



Welcome

We're really glad you could join us! We hope you find warm friendship with us and clear practical help to follow Jesus. You might like to note the following

- Toilets are located at the rear of the Church
- A parents' room is available in the church. Care is provided in the cottage during the second half of the service for children 0-3 years.
- If you have a hearing aid, switch it to "T" to access our induction loop.



For Your Prayer

- Pray for the re-evangelisation of Scotland by a passionate band of believers. Pray for those plagued by alcohol, drugs and other social ills to be lovingly reached by Christians. Pray for the church to commit herself to Scripture-based spiritual renewal.
- Pray about the Parental Rights Bill (NSW). Pray that this bill will continue to move forward. Pray that parental rights will be protected and that schools will be banned from teaching gender fluidity to children.
- Pray for Scott Morrison. Pray for wisdom, strength and encouragement for our Prime Minister, and for unity within his party.
- Pray for post-COVID Church Life. There are growing reports of a significant number of churches who have witnessed a decline in on site attendance. Pray that the Lord's people would not "give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
- Pray for post-COVID Personal and Family life. There are some who are unable to visit sick relatives or even attend funerals because they are not permitted to, or cannot afford to, leave Australia. This is a cause of deep sorrow and sadness.
- Pray for the Applebys. Pray for opportunities to meet and get to know new students, loving them as Christians by inviting them to Bible study but also making them feel welcome in Armidale and supporting them. Pray for wisdom about an opportunity to remain in Armidale next year.



What's Happening?

Focus for May – Mission

The mission that Jesus has given us is a wholistic one. Our aim is not just to save people's souls but to make them disciples of Christ. Thus our Church

partners with TEAR and Samaritans Purse each Christmas to provide Christian help alongside the preaching of the Christian gospel. We encourage child sponsorship through Compassion so that whole lives can be changed as we engage with children through a local Church network. And we pray each week for the persecuted Church and point people to the ministry of Open Doors so that we can remember to stand side by side with our fellow Christians going through hard times. Do one of these organisations more align with your values and faith than others? How can you help them in their ministry to spread the good news of Jesus to the ends of the earth?

Church Buildings

Have you been able to fill in our online survey as yet? It can be found at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKYPwahd9UQ9vznDJoD8A31-lpdEngK1ZUt73sPBGaqiHQA/viewform?usp=sf_link. There will also be paper copies at the door of the Church. It should take around 20-30 minutes!

Church Picnic | Sunday 16th May 12:15pm

Please join us for a church picnic at Speers Point Park today. The picnic will provide a great opportunity for fellowship. We will meet on the grassed area, closer to the children's playground. BYO lunch and picnic blanket/chairs.

Women of Truth | Saturday 29th May 8:45am - 12:30pm

Meet together with women of the Hunter for a time of teaching, fellowship and encouragement. This year it will be held at Metford Baptist Church. Registrations are now closed.

Gospel Hope in an Uncertain World | Wednesday 26th May 7:30-9pm

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to taunt us – a reminder for God's people that the gospel of Jesus is the one thing of which we can be certain. With the continuing challenges the world faces, the Gospel, Society and Culture committee is launching its first online seminar for the year. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=758245&>. Keynote Speakers on Gospel Hope and Modern Slavery. Also hear live interviews about Youth Mental Health and Finding Hope in COVID-impacted PNG.

Kids' Church Training Day | Sunday 30th May 11:45am - 1:45pm

All teachers and helpers involved in kids' church this year, would you please keep this time free to attend our training day in the church building. This is a great time to learn what is happening this year, learn some more skills to help you lead, meet with other team members and pray together. Contact Suzie for more information.

Kids' Spot

We are starting a new 6 week series in Malachi with this week learning that God loved us even before this world was made when he chose us to be his (Malachi 1:1-5). How amazing is that! Question for the week: What is another passage in the Bible that shows us that God has chosen us to be his special people before he made the world?

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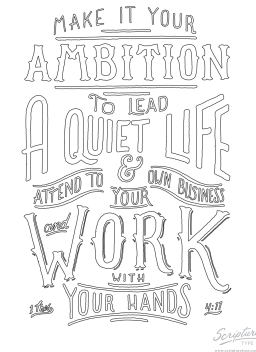
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1. Sex ethic

2. Work ethic



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Services**

Charlestown: 9:00am & 10:30am & 6pm

Swansea: 8am

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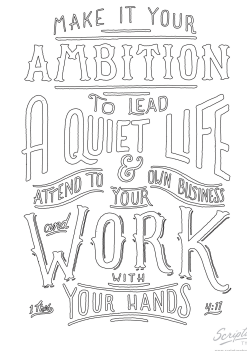
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