

SUNDAY WORSHIP



November 19, 2023

WELCOME · Scone Anglican is a grace-centred community in the Upper Hunter that glorifies God by making disciples of Jesus Christ.

THEMES · Morality | Stewardship

COLOUR · Green

TRADITIONAL READINGS ·

OT · Judges 4:1-10

Psalm · Psalm 123

NT · 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel · Matthew 25:14-30

TRADITIONAL HYMNS ·

149 · This Is My Father's World

618 · What Does the Lord Re...

599 · Take My Life

768 · Doxology

PRAYER OF THE DAY ·

Lord, we ask you, absolve your people from their offenses; that through your bountiful goodness, we may be delivered from the hands of all those sins, which by our frailty we have committed.

Grant this; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONTEMPORARY HYMNS ·

Passage: Leviticus 17:1—20:27

· Glorious Day

· Say the Word

· I Surrender All

· Build My Life



OUR GLORY AND SAFETY

“The safety and security of the child lies not so much in the child’s hanging about the mother’s neck as in the mother’s holding it fast in her arms. Likewise, our safety and security lie not so much in our weak holding upon Christ, but in Christ’s holding us fast in his everlasting arms. This is our glory and our safety, that Christ’s left hand is always under us, and his right hand does always embrace us.” – Thomas Brooks (1608-1680)

The past four years were full of strange activity. We endured extended separation in lockdown. The soil under our feet cracked from the drought. Our gospel integrity was challenged by spiritual foes. Heartfelt prayer ended in flash flooding. A plague of mice swept through the land. Scone Mountain was lit ablaze with fire. We were left battered but remained fruitful. Two steps forward, one step back—rescued sinners continued to grow in “the grace and knowledge of our Lord” (2 Peter 3:18).

But what gave us the strength to persevere? The source of our endurance is the Lord Jesus. He promises that his elect people will endure to the end (Romans 8:30). “No one will snatch them out of [his] hand” (John 10:28). “[The God] who began a good work in [us] will bring it to completion” (Philippians 1:6). The church will continue to flourish because it lives in the most secure place—the eternal hands of Jesus Christ. He is our glory and our safety.



MINISTRY UPDATES

PRAYER REQUESTS · MEZ WICKS

- Praise God for the grace that he continues to show in big and small ways over this semester. Particularly through sustaining and equipping me through busy parts of semester; being reminded of his love, power, and heart for the lost through preparing Bible studies; and for the moments of better understanding myself and the freedom to enjoy and rest in God.
- Thank God for continuing to bring new students along this semester and for the opportunity to invest and see students grow in their faith.
- Please pray for students amid their exams this month. Pray that though the stress and pressure they can feel at this time they will be reminded of God's peace and look to Jesus for their identity and security.
- Praise God for the encouraging number of GCU students that have already signed up for NTE. Please pray that in their conversation with friends they can encourage others to come along and that through the conference they will be encouraged, trained, and excited to share the gospel.
- Please pray that I will be able to continue to build up my team of financial supporters so that I will be at the support level to move up to 5 days on campus.

Full update: <https://mailchi.mp/73f89e17e5a6/mail-from-mez-nov-prayer?e=2054d62d50>

SERMON NOTES

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ADVENT CALENDAR •

Advent 1 Services • Communion

- Sunday December 3 at 9am • St Luke's Church, Scone • +*Sonia*
- Sunday, December 3 at 2pm • Moonan Flat Union Church
- Tuesday, December 5 at 10:30am • St Luke's Church, Scone

Blue Christmas Service •

- Saturday, December 9 at 6pm • St Luke's Church, Scone

Advent 2 Services • Word

- Sunday, December 10 at 9am • St Luke's Church, Scone • *Baker Fairwell*
- Tuesday, December 12 at 10:30am • St Luke's Church, Scone

Advent 3 Services • Communion

- Sunday, December 17 at 9am • St Luke's Church, Scone
- Sunday, December 17 at 12pm • St Jude's Church, Bunnan
- Tuesday, December 19 at 10:30am • St Luke's Church, Scone

9 Lessons and Carols •

- Sunday, December 17 at 5pm • St Matthew's Church, Gundy

Advent 4 Service • Word

- Sunday, December 24 at 9am • St Luke's Church, Scone

Christmas Midnight Service • Communion

- Sunday, December 24 at 11pm • St Luke's Church, Scone

First Sunday After Christmas • Word

- Sunday, December 31 at 9am • St Luke's Church, Scone
- Tuesday, January 2 at 10:30am • St Luke's Church, Scone

Second Sunday After Christmas • Communion

- Sunday, January 5 at 9am • St Luke's Church, Scone
- Sunday, January 5 at 1pm • Stewarts Brook Union Church
- Tuesday, January 7 at 10:30am • St Luke's Church, Scone

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NEXT SUNDAY · SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2023

THEMES · Morality | Lordship

COLOUR · White

TRADITIONAL READINGS ·

OT · Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm · Psalm 100

NT · Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel · Matthew 25:31-46

TRADITIONAL HYMNS ·

· Thine Be The Glory

· Lord of the Dance

· Crown Him With Many

768 · Doxology

PRAYER OF THE DAY ·

Stir up, we ask you, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you, be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONTEMPORARY HYMNS ·

Passage: Leviticus 21:1—25:55

· Glorious Day

· Say the Word

· I Surrender All

· Build My Life

FORTNIGHTLY CALENDAR ·

- Thursday 23rd of November · 11:00 am · Strathearn House Service
- Sunday 26th of November · 8:00 am & 10:00 am · Church + Youth
- Tuesday 28th of November · 10:30 am · Eucharist
- Sunday 3rd of December · 9am · +Sonia Roulston
- Sunday 3rd of December · 3pm · Moonan Flat Service
- Tuesday 5th of December · 10:30 am · Service of the Word
- Sunday 10th of December · 9am + Brunch in the Hall
- Sunday 10th of December · 11am · Youth Group
- Tuesday 12th of December · 10:30 am · Eucharist

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