that Christ is preached. And in this I rejoice."

Yours in gospel partnership,

Phil Campbell

Senior Minister

Prayer Points

We praise and give thanks to God for His Living Word:

*“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
Matthew 26:41*

- Pray for a speedy and full recovery for Coral Harlock, Mirella Keast, Yvonne Sullivan, Lois Taylor, and Shirley Agar. We praise and give thanks to God for new strength, comfort, peace, and good health to every one of them and our fellow members and any other friends in the Church community suffering illness at this time. We continue to pray and give thanks to God for those who are on their way to recovery. May God continue to strengthen them and bring them back to a speedy and full recovery.
- Continue to pray for the containment of Covid-19 in Australia and the world, especially in India. Pray for God's intervention regarding Covid-19 in India, pray that there will be plenty of supplies of oxygen cylinders and equipment needed for COVID-19 sufferers. Pray for protection and strength for frontline healthcare workers, doctors, nurses and volunteers
- Pray for God's strength, comfort, and peace to all the families of Indonesian Navy Soldiers who were recently lost in the Bali sea. Pray for the rescue teams that they will quickly find the remains of the missing vessel and soldiers.

**Shalom
Litha**

CHANGES TO ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY

Service registration.

Victorian COVID 19 regulations require that all people attending worship services use electronic registration. This is typically done on a mobile phone. Please follow these steps.

1. Before coming to Church download the Service Victoria App on to your phone
2. Use the Service Victoria App on your phone to scan the QR codes that are available on entry to the service
 - a. The Scots Church QR code needs to be scanned once per day on the days that you attend Church
 - b. The exception is you attend the 11am and 5pm service on the same day, then you will need to scan both the code for the Church and the Robert White Hall
3. If you are *unable to scan the QR code, please leave your name and number with the staff person when you enter, they will then scan the QR code on your behalf.



*We do encourage as many people as possible to use the QR Code to enable a more efficient entry process

We no longer require you to call or email in the week prior to our Church services.

The only exception to this will be for special events like Christmas and Easter.

We will let you know in advance if you need to pre-register for any event that we think may attract crowds that may exceed our seating capacity.

**Kind Regards
Jonathan North**

Just a reminder about our COVID rules of entry to the Church.

Admission requirements

(You should not attend if there is any change in your status following registration)

- You are free of symptoms including a fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, chills or sweats, shortness of breath, diarrhoea, headache or loss of sense of smell or taste;
- You have not been in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last two weeks; and
- You have not been directed to isolate.

Conditions of entry

- You must comply with any instructions in accordance with the Scots' Church Melbourne COVIDSafe Plan for Public Worship (available in the entrance to the Church);
- You must maintain a safe distance from other attendees at all times; and
- You must take a seat as directed by the attendant .

CHURCH DIARY DATES TO BE REMEMBERED

Trustee Nomination form return date	Sunday 2 May – 8pm
City Bible Study	Tuesday 4 May – 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Kirk Session	Wednesday 5 May – 7.30pm
Thursday Night Bible Study Group	Thursday 6 May – 8pm (via Zoom & phone)
Congregation meeting	Sunday 23 May – 12.30pm
Board of Management meeting	Wednesday 26 May – 7.30pm

THURSDAY WEEKLY PRAYER GROUP



Thursday Morning Prayer Group

All are welcome to the Prayer Group co-ordinated by Louise Campbell every Thursday at 10.30am in the office at Level 1/156 Collins Street.
All welcome. Tea and coffee provided.

Louise Campbell

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

City Bible Study (CBS) meets in the Robert White Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Tuesdays. We take a break over school holiday periods. The study starts at 7 pm but if you want to bring your own meal at 6:30 you can. However, COVID requirements bar us from sharing food. BYO cutlery. We would also request you to bring your Bibles, a notebook and pen/pencil to take notes. If the entrance is locked, call Doug on 0437 426 634 or Sonal on 0435 568 335.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Please join us for our Thursday Evening Bible Study Group. You can join us either by computer or phone.

Scots' Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

DEVICE

Topic: Scots' Church Thursday Night Bible Study
Time: Thursdays, 2021 08:00 PM AEST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93949098233?pwd=ODNZeDI0dmxSVzNvMDVBekwzQUVhZz09>

Meeting ID: 939 4909 8233
Passcode: 744940

PHONE

Dial by your location
7018 2005 (Victoria)

Meeting ID: 939 4909 8233
Passcode: 744940

Follow this link to find our Zoom details and protocol. <https://www.scotschurch.com/zoom-guide>

TIP FOR ZOOM MEETINGS: Don't forget to add your name when you log on to the Zoom Meeting so that your friends know you are part of the meeting.

GENERAL NOTICES

JUST A REMINDER THAT NOMINATIONS FORMS ARE DUE BACK BY 2nd May

Dear Congregation,

Following Miss Rae Anstee's retirement as a Trustee of the Scots' Church Properties Trust after many years of service, nominations are being sought for a new Trustee for this vacant position. Nomination forms were email on the 8th April and posted to those without email on the 9th April.

- A nomination form is to be forwarded by 8.00 pm on Sunday 2 May.
- A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday 23 May at 12.30 pm, when communicant members and adherents present will be able to cast their vote for one nominee.

We look forward to your participation in this selection process.

Rev Philip Campbell
Senior Minister
The Scots' Church, Melbourne



CONDOLENCE BOOK

There is a condolence book located at the Welcome desk in the Church if you wish to write a message of sympathy and support to the Royal family.
We will leave it there for the month of April, to early May.

FLEMINGTON MISSION

The Mission thanks members who regularly support the Mission.

While a monetary gift is still preferable, there are some non-perishable items that are required. If you are not currently a contributor but wish to become one, there is a Mission collection spot in the Mezzanine Level of the Westpac building or in the Robert White Hall at 1/156 Collins Street.

