

SCOTS' *weekly*

NEWSLETTER OF THE SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE

Friday, 23 May 2025

Dear friends

This Sunday we're continuing on with our sermon series, Prophets and Promises. We're moving from Jonah to the book of Isaiah. On Tuesday night, we started looking at this great prophet. In fact, here is a snippet of the introduction,

Isaiah is considered the prophet par excellence or signature prophet. Although he prophesied from approximately 740 BCE (1:1; 6:1) to 680 BCE (37:38), the events in his book span at least two centuries, which included the two major exiles, and envision not only a return from exile but an entirely new creation. Isaiah uses some of the most awesome poetry in the Bible to convey his message. He also makes the clearest references to the "Messiah" or God's "anointed one" and chosen king, and is the most quoted Old Testament book in the New Testament.

Each week we'll look at a different theme in both our 11am and 5pm services. Here is the lay of the land.

Part I - Isaiah 1:1-20 - Embracing the Promises of the Holy One
Part II - Isaiah 11 - Embracing the Promise of a Messiah
Part III - Isaiah 31 - Embracing the Promise of Providence
Part IV - Isaiah 41:5-13 - Embracing the Promise of Presence
Part V - Isaiah 49:8-18 - Embracing the Promise of a People
Part VI - Isaiah 65:17-25 - Embracing the Promise of New Creation

Why not have a read of these passages before each Sunday in preparation?

This Sunday morning, Arthur will be preaching on Isaiah 1:1-20 – Embracing the Promises of the Holy One.

I'll be baptising three children and holding communion for our brothers and sisters in Christ at our link church St Stephen's Flemington so I won't be there at our morning service. I am, however, looking forward to hearing Arthur preach at our 5pm service.

Grace and peace

Justin

Justin Ang
Senior Assistant Minister
The Scots' Church Melbourne

SCOTS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIARY DATES

KidsChurch lunch – Sunday 25 May – After the morning service

Holy Communion Service 11am & 5pm Services – Sunday 1 June

Farewell to Jonathan North – Sunday 1 June

Lunchbreak – Thursday 5 June – 12.30pm

Newcomers Lunch – Sunday 8 June - After the morning service

Royal Flying Doctor Service – Sunday 15 June – 11am

Mission Partners Lunch for the Ramsay's – Sunday 22 June

Kirkin' 'O' Tartan Service – Sunday 29 June – 11am

KIDSCHURCH LUNCH

Families with babies, kids, or teens are invited to a lunch after the 11am service on Sunday 25 May, next door at 156 Collins St. Level 1.

Just come along. No RSVP need.

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.

MUSIC MATINEE

Enjoy live and free music concerts at Scots Church on select Tuesdays throughout the year with Music Matinee. These include piano and organ recitals, chamber groups and choirs.

Musicians from Australian National Academy of Music, Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School plus highly acclaimed artists deliver memorable musical experiences.

Their next concert will be on Tuesday 3 June at 1:00pm, featuring Chloe Au and Caitlin Au on piano. Visit <https://www.musicmatinee.org/jun3>

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.

AUSTRALIA CHAMBER CHOIR



It's not every day you get to celebrate a 500th birthday! The Australian Chamber Choir is doing just that:

PALESTRINA 500

Celebrate Palestrina's 500th birthday with the Australian Chamber Choir

Directed by Douglas Lawrence

Sunday 25 May at 3PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel,

210 Richardson St, Middle Park

Book/info at www.auschoir.org/buy-tickets

The discount code for you (for 10% off concert tickets) is
SCOTS

Elizabeth Anderson

Assistant Artistic Director/Manager

Australian Chamber Choir

SCOTS' ON SUNDAY

11am Service



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

The 'Sing Praises Together' song this week is: 'Now thank we all our God'.

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

There are some large print versions available at the welcome desk and a few at the Vestry entrance to the Church.

5pm ScotsCity Service

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



10am Prayer Time

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

11am KidsChurch

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

SCOTS' THROUGH THE WEEK

TUESDAYS (DURING THE SCHOOL TERM)

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.



OTHER INFORMATION

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.

May 2025				
Saturday 24 May	1 Kings 18	1 Thes. 1	Ezek. 48	Psalms 104
Sunday 25 May	1 Kings 19	1 Thes. 2	Daniel 1	Psalms 105
Monday 26 May	1 Kings 20	1 Thes. 3	Daniel 2	Psalms 106
Tuesday 27 May	1 Kings 21	1 Thes. 4	Daniel 3	Psalms 107
Wed. 28 May	1 Kings 22	1 Thes. 5	Daniel 4	Psalms 108-109
Thursday 29 May	2 Kings 1	2 Thes. 1	Daniel 5	Psalms 110-111
Friday 30 May	2 Kings 2	2 Thes. 2	Daniel 6	Psalms 112-113

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

Website: www.scotschurch.com

Website: St. Stephens: ststephens.com.au

Flemington 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

Prayer Notes May 2025

- 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 in spite of their troubles they will shine out with the love and joy of knowing their eternity is secure.

Pastoral Needs

- Pray for Dennis and Andrew as they mourn Margaret's death.
- 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

You can find all the latest carpark information including the video, pdf, and a feedback form at <https://scotschurch.com/carpark/>. If you have been charged, you can request a refund at <https://support.wilsonparking.com.au/s/contactsupport> or by visiting the welcome desk on Sunday. Thank you again for your patience with this new payment system.