

SCOTS' *weekly*



NEWSLETTER OF THE SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE

Friday, 21 February 2025

From the Minister's Desk

Dear friends,

Every week at Scots' brings new challenges, new faces, and new adventures. In other words, it's never dull! Tuesday's **Small Groups** once more saw the arrival of a number of new faces – one young PhD student came along because he had seen our recent social media adverts. In this high tech age, it's clearly the way to put the word around; while she's filling in for Wendy this month, Talia is using her 'socials-skills' to good effect by increasing the frequency of our posts. Keep an eye on our Facebook page!

It was Presbytery week again, and this time our regional ministers and representative elders met at our Flemington branch church. As part of the program on Wednesday night we heard a report from Justin Ang and our Flemington Assistant Minister Lindsay Kliendienst on the work of both the congregation and the Flemington Mission. Happily, Lindsay was able to report steady growth in areas over the past year. The news that six children will be baptised this Sunday left the Presbytery very encouraged! (Justin will be attending for this.)

This Sunday's bible passage from 1 Corinthians is full of strange sounding details about marriage, remarriage, betrothal and even slavery – but beneath it all is the radical principle of **contentment in your own situation**, because as Paul says (twice) **"You were bought with a price..."** – a reference to the Cross, where Jesus, in his death, ransomed us from guilt and the penalty of sin and judgment to live as freely forgiven followers of Jesus. In Paul's thinking, that changes everything, and gives every reason for contentment. Maybe we should try "Cross Centred Contentment" a bit more often! **Please join us on Sunday at 11am or 5pm as Arthur unpacks these ideas further.**

Phil Campbell
Senior Minister
The Scots' Church Melbourne

SCOTS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROAD CLOSURES

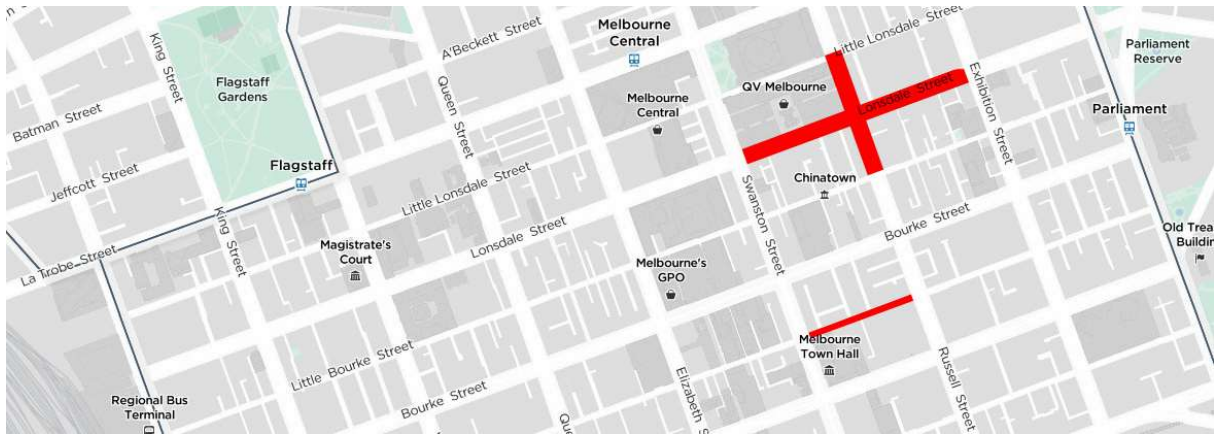
There are a number of road closures that may affect your travel to Scots' this Sunday. Roads are expected to be reopened by Monday.

Little Collins St will be closed between Russell St and Swanston St.

Access to the carpark should still be available, similar to last week. We've been unable to reach the construction company for updated information.

Lonsdale St will be closed between Exhibition St and Swanston St.

Russell St will be closed between Little Bourke St and Little Lonsdale St.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

The Pastoral Care Team invites members of the congregation to a Fellowship Luncheon to be held this Wednesday 26th February at 11am in the Robert White Hall.

Guest speaker Dr. Rosemary Fethers.

All are welcome and are requested to bring a plate of food to share for lunch.

