

Church Family News, January 2022



Hobart Baptist Church, Sunday 30th January

SERMON: This week Stephen Baxter speaks on how we can be comforted by God's Power.

Join us in the Tab at 10am. Don't forget to wear your COVID mask.

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 40:18-28

WATCH: YouTube service, available from 10.15am Sunday >>>



STAY FOR Lunch after morning tea! Everyone is welcome to morning tea after the service and following that catch up with Stephen and Jenny over a BYO lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: Kids' Church will commence for this year on Sunday 13 February 2022.

DIARY DATES



TODAY! **SUNDAY 30 JANUARY**

– Special Church Members' Meeting following the 10am service (see below).

SUNDAY 06 FEBRUARY

– Induction Service for Liam Conway at Riverlands Baptist Church, Longford.

– National Church Life Surveys (NCLS) Surveys to be handed out for completion.

TODAY! SPECIAL CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING – 30 JANUARY 2022

A special church Members' meeting will be held following the 10am service, today, Sunday 30 January to consider a recommendation from the Diaconate regarding the appointment of a part time Associate Pastor.

The November Church meeting endorsed the action of the Diaconate to advertise a part time Associate Pastors position at HBC, with the aim of commencing in February 2022. The recommendation comes as a result of that process.

Looking forward to your attendance at the meeting. 2022 is the year for HBC to move forward and make the most of our new facilities. We have an exciting time ahead.

For more information go to the Church Members' Meeting Page >>>

COMFORT: SERMON SERIES UNTIL SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY



Are you feeling discouraged? Weary? Fainthearted?

So were the Israelites during the Exile. They were discouraged, depressed and suffering deeply. They were filled with deep questions such as: Has God abandoned us? Will the promises God made to us be kept? Does God want to deliver us? Can God deliver us? And will God deliver us?

In Isaiah, the answer is an emphatic "yes!" God calls the prophet to "comfort" Israel in exile. He is to bring the people bringing hope, encouragement, and good news to ease and soothe their troubled hearts.

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INDUCTION SERVICE FOR LIAM CONWAY

All are welcome at Riverlands Baptist Church for Liam Conway's Induction Service on Sunday 6 February. Liam will be inducted as Associate Pastor during their 10am morning service, which will be followed by a BBQ lunch.

RSVP's are required by Tuesday 1 February 2022 for catering purposes.

Email: karen@riverlands.org.au or Tel: 6391 2202



THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Hobart Baptist Church will be hosting the Alpha “Marriage Course” and you are invited!

Whether you’ve been with your partner for 6 months or 40 years, whether you’re in a good place or struggling, *The Marriage Course* offers practical support to strengthen your relationship.

Week 1 – Monday February 21 (7 to 9.30pm)

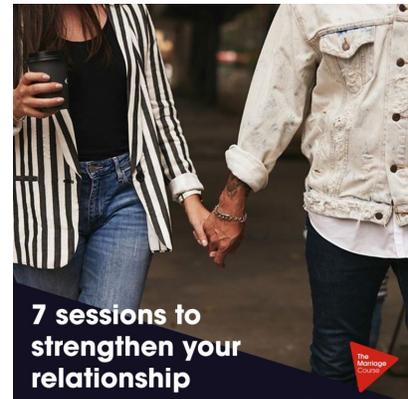
Date Night @ HBC – dinner and Week 1 of the Marriage Course (\$45 per couple)

Weeks 2 to 7 – Monday, February 28 to April 11 (7.30pm to 9.30pm)

Join in each week via zoom to spend time with your partner and learn some great tools to strengthen your relationship.

Questions? Interested in registering?

Contact: Jo Sinclair (0401 297 151), jo_incognito@yahoo.com.au



YOUR ROLE AT HBC IN 2022

Now that 2022 is here, what is God putting on your heart to do at HBC?

- Perhaps a ministry to Elizabeth College such as Breakkie or Homework Clubs?
- What about Alpha or the Marriage Course?
- Maybe an activity group for children?

If you missed our HBC Futures evening, read the full wrap up, and how to get involved in the next chapter of our HBC story. The possibilities are endless, but a reminder that we are not wanting a list of good ideas, rather we are looking for people to put their hand up to lead and make that good idea that God has put on their heart happen.

If you have any ideas, send an email through to Stephen (stephen@tasbaptists.org.au) or to Michael (michael@tasbaptists.org.au).



THE FUTURE WITH COVID-19

Increasingly we are all being affected by the Omicron strain of Covid, in one way or another. We must give thanks for the time we were protected from the alpha and delta strains, and remember to care for each other at this uncertain time.

Please feel confident that we are doing our best to keep everyone safe.

– We have recently reviewed and updated our Covid-19 Safety plan to keep up with Tasmanian government policies, and

– We have produced a case and management outbreak plan, should it be required.

