

**Thursday 5 August 2021**

**10:15 am**

**“A Review of Tom Holland’s book DOMINION”**

**Speaker: Dr. Ian Barns**

Tom Holland’s *Dominion: The Making of the Western Mind* is about the ‘Christianisation’ of the world that had its unlikely inspiration in the ugly event of the crucifixion of the Jewish teacher, Jesus of Nazareth some 2000 years ago. As a historian Holland was struck by how different the culture of the ancient world of Greece and Rome was to our own in terms of our basic western values about the inherent dignity and rights of every person, no matter their race, status, ability or sexuality. Through the entertaining 21 chapters of the book, grouped in 3 main sections (Antiquity, Christendom and Modernitas) Holland tells how the Christian story of a crucified king came to shape many of the basic assumptions and attitudes, first in Christendom and then in our seemingly secularised modern world.

Dr Ian Barns, is a retired academic, having worked for many years in the School of Sustainability at Murdoch University in Perth, Western Australia. He continues to research and write about the nexus between theology, technology and sustainability. He is married to Wendy, has three adult children and four grandchildren.

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**Thursday 3 June 2021**

**10:15 am**

**“Some Aspects of Colonial Scots in Australia”**

**Speaker: Rev Dr James Donaldson**

We are delighted that our popular speaker Rev Dr James Donaldson has agreed to speak to us again. His varied interests include history and the pastoral industry, about which he has written six books since his retirement.

Arriving from Scotland in 1951 James worked on wheat and sheep properties in NSW. In 1962 he began his academic and theological studies at Sydney University. He completed a post-graduate Bachelor of Divinity with First Class Honours and was awarded the University Medal in 1969. Later he gained a Master of Theology from Melbourne and a Doctorate from studies in the USA.

James has a keen interest in the history of the Scottish people, who left Scotland in the 1800s when they were unable to feed their families. Many came by ship to NSW and James has written a book called: “Farewell to the Heather – Government assisted emigrants from the highlands and islands of Scotland to NSW 1837-1840”.

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**Thursday 1 July 2021**

**10:15 am**

**“So what sort of psychologist are you?”**

**Speaker: Patrick Newton**

Patrick Newton is one of Melbourne's most experienced and respected Forensic Psychologists. Over the past 25 years he has assessed several thousand individuals involved with various courts and has given evidence in hundreds of cases.

Patrick is an expert in the assessment and treatment of offenders. Many of his cases involve people charged with sexual and violent offending, major financial crime or major drug-related matters, but Patrick also works with many 'everyday' cases involving less serious matters.

Patrick has given evidence in some of Victoria's most high-profile cases including major terrorism cases, murders and other cases of significant public interest. His reports have been cited in major judgments and are respected for their thoroughness, fairness and clarity.

Patrick will describe the specialised work of a forensic psychologist and share some of his experiences with us.

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