

SCOTS' *weekly*



NEWSLETTER OF THE SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE

Friday, 15 November 2024

Dear Scots' friends

As we continue to celebrate the 150th anniversary of our Scots' Church building this month, I'm reminded to give thanks to the LORD for his faithfulness. I look at the various displays in the Westpac Foyer, I see the men and women who faithfully served the LORD here at Scots'. Whilst some of them are named, many are not. But that doesn't mean their contribution was for naught. We are here today because they faithfully served the LORD.

I'm reminded of what the Epistle to the Hebrews says in chapter 12,

Therefore, **since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses**, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and **let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,** ² **looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)

I'm thankful for those who have gone before us who have served the body of Christ here at Scots' – the great cloud of witnesses. I'm thankful for the way that God has provided the people, the resources and the talent so that we can continue to serve the kingdom today. So, let's continue to give thanks to God for his grace, mercy and love towards Scots'.

And it reminds me that in the future, I'll be part of that great "cloud of witnesses" and the next generation will soon be here at Scots'. What an encouragement to work faithfully at Scots' knowing that our labours will not be in vain.

Please do check out the exhibition in the Westpac foyer. It's there for a limited amount of time only!

Phil Court is our preacher at this Sunday's 11am service. I'm looking forward to hearing him preach from Luke 7, the woman who washes Jesus' feet!

Johnson Wang will be preaching at this Sunday's 5pm service and he'll be preaching on Psalm 42.

Can't wait.

Justin Ang
Senior Assistant Minister
The Scots' Church Melbourne

SCOTS' ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DIARY DATES

Anniversary Service – Sunday 24th November - 11am

Scots' Proms Concert – Sunday 24th November - 2pm

Holy Communion – Sunday 1st December – 11am & 5pm

FLEMINGTON MISSION'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Mission urgently needs the following items for the Christmas Party on December 3rd.

- Small jars of coffee
- Tea Bags
- Chocolates
- Christmas goodies (like mince tarts, Christmas cake, biscuits, Christmas hats)

Items can be left in the foyer of the Church (See Michael) or over at the Mezzanine (150 Collins) just by the door. Hope you can help.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 2024

Just a reminder that you are invited to nominate persons for manager positions on the Board of Management, with **nominations closing on Sunday 24 November**. Members or adherents are able to nominate persons or stand for nomination. Eight positions are available, with an election being held if the nominations exceed eight. Nomination forms have been sent to all members, and extra forms are available at the Welcome Desk on Sunday mornings or through the Church Office. If you would like further information, please contact Rosalie Strother (Session Clerk).

EVENTS FOR THE 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Westpac Foyer Historical Display

Please take the time to visit and look around our twelve displays detailing the history of our Scots' Church building. Located in the Westpac Foyer, it will only be available during the month of November.

Scots' Anniversary Sunday on 24 November

Our **Scots' Anniversary Sunday** service which will be held on the 24 November at 11am. Following this will be a light lunch then at 2pm our Proms concert.

This will feature, The Scots' Church Choir, Soloists from the choir, Eleanor & Genevieve McAlley, The Farrands Brass Ensemble, Elizabeth Anderson and Jennifer Chou. Please note that there will be no ScotsCity service that Sunday.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

If you are a minister, elder, board member, bible study leader, music ministry leader, pastoral carer or work with children under 18 in Sunday School, you are required to attend Safe Church training at least once. This training will help you practice safe ministry and godly governance. It will help safeguard adults and children from abuse in the Church.

The next training event will be held at Scots' Church in the Robert White Hall (Level 1, Assembly Hall) on Saturday, 30 November.

- **Basic Training (9.15am to 11.30am)**. For those who hold leadership positions, or minister to children under 18, or are involved in Pastoral Care.
- **Advanced training (12.45pm to 5pm)**. For designated senior leaders including ministers, elders, bible study leaders, pastoral carers/deacons, and heads of ministries. (additional to Basic Training)

RSVP attendance by 27th November: Text 0499 090 449 OR Email safechurch@pcv.org.au

If you have attended the basic and advanced training, please ensure that you watch the online refresher video (~15 minutes) on an annual basis. It can be watched at: youtu.be/XHM8MAniUB0?si=OE11-9KbluFiiK1

SCOTS' ON SUNDAY

10am Prayer

We meet before the morning service in the Westpac Function Room (mezzanine level). All welcome!

