

Church Family News, March 2022



Hobart Baptist Church, Sunday, 27th March

SERMON: Join us for the continuation of our Vision series as Stephen Baxter speaks to us on how to *Hope like Jesus* and value the future.

Our vision series this year focuses on the life of Jesus exploring how we might see and live like Jesus did. Asking the question, “Do I see the world as Jesus sees it?” [READ MORE HERE >>>](#)

This Sunday is Harmony Day. Harmony Week celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. You’re welcome to wear a national dress.



Presentation the 137th Annual Report for HBC at the Church Members’ Meeting after the service..

BIBLE READING: Matt 6:5-15

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

STAY FOR Lunch after morning tea! Everyone is welcome to morning tea after the service and, following that, to hang around for a BYO lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: Kids’ Church and Youth are on today.

MARCH AND APRIL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SUNDAY 27 MARCH 10am. Harmony Sunday, Members’ Meeting

WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 7.15am for 7.30am – 8.30am. Prayer for our City in preparation for the Tasmania Celebration at ‘Your Church’ Moonah

THURSDAY 7 APRIL 6-9pm. Presentation of HBC Vision

SUNDAY 10 APRIL 10am. Vision Sunday

FRIDAY 15 APRIL 9:30am. Good Friday Service

SUNDAY 17 APRIL 10am. Easter Sunday, including a Baptismal Service.

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING – THIS SUNDAY 27 MARCH

ALL WELCOME to attend the Church Members' Meeting this Sunday 27 March 2022 following the 10am Service. For more information on the proposed changes to the Constitution, an application for membership from David Knox and more, go to the [HBC Members and Others Page>>>](#)
Papers have been emailed out and copies will be available at the meeting.

The **137th Annual Report** for HBC, which is a record of the life of the church throughout 2021, will be presented. It was a challenging year, so it will be good to come together and celebrate all that was achieved and to acknowledge that God was with us through the highs and the lows.

HARMONY SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2022

Harmony Sunday is the culmination of Harmony week. As part of celebrating our cultural diversity you are encouraged to wear a costume or national dress as you are able.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The cultural diversity in our church is very obvious each Sunday and we are all blessed by what each and every person brings to HBC.

To find out more about Harmony Week events in Tassie [click here>>>](#)



VISION SERMON SERIES

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HBC VISION PRESENTATION

As our 2022 Vision Sermon Series draws to a close at Easter, all are welcome and encouraged to attend an evening presentation of our Vision on:-

Thursday 7 April 6 – 9pm in the Soundy Lounge.

It will begin with a shared meal, commencing at 6pm ahead of the presentation of our vision and how it connects with our values as we have been learning in the current sermon series.

Please RSVP by 4 April if you will be attending and require a meal. Email secretary@hobartbaptist.org.au or phone or text me on 0427 974 073.



THINKING ABOUT BAPTISM?



A baptismal service will be held during the 10am Service on Sunday 17 April, Easter Sunday.

Baptism is the public declaration of faith, an important step of obedience in your walk with God.

If you have been considering this step, you are encouraged to talk to one of our Pastors or the Secretary today.

CROSSOVER EASTER OFFERING

Crossover is a national ministry dedicated to *Helping Australian Baptists Share Jesus* through encouragement, training and resources. Entirely funded by people who agree this vital work Makes a world of difference.

Our **Good Friday Offering** on the 15 April will go directly to Crossover in support of this work. If you know you will not be in church on Good Friday but would like to contribute, flyers on how to contribute to the **Make a World of Difference** appeal are available in church this week, and you can pop your donation in the offering box in an envelope suitable marked. Or you can go online to donate at www.crossover.org.au



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

A new Church Directory is long overdue and very necessary to help us keep in touch with people. Your assistance is required to help us update Elvanto as the first step to producing a new directory soon after Easter. Please let the secretary or one of the Welcomers know of any change in either address or contact details. If you are not currently in our directory and would like to be, please let us know.

*Heather Galloway
Secretary HBC*



NEWS FROM JAN AND JIT YAWAN



Jan and Jit have finally “returned to Thailand” after a 2+ year delay arriving in Bangkok on Monday 7th March and after a few days there managing formalities travelled to their provincial city of Kanchanaburi on Monday 14th March. Their newsletter contains the latest news and a poem to encourage. Please [click here >>](#) to read their newsletter.

ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEE EVAC CENTRE IN KYIV

Anton, Kelvin’s friend, is a Pastor with the Evangelical Free denomination in Kiev Ukraine. Anton’s Father Antonoli is the Bishop of that denomination which represents about 80 churches. Both have remained in Kiev throughout the invasion.

The main Evangelical Free church has become one of many hubs that are assisting refugees out of danger zones. Refugees are brought to the hub, fed and tended to medically if necessary, then taken on buses to various other cities in Ukraine. Thankfully they were donated 2 x 51 seater buses and have 2 drivers and a van to aid their efforts, they also have a free medical service stationed at the hub. They’ve moved about 3000 refugees in this manner.



The cost of fuel for continually running the buses is about USD\$1500



per week. The cost of food at the shelter is about USD\$1000 per week. This is becoming unsustainable. We’d like to initially cover these costs for the next 2 weeks then see where we go from there. We have set up a GoFundMe account:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/fuel-and-food-for-refugee-evac-centre-kiev>

If you would like to contribute, 100% of proceeds will go to fuel and food for refugees. You can contribute via the GoFundMe account or discuss alternatives with me, kelvin@citynetworks.org.au
0416 281 412

Kelvin Smith
Director, City networks



INVITATION TO A SPECIAL EVENT – APRIL 22ND, 7:30PM

at **Sandy Bay Baptist Church** – 239 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay

Dear friends,

We're deeply grateful for our Baptist movement and the faithful way Tasmanian Baptist churches partner with our intercultural workers to share God's love for the world.

