

# SCOTS' *weekly*

## NEWSLETTER OF THE SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE

Friday, 2 May 2025

From the Minister's Desk

Dear friends,

As you know, with the upcoming departure of **Jonathan North** from our admin team, our Staffing Committee has been hard at work this week as we interviewed a short list of excellent contenders. To be honest, we've been surprised at the fact we have had such high quality interest, with around 45 applicants, and a wide array of skills and experience.

We are hoping to finalise the process in the coming week.

It's been a full week, with **Tuesday** night small groups back in action, a Fellowship Luncheon with Douglas Lawrence on **Wednesday** and **Thursday's** LunchBreak service.

It's been **my turn for medical adventures** this week. On Monday evening I had what seems to have been a mild TIA ... if you've had one, you'll know the term! It's a Transient episode of stroke like symptoms - in my case, for a minute or two unable to find words. Within ten minutes we had walked to St Vincent's, and 30 minutes later I was in the CAT scanner.

I spent the night in hospital, had blood tests and various pokes and prods, demonstrated that I could recite the months of the year in reverse order and was discharged with aspirin and cholesterol medication. The discharge doctor was encouraging - **the scans were all clear**, but I will have an outpatient MRI in the next few weeks for a closer look. The new meds should minimise the risk of recurrence. Meanwhile I have been told to reduce my pace a little.

As it happens, we were already booked to take holidays for three weeks from next Wednesday. A few days medical leave this week will lead into that. My appreciation to **Justin Ang** who has stepped in to fill all the gaps at short notice. Thanks Justin!

Kind regards,



Phil Campbell  
Senior Minister  
The Scots' Church Melbourne

## SCOTS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you're new (or newish) at Scots' join us for our **newcomers' lunch on Sunday, 8 June** after the morning service. Whether you're a recent addition to our congregation or simply curious about our vibrant community, please complete the form at [scotschurch.com/newcomers](http://scotschurch.com/newcomers).

### FLEMINGTON MISSION

Flemington Mission require some items to help restock their pantry. Firstly if possible the mission would always prefer financial donations as they are more flexible for them to use as needed.

The Mission's banking details are:

BSB: 083 004

ACC: 51 512 1952

Account: Presbyterian & Scots' Joint Mission Inc.

However if you would like to give specific items please see below list:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Toothpaste
- Tooth Brushes
- Toilet Paper
- Shaving Cream (men's and women's)
- Disposable razors
- Cans or jars of coffee
- Oil

Goods can be left either at the Welcome Desk or over at the Mezzanine floor of the Westpac building during Social Hour after Church.

### 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.

## SCOTS' ON SUNDAY

### 11am Service



This will also be streamed live on YouTube.  
Please join [https://youtu.be/vfa-Np\\_D0ig](https://youtu.be/vfa-Np_D0ig)  
or visit [scotschurch.com/service-info](https://scotschurch.com/service-info) for details.

The 'Sing Praises Together' song this week is: 'And Can it Be'.

#### **\*\*A note on our Orders of Service.**

This week we will have some large print versions available at the welcome desk and a few at the Vestry entrance to the Church.  
Let us know what you think.

### 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**

Prayer meetings will recommence on Sunday 27th at 10am in the Meeting room at the Mezzanine level of the Westpac building.  
Please join us to pray for our world, our nation, our mission partners and our church.  
All welcome

### **KIDSCHURCH – Sunday 11am**

Our Kids' Ministry is back this week.  
If you need further information, please contact the office [reception@scotschurch.com](mailto:reception@scotschurch.com) or 9650 9903.

## SCOTS' THROUGH THE WEEK

### TUESDAY

#### SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups continues on Tuesday.

Our studies will follow the sermon series "Prophets & Promises," with a focus on the book of Jonah, followed by key passages from Isaiah.

There is prayer at 6pm, a meal at 6:30pm and bible study at 7pm.

All are welcome.

### THURSDAY (Monthly)

#### SCOTS' CHURCH LUNCHEBREAK – A monthly CBD Church Service

Join us on Thursday 5 June at 12:30pm for a relaxed style, bite-sized bible teaching.

Bring your own lunch, barista coffee is on us.



#### 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.

April 2025				
Saturday 3 May	2 Sam. 20	2 Cor. 13	Ezek. 27	Psalm 75-76
Sunday 4 May	2 Sam. 21	Gal. 1	Ezek. 28	Psalm 77
Monday 5 May	2 Sam. 22	Gal. 2	Ezek. 29	Psalm 78:1-37
Tuesday 6 May	2 Sam. 23	Gal. 3	Ezek. 30	Psalm 78: 38-72
Wed. 7 May	2 Sam. 24	Gal. 4	Ezek. 31	Psalm 79
Thursday 8 May	1 Kings 1	Gal. 5	Ezek. 32	Psalm 80
Friday 9 May	1 Kings 2	Gal. 6	Ezek. 33	Psalm 81-82

*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)

Email: [reception@scotschurch.com](mailto:reception@scotschurch.com)

Website: [www.scotschurch.com](http://www.scotschurch.com)

Website - St. Stephens and the Mission: [www.scotschurch.com/flemington-mission](http://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

### Prayer Notes May 2025

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour"

Isaiah 61:1.2

Give thanks for the good news of Jesus that brings changed hearts, freedom and healing to all who hear it.

