

SCOTS' *weekly*

NEWSLETTER OF THE SCOTS' CHURCH MELBOURNE

Friday, 13 June 2025

From the Minister's Desk

Dear friends,

Happy Friday, and welcome to this week's edition of Scots' Weekly. I hope this finds you warm, and free from the winter sniffles that seem so prevalent. Both Murray and Monty have been off work for a few days this week doing battle with the bug!

Jonathan North Farewell

It was remiss of me not to mention last Friday that **we farewelled Operations Manager Jonathan North** on the previous Sunday, June 1st. Jonathan served our Scots' Community faithfully over 13 years, so was pleased to have this opportunity to make contact with so many Scots' members who he worked closely with in the past. Special thanks to **Wendy Gregory** who arranged the farewell morning tea. Jonathan (centre) is pictured with Justin Ang (left) and you're probably familiar with the chap on the right.



Newcomer Lunch

Then last Sunday, June 8th, we held a “Newcomers and Next Steps” lunch, which was attended by 23 of our newish Sunday attenders. We’re hoping to hold these events a few times a year. It’s an opportunity for those who have been coming along to services for a while to take the ‘next steps’ in finding out about membership, or pathways to discovering more about faith.



As you’ll see from the photos, it was encouraging to welcome people from a wide range of backgrounds and ages. As well as enjoying pizza, they heard a brief history of Scots’, an overview of our “vision” to be loving and welcoming community where people could hear the good news of Jesus Christ clearly explained, with target dates for our next **membership course on Sunday afternoons 27 July, 3 and 10 August**. We will be promoting this heavily as the dates draw nearer, so if you’re never quite got around to thinking about membership, you’ll have the opportunity to join in.

On Thursday morning Arthur and I went shopping, and lugged a **cosy floor rug** back to the unused Russell St foyer, which we are **repurposing as a cry-room / nursery** for kids. We’re keeping the **space in the old ‘wool corner’** available for children who like to play quietly and opening up the new option in an effort to help parents as much as we can. Please spread the word.

You may be aware that **Phil Court** and I both play roles in our **regional Presbytery** (Phil is the Clerk, and I’m currently the Moderator.) As part of this wider responsibility, we’ll be **away from Scots’ this Sunday** to convene a meeting at another church in our area. **Arthur** will continue our series on Isaiah, and **Justin and Litha** are leading the service.

Don't forget our **Mission Partners Lunch next Sunday 22nd**, with a specially produced video message from the **Ramsay family in Japan** and a great fellowship lunch.

See you next week!

Warmly in fellowship,



Phil Campbell
Senior Minister
The Scots' Church Melbourne

SCOTS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIARY DATES

Mission Partners Lunch for the Ramsay's – Sunday 22 June after the morning service.

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

Lunchbreak Service – Thursday 3 July – 12.30pm

MISSION PARTNERS LUNCH

Our next Mission Partnership Lunch is on June 22nd after church on the Mezzanine Level of the Westpac Building.

Come and hear from Adam and Helane Ramsay as they share life in Japan and opportunities they have to tell the good news of Jesus.

Lunch is provided with an option to give towards our Mission Partnership programme either by Paywave or cash.

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.

UPDATE ON THE LIFT AT 150 COLLINS STREET

GPT understands the inconvenience the fault with the carpark lifts caused to the people attending Church especially on Sundays when the lifts were faulty a few weeks ago.

Both faults were completely separate and it was simply bad timing that both the faults happened very close to each other.

GPT wanted to reassure us that they service the lifts monthly which is the Industry standard and have a comprehensive Service Agreement with the lift provider which means that it's in their best interest to return the lifts back into operation as soon as possible before penalties kick in.

If the lift breaks down, we will be given access to the goods lift. This lift stops at the mezzanine, the ground floor, and the carpark loading dock. Access to the goods lift will be clearly signed for you.

Please note that this lift does not go down to the second level of the carpark. This means that - if the normal lift is out of order - you will have to walk from the car park loading dock to your car. If you require wheelchair assistance, please speak to one of our staff members for assistance.

Hopefully this will not be need and we thank GPT for their consideration in offering this other entry way for us.

SCOTS' ON SUNDAY

11am Service



This will also be streamed live on YouTube.

Please join us at <https://youtu.be/rR4mBNSwcYU>

or visit scotschurch.com/service-info for details.

The 'Sing Praises Together' song this week is: 'Fairest Lord Jesus'.

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 are held 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 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

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 July 3 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.