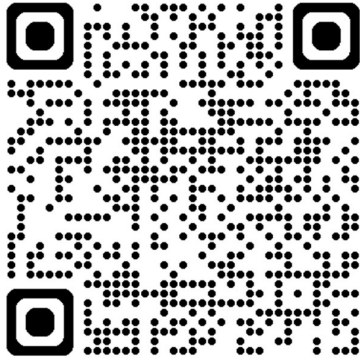
Enquires - Rev Litha Heshusius 0414 826 169 or Robert Lowe 0447 803 972

CHURCH ACCESS

If you have special mobility needs, or come to Church with a pram or pusher, please make use of the access ramp at the rear of the Church whenever you enter and exit the building.

NEW CAR PARKING SYSTEM

You can find all the latest carpark information including the video, pdf, and included a feedback form at <https://scotschurch.com/carpark/> or bit.ly/3WvSS1k so that you can let us know how you are going. . If you had problems in the past, please check your credit card statement in case you've been charged. We will provide an immediate refund at the desk on Sunday. Alternatively, scan the QR code below.



Thank you again for your patience with this new payment system.

FLEMINGTON MISSION

The Flemington Mission is seeking the following nonperishable items. If you can help, the items can be dropped off either at the office or after Church at the Westpac mezzanine level where we have a cup of tea & coffee.

- Jars of instant coffee,
- Nappies
- Olive oil
- Razors
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Perfume, aftershave
- Breakfast cereal like Nutri-Grain, Muesli, Just Right
- Biscuits
- Children's lunch box snacks and drinks

MISSION PARTNERS LUNCH on 9 MARCH

You are warmly invited to join us for lunch in the Westpac Function Room after the morning service on 9 March to hear the latest news from our Mission Partner Lauren Raiter.

Come and hear about the work Lauren is undertaking with students, where she is based in Madrid, Spain. We will find out the latest news from Lauren as she seeks to bring the gospel of Jesus in the field where she has been engaged for the past year or more.

As a congregation we continue to uphold all our Mission Partners in prayer and through financial support. Thank you for joining in this vital part of our church life, as we reach out beyond our own community to help others and to spread the Gospel of Christ.

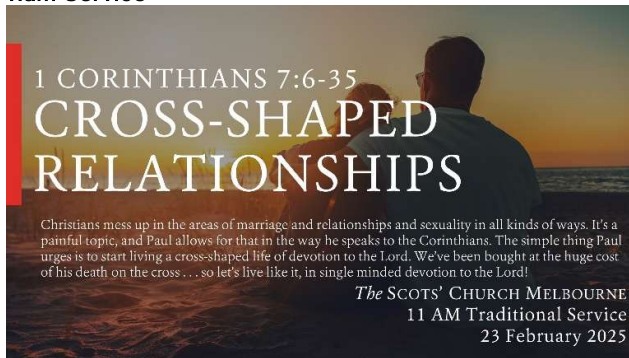
We look forward to seeing you at the Mission Partners Lunch on 9 March.

If you are able, a donation of \$5 toward the cost of the lunch would be most welcome.

Louise and Rosalie
Mission Partners Team

SCOTS' ON SUNDAY

11am Service



This will also be streamed live on YouTube.
Please join <https://youtu.be/wNpfRr1BC5U>
or visit scotschurch.com/service-info for details.

The 'Sing Praises Together' song this week is: 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'

5pm ScotsCity Service

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



PRAYER GROUP – Sunday 10am

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

KIDSCHURCH – Sunday 11am

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.

SCOTS' THROUGH THE WEEK

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS – TUESDAY EVENING

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.

This term we'll dive into a 10-week course on 1 Corinthians called "Living a Cross-Shaped Life in a Self-Centred World." We meet in the Robert White Hall – Level 1 of the Assembly Hall (156 Collins Street, enter via the glass doors). Don't miss this chance to grow in faith, build friendships, and be encouraged by God's Word. See you there! For more information, or for a copy of our study booklet, speak to Justin.



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.

February 2025				
Saturday 22 Feb.	Judges 13	Acts 17	Jeremiah 26	Mark 12
Sunday 23 Feb.	Judges 14	Acts 18	Jeremiah 27	Mark 13
Monday 24 Feb.	Judges 15	Acts 19	Jeremiah 28	Mark 14
Tuesday 25 Feb.	Judges 16	Acts 20	Jeremiah 29	Mark 15
Wed. 26 Feb.	Judges 17	Acts 21	Jeremiah 30-31	Mark 16
Thursday 27 Feb.	Judges 18	Acts 22	Jeremiah 32	Psalm 1-2
Friday 28 Feb.	Judges 19	Acts 23	Jeremiah 33	Psalm 3-4

We thank the Gospel Coalition, in partnership with Crossway, for providing 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: 03 9650 9903 (leave a message if unattended)

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Website: www.scotschurch.com

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

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)

SCOTS' PRAYER NOTES

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

"And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

- Give thanks the early apostles proclaimed Christ and the power of His death, resurrection and forgiveness.
- Pray as the book of 1 Corinthians is opened and taught during February, we would understand the sacrificial love of Jesus and his grace.
- Pray we would live lives of grace, sacrifice and love in response to what Jesus has done for us.

