

RICHARD ROSS:

"Ritchie" was recently "licensed" to preach the gospel and he has now accepted a call to the congregation of Portree on the Isle of Skye. He will have been ordained [DV] on Friday, 2nd November, in the Portree Free Church.

We have sent official good wishes and sent our prayers to the brethren there.

DESMOND BIGGERSTAFF: Desmond was scheduled to have his eye operation on Nov 1st. Please pray that his operation will have been a success. We would love to see Desmond and Hettie visit us here in Adelaide soon.

•FORTHCOMING COMMUNION

Our communion service is scheduled for Dec 8th-9th. The preacher will be [DV] Rev Gavino Fioretti AM and Christopher Tuck PM with the Minister [Rev Frew] conducting the Sat preparatory service

•YOUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Henceforth we intend to receive your gifts and offerings using a collection box at the door. You can now give to the work of the Lord at most services.

Please notice, therefore, that the collection box is at the door.

•VISIT OF GAVINO FIORETTI FROM NOV 7-DEC 12

God willing Rev Gavino Fioretti leaves the U.K. for 5 Lord's Days. He leaves behind Elizabetta [Mr Fioretti's wife] and two sweet children [Abigail and Michaela]. Mr Fioretti will be speaking at meetings in Queensland and Victoria as well as South Australia.

Mr Fioretti expects to receive a call to the congregation of Duthil and Does near Inverness, Scotland.

Please pray for the Lord's blessing and that Mr Fioretti will know God's will for the future.

Regular Worship Services:

Minister:- Rev James Frew, M.A. Dip.Theol.

Church:- 496 Magill Road, Magill, Adelaide, South Australia, 5072.

Sunday Services:- Prayer Meeting at 10:30 am, Main Service at 11:00 am, Prayer Meeting at 5:30 pm and the Main Service at 6:00 pm.

Midweek Meetings:- Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, Wednesday 7.30 pm.

As a Christian congregation, we welcome you to worship and fellowship with us.

Recordings of the Lord's day and Midweek services are available as AudioCDS, MP3CDs and DVDs. Services are also available online at the web site below.

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Magill Free Church BULLETIN



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"For my strength is made perfect in weakness."

2 Corinthians 12:9

A primary qualification for serving God with any amount of success, and for doing God's work well and triumphantly, is a sense of our own weakness. When God—s warrior marches forth to battle, strong in his own might, when he boasts, "I know that I shall conquer, my own right arm and my conquering sword shall get unto me the victory," defeat is not far distant. God will not go forth with that man who marches in his own strength. He who reckoneth on victory thus has reckoned wrongly, for "it is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." They who go forth to fight, boasting of their prowess, shall return with their gay banners trailed in the dust, and their armour stained with disgrace. Those who serve God must serve him in his own way, and in his strength, or he will never accept their service. That which man doth, unaided by divine strength, God can never own. The mere fruits of the earth he casteth away; he will only reap that corn, the seed of which was sown from heaven, watered by grace, and ripened by the sun of divine love. God will empty out all that thou hast before he will put his own into thee; he will first clean out thy granaries before he will fill them with the finest of the wheat. The river of God is full of water; but not one drop of it flows from earthly springs. God will have no strength used in his battles but the strength which he himself imparts. Are you mourning over your own weakness? Take courage, for there must be a consciousness of weakness before the Lord will give thee victory. Your emptiness is but the preparation for your being filled, and your casting down is but the making ready for your lifting up.

[From Spurgeon's Morning and Evening Readings]

“IN THY LIGHT SHALL WE SEE LIGHT.”

Psalm 36:9

No lips can tell the love of Christ to the heart till Jesus himself shall speak within. Descriptions all fall flat and tame unless the Holy Ghost fills them with life and power; till our Immanuel reveals himself within, the soul sees him not. If you would see the sun, would you gather together the common means of illumination, and seek in that way to behold the orb of day? No, the wise man knoweth that the sun must reveal itself, and only by its own blaze can that mighty lamp be seen. It is so with Christ. “Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona:” said he to Peter, “for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee.” Purify flesh and blood by any educational process you may select, elevate mental faculties to the highest degree of intellectual power, yet none of these can reveal Christ. The Spirit of God must come with power, and overshadow the man with his wings, and then in that mystic holy of holies the Lord Jesus must display himself to the sanctified eye, as he doth not unto the purblind sons of men. Christ must be his own mirror. The great mass of this blear-eyed world can see nothing of the ineffable glories of Immanuel. He stands before them without form or comeliness, a root out of a dry ground, rejected by the vain and despised by the proud. Only where the Spirit has touched the eye with eye-salve, quickened the heart with divine life, and educated the soul to a heavenly taste, only there is he understood. “To you that believe he is precious”; to you he is the chief corner-stone, the Rock of your salvation, your all in all; but to others he is “a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence.” Happy are those to whom our Lord manifests himself, for his promise to such is that he will make his abode with them. O Jesus, our Lord, our heart is open, come in, and go out no more for ever. Show thyself to us now! Favour us with a glimpse of thine all-conquering charms.

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•GIVING THANKS

We have so much to bless the Lord for, but here are some things of note among us. Our little congregation is growing, and we should be filled with thanksgiving. Today is an atheistic age; an age that has forgotten God and forgotten that one day, yes, one day oh so soon, all men will answer to the Lord.

We bless our God also that he has provided a gift of \$5000 to bring Rev Gavino Fioretti to Australia to preach the wonderful Word of God. Gavino has a very full itinerary awaiting him, including a time in Magill. You can view the details

at <http://www.magillfreechurch.org/iCal>.

We also bless God for the kind-hearted brethren who gifted \$2200 to fund the church computer. The computer is now being configured and will soon be put to very good use freeing up the Minister from time consuming duties.

We also give thanks to God that we recently received into communicant membership a number of the Lord's people. Also others have returned to worship God with us who could not for many years. In all of this we warmly welcome the Lord's people and bless our God and cry the promise of our Saviour, Lord build thy church and let not the gates of hell prevail against it!

We thank our Lord and look not to men but to God who rules among the armies of heaven and among the sons of men.

•PRAYER REQUESTS:

MINISTER IN COHUNA: Our Minister is in Cohuna this Saturday [lecturing at the invitation of the TBS] and Lord's Day [conducting worship and preaching]. As Mr Christopher Tuck is in Cohuna on TBS work, he will also be taking one end of the Lord's Day services. Please pray that this work will be blessed of the Lord and that the brethren there will be greatly encouraged as God's gospel goes out to our dear brethren there in Cohuna.

IN GREAT NEED: Those of you who were present at the Wed Prayer Meeting may know that a dear young girl came to see the Minister. She was distraught with rivers of tears running down her cheeks. How her heart was broken. She needed comfort and guidance at the loss of a dear friend. We met with her, prayed with her, and pointed her to the Lord Jesus who is "he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" [Rev 1.18]. Please pray for this dear young girl that God would comfort her heart and show her the Saviour. Then will she know the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Robyn Temby: Please continue to pray for Robyn Temby. Robyn is getting better but we should continue to pray for her. Also remember Gladys Tucker, Bert Klaver and Malcolm Bird as they also continue to recover.

SCATTERED BRETHREN:

Recently we asked you all to continue to pray for the Lord's people throughout various parts of the country. We mentioned Cohuna, Rockhampton, Melbourne, the Eyre Peninsula as well as wider afield. Pray particularly for Ulrich and Christina in Melbourne as well as Jack and Joelle Grub as they wrestle with their situations.

Missionaries: Please also remember the missionary endeavours of the church of God in the world. Our church is linked to the Zambian mission field as well as brethren in the United States of America.