Thank God for his Word and the teaching this month from Jonah and Isaiah. Pray we would be active listeners of the Bible as it's taught and put it into practice.

### Scots Church, St Stephen's, ICC and Presbyterian Church of Victoria

- Give thanks for the freedom in our country to continue to read the Bible and have churches teaching about Jesus - pray for unity in Christ.
- Pray for Churches within Victoria as they meet each week - to grow in their love of Jesus, their love for each other and their practical care for their local communities. Pray the PCV will continue to make wise decisions to encourage growth and development of churches across the state.
- Thank God for the different congregations of Scots Church and their teams:  
**International Christian Church** meeting at 9.30 and 11am in the Assembly Hall – for Sen Sendjaya and recently appointed Jevon Gasali  
**St Stephen's Flemington** 10am - Lindsay Kliendienst

**Scots:** 11am and 5pm - Phil Campbell, Litha Heshusius, Justin Ang, Arthur Keefer and Douglas Lawrence.

- Pray each of our congregations will be faithful to Christ and sharing the good news of Jesus. Give thanks for growth in numbers across all our churches.
- Pray it would be the Lord bringing the growth and that we would warmly welcome and care for new people as well as those who have faithfully attended for many years.
- Pray for our Elders, Trustees, Boards of Management, Lay leaders, Admin and Support staff to be protected and encouraged as they enable the Body of Christ to grow.
- Pray they will be faithful in their practical care and management of our people, our finances and our property.

## Mission Partners

**Lauren Raiter:** Thanks Lauren has settled so well into life in Madrid and has enjoyed a recent visit from her Mum and sister. Give thanks her Spanish is already functional enough that she can now start working on running MOCLAM courses (a Sydney based certificate course in theology). Pray as she develops relationships within her community and elsewhere that she will form groups who are keen to do this course.

**Adam and Helane Ramsay, Leo, Ellie and Albert:** Thanks for the training workshops for Children's ministry throughout Japan. Give thanks for being able to run the Mark drama (a dramatic presentation of Mark's Gospel) recently. Pray for ongoing opportunities in both these areas. Give thanks for the recent ordination of Shohei and pray for the growth and ministry of their church in Chiba.

**Colin and Alison Morrow:** Give thanks for Alison responding to her radiotherapy and chemo. Pray she will overcome some of the unpleasant side effects that recently resulted in a fall and hospitalisation. Give thanks that some people from their patrol area have come to Mildura to visit Colin and Alison - thanks for the relationships that have grown over their 11 years of ministry. Pray for them both as they continue with ministry in a slightly different way during Alison's cancer treatment. Pray the Lord would strengthen and enable them to continue to be a witness for Him. Praise God that new families have come to their church.

**Zimbabwe CCAP -** Pray for preparation for 2025 training visit. Pray for Luke and Deb Tattersall as they coordinate the logistics of this visit. Pray for Ministers and Elders in the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian to be encouraged and built up. Pray for their protection each week as they travel to the village churches to teach and encourage the Lord's people. Pray for the School they've established to keep meeting the physical, educational and spiritual growth of the children.

## Our World and our Nation

- Pray for our new Federal Parliament and Prime Minister.
- Pray our government ministers realise they serve under a loving God who cares for his people - pray MPs will understand this responsibility and seek to serve their constituents and nation in wisdom, compassion and fiscal caution.
- Pray Australians would peacefully respond to both our Federal and State Government.
- Pray also for our Police, Emergency Services and Hospitals who are quite often dealing with hostile and unpleasant situations.
- Pray as Christians we will respect and care for those in any of these roles.
- Continue to pray for world stability and peace. For the many new governments formed since 2024 who are responding to significant changes in World relations. Again let's pray our world leaders might lead with genuine humility and compassion.

- Pray for those caught in areas of conflict- Gaza/Israel, Ukraine/Russia, over 45 areas of armed conflict in Middle East and North Africa and 21 areas of Armed Conflict in Asia, 6 armed conflicts in Latin America.
- Pray for women and children who are often most at risk - for the Lord's protection of the vulnerable.
- Pray for Christians under persecution in these areas that inspite of their troubles they will shine out with the love and joy of knowing their eternity is secure.

### Pastoral Needs

- Pray for Litha and Hans Heshusius grieving the death of their brother-in-law. Pray Litha will be supportive to her family in Indonesia yet manage to find refreshment during her time away.
- Pray Phil and Louise Campbell will have good rest while on annual leave.
- Pray for those in aged care residences to be well cared for and continue to know of Christ's love and be strengthened by visits from Scots members - for Rae Anstee, Yvonne Sullivan, Lindsay Ballantyne.
- Pray for the young families at Scots - Graeme and Rhoda, Joel and Sirisha, Guru and Ria, James and Lieze - as they care for their children and encourage them to be part of our Scots family.
- Pray for Buwanika, Miriam and Esther as they teach Sunday School - that these children would grow in their love of Jesus and each other.

Shalom  
Louise Campbell

### NEW CAR PARKING SYSTEM

People are still having problems with the free parking system.

You can find all the latest carpark information including the video, pdf, and a feedback form at <https://scotschurch.com/carpark/> or [bit.ly/3WvSS1k](https://bit.ly/3WvSS1k)

Let us know how you are going.

**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.