We encourage everyone to do their best to protect themselves and to keep our church and the wider community safe by:-



- **Respecting social distancing** – and foregoing shaking hands
- **Wearing a mask** – in all indoor settings and others as required
- **Remembering** to use the hand sanitiser provided and by washing hands frequently.
- **Being vaccinated** – If you're not already, you can book by calling the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738 or visiting www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/booking. **Booster shots** are recommended and are now available.
- **Remembering to Check In** – Everyone over 16 years of age is required check in whenever they enter the building – either by scanning the Check in TAS QR code or sign the attendance sheet.
- **Considering** your health and the health of others – **stay home if you feel unwell**

-If you have any **cold or flu-like symptoms**, no matter how mild, **stay at home** and **get tested**. To organise a test call the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738 or register at www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/testing

- **Keeping informed** and up to date with Public Health and Government requirements.
- The New **Check in TAS App cards** are available and you are able to use them to sign in at church.

How are your feeling? Are you coping? Remember to talk to someone if you are concerned, and don't forget, God is with you, hold on to your faith at all times.

Thank you for your assistance.

Heather Galloway
Duty of Care Officer

GIVING – YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS



'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

2 Corinthians 9:7

We thank all who give faithfully on a regular basis, as without this support we would not be able to operate. Your offerings support our budget: and

through that it enables the church to continue to be an important part of the North Hobart landscape and the place from where we can prophetically serve the City of Hobart.

It is where we can know the benefit of worshipping with others, where we hear the stories of Jesus and how they apply to us, where we are encouraged in our journey with Jesus, from where we can share God's love with others and help them to know and trust in God themselves. Our influence can also be far reaching – there is no limit to God's love through our deeds and actions. Thank you for your generosity.

EFT is a great way to ensure regular giving and as well there are offering boxes available for use as you leave the Sanctuary.

You can give online here>>>

HBC Members – and Others!



Hobart Baptist Church would not exist without the support and care of our official membership.

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The recommendation from the Diaconate is **“to Extend a call to Matthew Henderson as part time (2 days per week) Associate Pastor at Hobart Baptist Church, commencing on 7 February 2022”**. The call is to be for a period of 2 years in the first instance, with the possibility of an extension. There will be a review after 6 months, and annually thereafter.

Matthew Henderson grew up in a strong Christian family in the Brethren church, and has always known God. Matthew married Kylie in 2006, they have 2 sons and are members at Citywide Lenah Valley where they have been attending since 2015.

Matt's whole life has been shaped by his relationship with Jesus Christ and he has a heart for the city of Hobart. Matt has just completed a Bachelor of Ministry at Alphacrucis College and whilst he

has been studying, Matt has also been serving at Citywide in a number of roles: in the technology team, teaching team, as an elder since 2018 and as acting Chair of Elders and Youth group coordinator since July 2021.

Matt feels strongly led to serve the Lord, and to serve a church community. He has strengths in Biblical discernment and understanding, team-building, technology, media and in relating to young people. Matt feels passionately that the role of the Church in this time is to build a community of Christ followers who love and serve to city around them, and to offer a place of loving and genuine grace, fellowship and support where people are able to grow in their faith and follow God's calling in their lives.



Matt and Kylie Henderson

Heather Galloway, Secretary

Members' Meetings are held quarterly, and are open to members and non-members alike.

The Members are led by the Deacons, who meet monthly.

HBC Diaconate 2021

Chair: Scott Ambrose

Secretary: Heather Galloway

Assistant Secretary: Joanna Sinclair

Treasurer: Geoffrey Clarke

Assistant Treasurer: vacant

Ex-officio: Stephen Baxter

Ordinary Deacons: Celia Munro; Moo Lay Graham; David Needham; Joel Ortiz

Comfort | 9 January to 6 February, 2022



God's Promises for the Discouraged, Weary and Fainthearted

After 39 chapters of narrative, the Book of Isaiah takes a dramatic shift and becomes a book of poetry. Up to this point the focus has been the future exile of the northern kingdom of Israel before it is conquered and its people taken into captivity. But from chapter 40 the book of Isaiah skips ahead about 150 years into the future and speaks to those living in captivity.

In exile, the Israelites are discouraged, depressed and suffering deeply. They are filled with deep questions such as: Has God abandoned us? Will the promises God made to us be kept? Does God want to deliver us. Can God deliver us? And will God deliver us?

Their answer is an emphatic "yes!" God calls the prophet to "comfort" Israel in exile. He is to bring the people bringing hope, encouragement, and good news to ease and soothe their troubled hearts.

Thousands of years later, God still speaks to us from Isaiah 40. We can learn from the experience of the exiles and draw from their promised hope. Amid the challenges we face in our world and our communities, we too need to be reminded that God is with us even in the middle of our troubles, questions and challenges. Isaiah gives us insights into how God can comfort us today and give hope in the days ahead.

Date	Text	Title	Preaching
9 January	Isaiah 40:1-5	Comfort, Comfort my people WATCH >	Liam Conway
16 January	Isaiah 40:6-11	Comforted by God's Word WATCH >	Stephen Baxter
23 January	Isaiah 40:12-17	Comforted by God's Greatness WATCH >	Stephen Baxter
30 January	Isaiah 40:18-28	Comforted by God's Power	Stephen Baxter
6 February	Isaiah 40:25-31	Comforted by God's Strength	TBA