Scots' Church:

- Give thanks for the people who serve within our church. Throughout February our elders meet and care for our church family. Pray they would be faithful servants of the gospel in the way they care for us and look after the needs of our Scots church family.
- Pray for those who teach our church - pray for Phil, Justin and Arthur as they study and prepare the talks in Corinthians - pray they will read and teach it in the Spirit's leading and they would challenge us to live Cross Shaped Lives.
- Pray for our Sunday School teachers - Buwanika and Miriam - that as they teach the Bible to young children they would share their own knowledge and love of Jesus with them. Pray our church families would grow in their faith and love of Jesus.
- Give thanks for our Tuesday night Bible Study Groups - pray as new groups form this term that there would be a delight in learning from God's word and a joy in knowing and caring for each other.

Mission:

- Give thanks for Scots and Flemington Mission starting again this month.
- Pray we would generously give towards those in need.
- Pray there would be a good number of people ready to serve and care for those that come.
- Pray for Lindsay Kliendienst, the committee and the volunteers to work well together and that through our efforts people will see the love of Jesus in action.

Pray for our Mission Partners:

- Lauren Raiter working with CMS in Spain.
- Colin and Alison Morrow with PIM, Mungo Patrol in NW Vic and SW NSW
- Adam and Helane Ramsay with CMS in Japan
- The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Zimbabwe - supported by Luke and Deb Tattersall
- Pray each of our Mission Partners will continue to live lives that show Jesus love to others and have opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with those they live amongst.

- Please give thanks for Ramsays work in Japan:
- Give thanks for Shohei's ordination
- Give thanks for their family holiday and that their kids are settled back into school
- Give thanks for opportunities to shape people's bible reading and that their Mark Drama is starting strong
- Give thanks for The KGK Kids' program and for Summer School 2025
- Pray for God's blessing on the Kid's Ministry Seminar
- Pray for 15 actors and a venue for the Mark Drama
- Pray that God will keep showing them fruit

For more information on the Ramsays, please visit <https://www.cms.org.au/missionaries/ramsayah>

Pray for our World:

- Pray for all political leaders to realise they serve not only their people but under a God who loves all and is merciful to the poor, the marginalised and the needy. Pray leaders would set aside pride and power to rule and govern with peace, mercy and justice.
- Pray for Anthony Albanese and Jacinta Allan to have wisdom and discernment as they lead our governments. Pray we would remember to honour and pray for those the Lord has appointed.
- Pray for peace, and those who broker towards it, in areas of current conflict - the Middle East, Myanmar, the Maghreb, Sudan, Russia/Ukraine - each of these areas has experienced over 10,000 deaths as a result of conflict.
- Pray for people affected to know true peace for eternity and for Christians to hold to their faith and still be able to care for others.
- Pray for regions recovering from natural disasters:
- Floods - in western and central Africa, Europe and South Asia. Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Hurricanes/typhoons - Mozambique, Malawi, Vietnam. Bushfires - Brazil, USA, Mexico, Canada and Australia.
- Pray for those grieving loss of lives and homes. For those needing relocation and for rebuilding and restoration efforts. Pray for energy and protection of those helping in the affected areas.

Pastoral Needs:

- Pray for our elderly church members who face physical decline, loneliness, and sometimes issues with anxiety and mental health. Please keep Rae Anstee, Jill MacGillycuddy, Yvonne Sullivan, Joyce Jordan, Brenda Johnson, Graeme Shaw, Coral Harlock, and others in your thoughts. Pray that our church community will support them effectively.
- Pray for God's strength, protection, peace, and healing grace for those in the hospital, those recently admitted, or undergoing treatment, including Daniel Frank from ScotsCity, Ruth Bath, Barry Kilmartin, Matthew Dench (Bruce and Valerie Evans' Son in law), Mirella Keast, and Mervat Hanna. May they find comfort in God's presence and experience a swift recovery.
- Give thanks for the family and caregivers who diligently support them. Pray for God's ongoing strength

Shalom

Litha Heshusius & Louise Campbell