

April Daily Bible reading

17	Leviticus 21, Ecc 4, Mark 9: 1-8, 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15, Psalms 48: 9-14
18	Leviticus 22, Ecc 5, Mark 9: 9-13, 2 Corinthians 10: 1-6, Psalms 49: 1-12
19	Leviticus 23, Ecc 6, Mark 9: 14-29, 2 Corinthians 10: 7-18, Psalms 49: 13-20
20	Leviticus 24, Ecc 7, Mark 9: 30-50, 2 Corinthians 11: 1-6, Psalms 50: 1-6
21	Leviticus 25, Ecc 8, Mark 10: 1-12, 2 Corinthians 11: 7-15, Psalms 50: 7-15
22	Leviticus 26, Ecc 9, Mark 10: 13-16, 2 Corinthians 11: 16-33, Psalms 50: 16-23
23	Leviticus 27, Ecc 10, Mark 10: 17-31, 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10, Psalm 51: 1-6

PRAYER

Father we praise you today for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
For in Him we have a king in whom you have tenderness without any weakness
you have strength without a gram of harshness
you have amazing humility without any arrogance
you have holiness of life without any arrogance
you have holiness with unbending conviction yet with complete approachability.
you have power without the slightest insensitivity
you have passion without the slightest prejudice
you have total integrity without rigidity
never unthinking
never a false word
perfect moral glory and humility

absolute beauty
absolute sovereignty and perfect submission
a lion and a lamb
a rock and a pearl
meekness and majesty
Father we humbly acknowledge that we struggle with a sense of balance in our character - we are not always what we need to be in every situation - but we come today in the name of the One who was always what He needed to be in every situation.
Lord by the power of your Holy Spirit, through Your Word, please renew our character more and more in the image of Jesus Christ, the servant-King. So that we can be bold and humble, strong and meek.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.
(based on a prayer by the late John Gerstener.)

Sermons on line — Just a reminder that a back catalogue of sermons are available online. New sermons are uploaded to our web site each Friday.

www.scotschurch.com/sermons

Sunday 11am, Sunday 5pm, Wednesday 1pm, and Thursday 1pm services.

St Stephen's Flemington Sunday service.

The Indonesian Sunday service can be found at www.icc-melbourne.org/sermons



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Maintaining your free-will offerings

Please continue to provide your normal free-will offerings. They are more important than ever at this critical time. There are three ways you can do this:

- 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

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Newsletter

The Scots' Church Melbourne 5pm service

I grew up in a small country town in north-western New South Wales called Coonamble. A town of about 3,000 people. I remember marching in the ANZAC Day Parade to which almost the whole town would come. We've seen photos of the War Cemeteries in France and Gallipoli with moving tributes on the headstones such as:

"remember their sacrifice and learn from their experience"

"Christ will clasp the broken chain closer, when we meet again."

"Aged 24. Another life lost. 8.8.18. Our hearts are broken, for what?"

I remember every ANZAC Day in particular, my uncle, my Mum's brother who was shot down and killed in a plane over Poland in World War 2.

ANZAC Day for me is embedded in my memory in a way like no other national day. Because like so many the cost was deeply and profoundly personal.

When World War 1 broke out in 1914 the population of Australia was approximately 4.9 million. About 20 per cent of the population of Seoul in Korea today. 416,000 Australians enlisted, about 38.7 per cent of the male population in Australia who were aged between 18 to 44 years old. A very large percentage. 61,514 Australians were to perish in the first World War. 155,133 were wounded. And this was a massive national and personal sacrifice for our small, young nation.

The war historian C.E.W. Bean was the first to talk of 'the spirit of the ANZAC.' He wrote *'it stands for the reckless valor in a good cause, for enterprise, resourcefulness, fidelity, comradeship and endurance that will never own defeat.'* And it is right that this week, 105 years ago, on the anniversary of the landing of the ANZACs in Anzac Cove we remember that freedom is never won without cost.

But have we ever asked: why is it that we are moved by the sacrifice of people? Can we say that 'all life changing love involves substitutionary sacrifice? Is this the point at which we see the power of Christianity?

Is it too much to say that in this ANZAC anniversary week we not only have the opportunity of remembering 'the spirit of the ANZAC's but also 'the spirit of Christianity?' And all these years on, we are again being reminded, in the midst of this pandemic, that freedom is never won without cost

Yours sincerely
Richard O'Brien.

JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING

City Bible Study Tuesday - Bible Study and Prayer group 6:30- 8:30pm

Contact Richard O'Brien for details—Richard@scotschurch.com

Thursday Lunchtime Series mp3s [Scots' online sermons](#)

In troubled times..... Will the Church survive? – Psalm 46:4-5

A Psalm for such a time as this.

- So far in Psalm 46

1. What is the Psalmist's focus?

- The focus in verses 1-3
- The focus shifts in verses 4-5
 - 'the city of God'
 - A piece of Biblical history – why did David choose Jerusalem?
 - "Zion" shall never be moved.
 - Fulfilled in the church – Hebrews 12:22-24

2. Does God provide for His people in troubled times?

- God provides for His people in three ways:
- The focus in this Psalm is on the character of God.

- *the gladdening river - vs 4*
 - ponder the poetic imagery involved
 - identifying the river - Revelation 22: 1
 - How is this life brought to God's people?
 - Notice the contrast here?
 - Nothing can cut off the city of God from the river.
 - What is the difficult part of this Psalm?
- *The dwelling place of God - 5a*
 - God dwells in the church.
 - The church is therefore indestructible?
 - Hebrews 11:10
 - Ephesians 2:17-22
 - she will not fall
- *God will help at the right time - 5b*
 - Notice the word 'help'
 - the timing of the help
 - Psalm 30:5 - God our timely helper.