



## The Scots' Church Melbourne

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN VICTORIA, FOUNDED 1838

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Dear friends

***“For as long as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”*** (1 Corinthians 11:26)

I am delighted to invite you to join in the celebration of the Lord’s Supper – the Holy Communion. Communion services will be held during the 11.00am and 5.00pm services on **Sunday 7 March**. If you love the Lord Jesus, then you are welcome at His table as we celebrate this sacrament together as the living, breathing body of Christ.

It will have been 12 long months since our last Communion. For much of that time, we were unable to gather for public worship and had to rely on pre-recorded worship services on our website. Even now, there are strict conditions on how we gather and what we can and can’t do to safeguard the health of all who attend and to abide by orders of Victoria’s Chief Health Officer. It is also possible that a new outbreak of COVID-19, if it were to occur, could once more put our plans for public worship and Communion on the back-burner.

With that all-important proviso, the Kirk Session has authorised the resumption of Holy Communion on the first Sundays of March, June, September and December, as well as on Easter Sunday.

**To minimise any possible chance of infection, Session has authorised the use of individually sealed fellowship cups, each containing a pre-packaged wafer and separately sealed juice. Every precaution will be taken in the way you are served Communion to safeguard your health.**

My grateful thanks to our out-going Session Clerk, Mr Peter Armstrong, for donating sufficient supplies to tide us through our first Communion Sunday for 2021.



To ensure your participation, please notify the Church Office of your intention to attend the 11.00am or 5.00pm service for Sunday 7 March. Do so by emailing [reception@scotschurch.com](mailto:reception@scotschurch.com) or phoning the Church Office during office hours on **9650 9903**.

### **Farewell Richard and Rosemary O'Brien**

If you haven't done so already, pre-registrations for the farewell function for Rev Richard and Rosemary O'Brien need to be notified by 15 February. Do so by emailing [wendy@scotschurch.com](mailto:wendy@scotschurch.com) or phoning the Church Office during office hours on **9650 9903**. The function will take place after the 11.00am service on Sunday **21 February**. Richard and Rosemary have given 17 years of their lives to ministry at the Scots' Church. Their contributions will long be remembered and appreciated. May God bless them and keep them every step of their future journey.

### **Ordination of Andrew Wong**

I expect the service to ordain our Assistant Minister, Mr Andrew Wong, to the ministry of Word and Sacraments to take place at the Scots' Church at 7.30pm on Friday **5 March**. This is a big milestone for Andrew, for St Stephen's Flemington congregation, and for Scots' Church. Please show your support and encouragement by attending the service if you can.

### **Induction of Phil Campbell**

I expect the service to induct Rev Philip Campbell as your Senior Minister to take place at the Scots' Church at 7.30pm on Friday **19 March**. He will be the 14<sup>th</sup> inducted minister of the Charge. His induction will officially commence a new chapter in the history of the Scots' Church Melbourne. I urge you to uphold Phil and Louise in your prayers as they relocate from Brisbane and as they prepare themselves for their life in Melbourne.

### **Appointments of Session Clerk and Deputy Clerk**

Mr Peter Armstrong's resignation for health reasons as Session Clerk and from the eldership takes effect on Friday 19 February. Peter has served Scots' Church excellently and has helped steer us through the recent turbulent and exceptionally difficult times. May God grant him and Gillian peace and joy in their years ahead.

With effect from 19 February, the Kirk Session has appointed Miss Rosalie Strother to the office of Session Clerk and Dr Rosemary Fethers as Deputy Clerk. Please pray for them as they take on their new responsibilities.

### **Finally**

As you prepare your mind and heart for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, consider the Apostle Paul's exhortation to the Ephesians (and to us): *"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."* (Eph 4:32)

Every blessing



**REV PHILIP COURT**  
Interim Moderator