

## August Calendar & Readings

<p>Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> July: Sunday service 10.30am: Dr Annang            Monday 30<sup>th</sup>: Prayer meeting 7pm at Jeff &amp; Margaret's            Wed. 31<sup>st</sup>: Bible study, 7.30pm at Glen &amp; Debbie's            Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bible study, 10.30am, location TBA            Prayer for Israel, 7.15pm at Ruth &amp; Tony's            Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7am at Steve's</p>	<p>Nehemiah 4 - 13            Psalm 99 - 105            Revelation 4 - 10</p>
<p>Sunday. 5<sup>th</sup>: Sunday Service, 10.30am, Matt Cottingham            Monday 6<sup>th</sup>: Israeli Dance, 2.15pm, Scartho Library            Prayer meeting, 7pm at Jill's            Wed. 8<sup>th</sup>: Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen &amp; Debbie's            Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>: Bible study, 10.30am, location TBA            Friday 10<sup>th</sup>: Bible study, 7.30pm at Andy &amp; Karen's</p>	<p>Esther 1 - 10            Psalm 106 - 108            Revelation 11 - 17</p>
<p>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>: Sunday service, 10.30am, John Lavric            Monday 13<sup>th</sup>: Prayer meeting, 7pm at Andy &amp; Karen's            Wed. 15<sup>th</sup>: Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen &amp; Debbie's            Thursday. 16<sup>th</sup>: Bible study, 10.30am, location TBA            Prayer for Israel, 7.15pm at Ruth &amp; Tony's            Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>: Men's Prayer Breakfast, to be confirmed</p>	<p>Isaiah 1 - 15            Psalms 109 - 114            Revelation 18 - 22</p>
<p>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>: Sunday service, 10.30am, Ant Spitteler            Food donations for local charities            Monday 20<sup>th</sup>: Israeli Dance, 2.15pm, Scartho Library            Prayer meeting, 7pm at Ruth &amp; Tony's            Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>: Ashgrove Nursing Home service, 2.30pm            Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen &amp; Debbie's            Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>: Bible study, 10.30am, location TBA            Friday 24<sup>th</sup>: Bible study, 7.30pm at Jeff &amp; Margaret's</p>	<p>Isaiah 16 - 30            Psalm 115 - 118            1Thes. &amp; 2Thes.</p>
<p>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>: Sunday service, 10.30am, Andy King            Monday 27<sup>th</sup>: Prayer meeting, 7pm at Julie's            Wed. 29<sup>th</sup>: Bible Study, 7.30pm at Glen &amp; Debbie's            Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>: Bible study, 10.30am, location TBA            Prayer for Israel, 7.15pm at Ruth &amp; Tony's            Friday 31<sup>st</sup>: Bible study, 7.30pm at Andy &amp; Karen's            Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7am at Glen's</p>	<p>Isaiah 31 - 45            Psalm 119            1Tim. &amp; 2Tim.</p>



# Welcome

...to Scartho Celebration Church!

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You;  
 My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty  
 land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the  
 sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.  
 Because Your lovingkindness *is* better than life,  
 my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live;  
 I will lift up my hands in Your name.

Psalm 63:1-4

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### Scartho Celebration Church

meeting at Scartho Community Library, St Giles Ave, Scartho,  
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## Talking about the weather!

You may have noticed it's been a little hot recently! We love to talk about the weather, don't we? Let's remember to pray for those who have been badly affected during the recent heatwaves and wildfires around the world. Here are a couple of devotions in that vein, from Seeds of the Kingdom Devotions by Ellel Ministries:

### **The King Is Coming!** *By Lynda Scott.*

Have you ever noticed how the weather can get your attention? Mostly when it gets our attention it's because it's not behaving normally. This can be mild inconvenience, such as having an outing planned and down comes the rain. We moan "Oh not the rain today." But it can be much more than that.

I live in Australia on a beef cattle farm with my husband Leigh. It's now the middle of our summer and the weather definitely has our attention. We need rain, desperately! This is more than our normal summer heat and dry. We've just had so little rain for many months. As farmers we're totally dependent on the weather. If we don't get rain soon there'll be serious consequences that I don't want to have to face. My prayer for our farm is "Please God let it rain."

But then I don't have to cast my gaze too far from our drought to see the weather playing havoc with many lives in Australia and all over the world. Lives lost, properties and homes lost or damaged, people living with the trauma. Some parts of the world are far from needing rain. All at the same time across our globe there can be drought (or famine), bush fires, floods, cyclones, tornadoes, typhoons, snow storms, ice storms, dust storms, earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanos devastating people's lives. Some of you might be facing a natural disaster today or you're living with the consequences of a day the weather changed your life. And in the midst of it all we cry out to God "Help!"

As I was saying this very prayer this week, I was reminded by the Lord of the scripture from Luke 21. Jesus actually told us 2000 years ago that these things were going to happen. More than that He told us that these things are the sign that Jesus' return is coming closer. It's like the whole world is shaking, preparing for His return. The weather is affected as that shaking occurs, as we see its fury lash our earth. So although it may be difficult at times now, it may get worse as His return comes nearer.

Let me remind you what Jesus said: *'And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides. People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory. So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!'* (Luke 21:25-28).

As Jesus' disciples we're in the world, but not of the world. I charge you not to fear as turmoil abounds, but to stand, look up, and maintain your unswerving trust in

Jesus. Jesus alone is able to provide the healing you need from the trauma you've faced. He also knows our current needs, like our need for rain, and He'll provide for each of us as we remain faithful to Him. But Jesus is coming! The King is coming! Your salvation is near. Let the earth rejoice!

### **A Refuge, a Shadow and a Shelter** *by Pam Smith*

*You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.  
For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall.*

Isaiah 25:4 just about covers it all. We have the storms that life throws at us, the heat of the pressure we experience and the driving rain of merciless men and all they bring against us, physically, mentally and emotionally. They wear us out and bring us to melt down. Yet we can run to the Lord. He's our Rock, our Refuge, our Shadow and our Shelter.

Our God is like a rugged rock where we can run to and be safe. We can hide in Him while the storm passes. He knows our deepest heartaches and can bring us through, comforting us with His wise and tender words.

He overshadows us when we go through the heat of oppression, causing us to bring the sacrifice of praise and to know the peace beyond understanding when we are under pressure. And He's our shelter – *'His strength shows up best in weak people'*, says the Living Bible. When we stay close He shields us from driving rain. He stands around about us as a father would, shielding his child from bad weather or danger.

*'Beneath the cross of Jesus, I feign would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land.  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way.  
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day'.  
(Elizabeth C Clephane)*

There's nowhere else to go. When we have our God the Rock, this is the only secure place to be. He won't fail you, let you down or be moved. *'Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I'.*

Today let's share these thoughts with someone we meet. This is the glorious Gospel. This is what we all need to hear. Someone might be desperate to know this today. Be the one to bring comfort and life to that dear one.

**Prayer:** *Dear Lord, Blessed are You, our God and our Rock. Blessed are You when the world around is shaking, for You are our one secure stronghold in whom we put our trust. You are our anchor in every storm of life. Blessed be Your wonderful Name. Amen.*