Currently they are requiring the following items.

1. Long Life Milk.
2. Small one serve tins of fish
3. Small packets of microwave rice
4. Noodles
5. Pasta Sauce
6. Shampoo
7. Toilet Paper
8. **Cooking oil/olive oil (new addition)**

Many thanks to those that have donated to the Mission via the Mezzanine collection spot!
All items have been greatly appreciated!

MUSIC MATINEE – SCOTS' CHURCH

The Music Matinee Group are holding a lunchtime concert at 1.00pm in the Church on Tuesday 4th May. The concert features the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School. All are welcome to this event.

Social Hour

You are welcome to the social hour after the 11am service on Sunday. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be available in the Scots' Church Function room, which is located on the Mezzanine level of the Westpac building, please ask at either registration desk for directions."

SAUSAGE SIZZLE RETURNS – Wednesday 19th May from 11.30am – 2pm



April/May 2021 Daily Bible Readings					
30	Num 7	Song 5	Mark 12: 13-37	Gal 2: 1-10	Psalm 55: 1-8
1	Num 8	Song 6	Mark 12: 38-44	Gal 2: 11-14	Psalm 55: 9-15
2	Num 9	Song 7	Mark 13: 1-37	Gal 2: 15-21	Psalm 55: 16-23
3	Num 10	Song 8	Mark 14: 1-11	Gal 3: 1-6	Psalm 56: 1-7
4	Num 11	Isa 1	Mark 14: 12-25	Gal 3: 7-9	Psalm 56: 8-13
5	Num 12,13	Isa 2	Mark 14: 26-42	Gal 3: 10-14	Psalm 57: 1-6
6	Num 14	Isa 3,4	Mark 14: 43-52	Gal 3: 15-18	Psalm 57: 7-11

‘Thought for the week’

Though you have not seen him, you love him.
Though you do not now see him, you believe in him
and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

1 Peter 1:8



**The people of The Scots’ Church started meeting together in 1838,
and since 1874 have worshipped at the present building.
All who share in the basis of our faith
are encouraged to apply for membership.**

How to contact us

Telephone information and after-hours answering service: 9650 9903
Email: admin@scotschurch.com Web: www.scotschurch.com

The Ministry Team

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Session Clerk:	Miss Rosalie Strother	9650 9903
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Administrator - Operations:	Mr Jonathan North	9650 9903
Finance Manager:	Mr Murray Hirst	9650 9903

FREE WILL OFFERINGS

It is preferred that you continue your giving by electronic means as it eliminates any health risk to our staff. However, worshipers attending service are now able to give their free-will offering in cash preferably using clean notes in planned giving or plain envelopes to minimise the health risks to themselves and to staff. For public hygiene reasons, the offering will not be collected during the service. For the 11.00AM service, a Perspex box will be positioned near the entrance at the South East Door for worshippers to place money in as they arrive or leave. A similar arrangement will be made for the 5.00PM service.

Other freewill offering methods are:

- By electronic transfer to BSB **083 004**, Account number **630 327 585**
 - By cheque made out to The Scots' Church Melbourne and posted to 1/156 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000
 - By credit card over the phone, Telephone the office on 9650 9903
- For public health reasons, **do not** send cash into the Church Office.

Change of details — If your contact details have recently changed please don't forget to let the office know. This way we can keep you up to date with Church information. Phone: 9650 9903 and leave a message or email to wendy@scotschurch.com

How to navigate our web site to find the following information.

- **Scots' Weekly** - <https://www.scotschurch.com/scots-weekly>
- **The pastoral letters** - <https://www.scotschurch.com/blog/post/latest-pastoral-letter>
- **The Leaflet** - <https://www.scotschurch.com/the-leaflet>
- **The sermons** - <https://www.scotschurch.com/sermons>
- **The ICC website** – www.icc-melbourne.org
- **The Flemington Mission** - <https://www.scotschurch.com/flemington-mission>

PRESBYTERIAN AND SCOTS' CHURCH JOINT MISSION

The Flemington Mission is located at St Stephen's Church 26 Norwood St, Flemington.

Opening hours are 10am to 1pm every Tuesday. All welcome!

Please continue to pray for us and support us financially or through donations.

BSB: 083 004

Account No.: 51512 1952.

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Cheques, made out to the Presbyterian & Scots' Church Joint Mission, can be mailed to: The Treasurer, Mrs Glenys Wright 86 Kurunjang Drive KURUNJANG VIC 3337

Rev Andrew Wong

Missioner/Minister

9376 3777

<https://www.scotschurch.com/flemington-mission>

CANTATA 61 – The Bach Cantatas

Nun komm, Heiden Heiland

Now Come, Saviour of the Gentiles

The Cantata is performed by the Scots' Church Choir, conducted by Douglas Lawrence AM, with introductions by Rev. Philip Court and is available to view anytime of YouTube.

This is the cantata that includes the famous word of the risen and ascended Christ.

"See! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and eat with him, and he with me."

Revelations 3:20

You can click on this link to view it now.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1c6k0bJewTE>

Planned Giving

An invitation is extended to Members and friends of Scots' to join the Planned Giving Program for 2021. A box of weekly envelopes can be provided for you to make a regular weekly offering. For further information please contact the Wendy Gregory via email wendy@scotschurch.com.

Sermons online — Just a reminder that a back catalogue of sermons is available online. New sermons are uploaded to our web site regularly.

www.scotschurch.com/sermons

Leaflet

The March 2021 edition of the Leaflet is available to read on our web site.

<https://www.scotschurch.com/the-leaflet>

BIG HYMN SING is still available for viewing on the YouTube Channel, click on this link:

<https://www.scotschurch.com/big-hymn-sing>