11am service



This will also be streamed live on YouTube. Please join <https://youtu.be/idc9q3aEjEM> or visit scotschurch.com/service-info for details.

11am KidsChurch

Our Kids' Ministry runs on Sundays during the 11am service.

If you need further information, please contact the office (reception@scotschurch.com or 9650 9903).

3.30pm Book Group

Please join us fortnightly before the 5pm service for book group where we are reading through Michael Jensen's Subjects and Citizens. You don't need to have read the book! All are welcome.

5pm ScotsCity service

Please join us in the Werner Brodbeck Hall (Ground Floor Assembly Hall) next to the main church building.

Freewill Giving

Planned giving, electronically or via envelopes can be arranged with Reception

By electronic transfer to BSB **083 004**, Account number **630 327 585**

By cheque made out to The Scots' Church Melbourne, posted to 1/156 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000

By the tap and pay terminal in the foyer. (You can make multiple taps if the preset amount is insufficient.)

By credit card over the phone, telephone the office on 9650 9903 (leave a message and we will call you back)

Changes to the Car Park

Please follow the instructions below for free parking on Sunday in the Scots' Church car park.

1. Entering The Car park

Take a car park ticket on entry to the car park by pressing the button in the red rectangle.

2. Obtaining your follow-on ticket

- a. Before you leave, go to the welcome desk at the main entry to the Church, show the ticket you received at the boom gate to Michael, or another person attending the desk.
- b. Michael will give you a follow-on ticket to use for payment on the way out.
- c. You must keep the car park ticket and follow on ticket to exit the car park.

3. Exiting the Car Park at the boom gate

- a. First, scan the barcode on your original car park ticket using the scanner on the left hand side and the price will be displayed on the screen.
- b. When the price is displayed scan the bar code on the follow-on ticket
- c. Exit the car park as normal. If you have problems, use the call button on the unit to speak to an operator.

SCOTS' THROUGH THE WEEK

Tuesday Evening Small Groups

Our midweek Small Groups are on Tuesday. There is prayer at 6pm, a meal at 6.30pm and bible study at 7pm. All are welcome. If you're interested in coming along, my challenge to you is to read through the first epistle of John in one sitting before Tuesday. We will be spending Term 4 in this wonderful letter. Speak to Justin for more details.

Daily Bible Readings

Please join us in reading the bible daily over the course of a year. Here is the chart and we will update it weekly for you.

November 2024				
Saturday 16 Nov.	Deut. 8	Ps. 91	Isa. 39	Rev. 6
Sunday 17 Nov.	Deut. 9	Ps. 92-93	Isa. 37	Rev. 7
Monday 18 Nov.	Deut. 10	Ps. 94	Isa. 38	Rev. 8
Tuesday 19 Nov.	Deut. 11	Ps. 95-96	Isa. 39	Rev. 9
Wed. 20 Nov.	Deut. 12	Ps. 97-98	Isa. 40	Rev. 10
Thursday 21 Nov.	Deut. 13	Ps. 99-101	Isa. 41	Rev. 11
Friday 22 Nov.	Deut. 14	Ps. 102	Isa. 42	Rev. 12

We thank the Gospel Coalition in Partnership with Crossway for the Daily Devotions list.

Scots' Church Podcast

If you've missed any of our Sunday teaching programs, why not follow our new audio podcast? It's called ScotsCast, and it's available online through Spotify. (Access is free - you won't need an account.) Audio podcasts are excellent when you're driving, exercising, or just have a moment to sit and listen.

Spotify: <https://spoti.fi/3nOFHXP>

Apple Podcast: <https://apple.co/3Paztxa>

How to Contact Us

Telephone and after-hours answering service: 9650 9903 (leave a message if unattended)

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Website - St. Stephens and the Mission: www.scotschurch.com/flemington-mission

SCOTS' PRAYER NOTES

Pastoral

- Please pray for those who are hospitalised.
- Also, pray for individuals facing health challenges at home, in rehabilitation, or in aged care facilities, such as Pauline and Charles Castle, David and Wendy Nielson, Barry Kilmartin, Pauline Castle, Graeme Shaw and Ruth Bath. Give thanks for God's continued strength, peace of mind, and swift recovery.
- Pray for our seniors in the church community, including Rae Anstee, Brenda Johnson, Yvonne Sullivan, Coral Harlock, and many others. Pray that their faith in Jesus will bring them joy, strength, and peace.

Shalom

Litha Heshusius & Louise Campbell