June 2025				
Saturday June 14	2 Kings 18	Philem. 1	Hosea 11	Psalm 132-134
Sunday 15 June	2 Kings 19	Heb. 1	Hosea 12	Psalm 135-136
Monday 16 June	2 Kings 20	Heb. 2	Hosea 13	Psalm 137-138
Tuesday 17 June	2 Kings 21	Heb. 3	Hosea 14	Psalm 139
Wed. 18 June	2 Kings 22	Heb. 4	Joel 1	Psalm 140-141
Thursday 19 June	2 Kings 23	Heb. 5	Joel 2	Psalm 142
Friday 20 June	2 Kings 24	Heb. 6	Joel 3	Psalm 143

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>

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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

June Prayer for Scots

This month's prayer is based on Psalm 145

Verses 1-3

I will exalt you, my God the King.....every day I will praise you....Great is the Lord and worthy of praise:

- Our heavenly Father as a church family we praise you for making us and sustaining us.
- Lord you have saved your people and continue to care for us - so we take time now to praise you and remember your greatness above all things and all people.

Verses 4-7

One generation will commend your works to another....the glorious splendour of your majesty....your awesome works....your abundant goodness....we sing of your righteousness and meditate on your works.

- Father we thank you for your words being passed down from generation to generation.
- We thank you for the words of Jonah and Isaiah reminding us of your consistent input into the lives of your people and now into our own lives.
- Thank you for the reminder of the warnings you gave to Israel and the reminders of your holiness and righteousness.
- We're sorry for when we haven't lived as you want us to.
- Help us meditate afresh on your word and your character.
- Helps us not just to sing of your righteousness but by your Spirit enable us to live to please you.
- Helps us in our words and actions commend your works and words of salvation to those we live amongst.
- Help our church at Scots to be a community of people who display your goodness and deeds.

Verse 8-9

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in love, he is good to all and has compassion on all he has made.

- Father thanks for your example of grace and compassion especially shown in Jesus Christ.
- Help us to be filled with the same love and goodness - pouring out of us for all people.
- Help us all to keep being the salt of the earth to our friends and family and to those in need.
- Help our Mission Partners to be kind and compassionate to the people they work amongst.
- Please help Adam and Helene Ramsay to have true compassion for the Japanese people in Chiba. As they focus on educating and teaching leaders of children - help them to demonstrate your love, forgiveness and kindness, Help the good news of Jesus go out to all areas of Japan through the lesson material they write.
- Please show your kindness and generosity to Colin and Alison Morrow as Alison has treatment for cancer, thanks that in the midst of the treatment they have had encouraging conversations with farmers and church people about Christ's love for them.
- Please sustain Lauren Raiter as she starts to teach the MOCLAM course in Madrid - let your love and story of your works be clear to all she teaches.
- We also pray the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian would grow as each of the ministers and elders go out to teach your words and show your love to all.

Verses 10-13

All you have made will praise you, your saints will speak of your might, so that all men may know your mighty acts. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, your dominion endures throughout all generations.

- Father thanks that your kingdom has endured and that through Jesus we are part of it.
- We pray that all we do at Scots would be seeking to further your kingdom.
- We pray all of our church community would keep their faith and trust in you and your promise of eternity.
- We pray all of our leaders, managers, staff, musicians would encourage us and work towards your name being proclaimed and taught to future generations and that Scots would use all its resources to further your kingdom throughout the generations.

Verses 14-16

The Lord is faithful...loving...upholds those who fall...lifts those who are bowed down. You will give them their food... satisfy their desires.

- Father thanks for your faithfulness to us even when we fall.
- Please forgive us when we sin.
- Please keep lifting us up to have our faces towards you and our hope in you. please help us be people of forgiveness as you have forgiven us.
- Please lift those who are bowed down.
- Father we live in a generation of anxiety, fear, loneliness and depression. Help us to find our strength and comfort in you. Lord just as you've fed the hungry and downcast in the past, please feed us and enable us to care for others as needed.
- We pray especially for those who have faithfully served our church and now are in need of our support.
- We pray for Yvonne Sullivan, Rae Anstee and John Ballantyne.
- We pray for those grieving the loss of lifetime partners and loved ones - for Dennis and Andrew Conradi and Hans and Litha Heshusius.
- We pray for those going through health challenges particularly Mervat Hanna we ask you would care for her Nader and their family and bring healing and strength to them.

Verses 17-21

The Lord is righteous, loving...near to those who call on him in truth...he hears the cry of those who fear him and saves them, the Lord watches over all. Let every creature praise his Holy name for ever and ever.

- Father we want to thank you that you love all you have made.
 - Father we know your world is groaning as it waits for Jesus return.
 - We know that you want people to call on you to be rescued.
 - We pray you will bring leaders of our country and international leaders to call on you.
 - We pray you will restore and refresh countries and people groups who are torn apart and suffering huge loss from war and conflict and natural disasters and in our own country we are disturbed by increasing crime and droughts and flooding rains.
 - We pray for people to find their true hope and comfort in you.
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- We pray our nation will respond to world crises and to our national disasters with compassion and generosity.
 - Help us Lord to keep being generous to those we can help. But we're thankful Lord in the midst of all that happens in our world and lives that you promise to be our rock and our redeemer. We don't deserve your kindnesses but Lord we praise you for your goodness to us and your constant love for us. Amen.

Shalom

Louise Campbell & Litha Heshusius

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.