At Baptist Mission Australia, we're thrilled to be supporting the Jenyns as they respond to God's missional call on their lives. To read about this wonderful family [CLICK HERE >>>](#)

We invite you to come and hear the Jenyns share about their lives and to learn how you can be a part of their important work among the B people of South Asia.

Warmly,

Geoff Maddock, State Leader, Baptist Mission Australia Tasmania and Victoria

CHRISTIAN LIFE & WITNESS

Did You Miss Out On The Christian Life And Witness Course?

The Christian Life and Witness Course offers practical ways for you to grow in your faith in Christ as well as how to effectively share God's love. Additional courses have been added in Hobart and Launceston.



This course is required for those who wish to serve as a Prayer Volunteer (Counsellor) during the Tasmania Celebration events. [You can find a class near you.](#)

Online classes are also available, [please click here to register your details](#)

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” —1 Peter 3:15, NIV

ADJUSTING TO COVID-19 AROUND US IN 2022!

Life is different now, but it goes on! Restrictions have eased, but case numbers are rising, so may I encourage you that caution is still a sensible approach, and it is ok to stay within your comfort zone.

We all have the opportunity to care for each other as Jesus would have – those we love, those who

are vulnerable, whether we know them or not, by :-

- **Respecting social distancing**
- **Wearing a mask** – no longer required in church, but please feel free to do so.
- **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.
- **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.



I trust you are doing ok. 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.

*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.

Church Members' Meeting, Sunday 27 March 2022.

A Church Members' Meeting will be held following the 10am service this Sunday the 27 March 2022.

It will be held in the Tab following morning tea, and before lunch.

All are welcome to come along as we celebrate the life of the Church during 2021.

The **137th Annual Report**, covering the 2021 calendar year, will be presented along with the following agenda items:-

- Minutes from the Members' meeting held on the 28 November 2021 and the special Members' meeting held on 30 January 2022.
- Presentation of HBC's 137th Annual Report
- Treasurer's report
- Amendment to the Constitution regarding the appointment of an auditor – see below
- Senior Pastors' and Secretary's reports
- Membership Application – David Knox
- Appointment of Kylie Henderson to the Finance Committee

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHURCH CONSTITUTION.

The section headed "Auditor" on page 14 currently provides that: –

"A qualified Company Auditor will be appointed by the Church as auditor for the current year.

If an appointment is not made at the AMM, or a casual vacancy occurs, the Diaconate shall appoint an auditor to hold office until the next annual election. The auditor shall report to the Church about the

accounts as required by the relevant laws of the State of Tasmania".

The deacons propose that the above section be numbered (1) and the word "will" in the first line and the word "shall" in the third line be replaced with the word "may".

The section will then read:-

"A qualified Company Auditor may be appointed by the Church as auditor for the current year. If an appointment is not made at the AMM, or a casual vacancy occurs, the Diaconate may appoint an auditor to hold office until the next annual election. The auditor shall report to the Church about the accounts as required by the relevant laws of the State of Tasmania".

The deacons then propose the introduction of new sub sections numbered (2) and (3) as under: –

(2) "The Members, on the recommendation of the Diaconate, may agree not to appoint an auditor as stated under section (1), for the following reasons: –

(a)Section 24, section (1C) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1964 provides that an incorporated association is exempt from complying with subsection (1) (appointment of a registered company auditor) in relation to a financial year if the revenue of the registered entity for that financial year is less than \$250,000" and

(b)the Diaconate is satisfied that the internal control of the Church's finances is such that fraudulent or dishonest conduct by an office bearer is not possible.

(3) "The Members may, at any time, appoint a member, or members, to examine the financial records".

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT:

As a consequence of the above amendment the section headed "Treasurer", on page 14, also requires amendment.

The section presently provides, in the second paragraph, that – "A financial report shall be presented to each monthly Diaconate Meeting and relevant data presented to the Church Auditor within three (3) months of the end of the financial year."

The paragraph to be amended to read:-

"A financial report shall be presented by the Treasurer at each monthly Diaconate Meeting and relevant data presented to the Church Auditor, if one has been appointed by the Members' Meeting, within three (3) months of the end of the financial year, or alternatively, presented on demand to the member or members appointed to examine the financial records."

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

To See Like Jesus, 16 February-10 April 2022



Jesus' vision for his church

When Jesus taught about the kingdom of God, he invited us to into **a new way of seeing**.

Our vision series this year focuses on the life of Jesus exploring how we might see and live like Jesus did.

"My kingdom is not of this world," Jesus said to Pilate. Nevertheless Jesus was part of God's plan to bring that kingdom to earth. That plan had a long history starting with Abraham, working out through people like Moses, David, the prophets and finally supremely in Jesus the Messiah, who in turn passed it on to his "body" the church.

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Text	Title	HBC Value	Preacher
1	13-Feb	John 17:20-26	Like Jesus	Series Intro WATCH >	Stephen Baxter
2	20-Feb	Matt 11:16-19	Live Like Jesus	We value life WATCH >	Stephen Baxter
3	27-Feb	Luke 2:41-52	Learn like Jesus	We value growing WATCH >	Michael Henderson
4	6-Mar	John 11:1-44	Love like Jesus	We value each other WATCH >	Matt Henderson
5	13-Mar	Matt 5:17-20	Honour like Jesus	We value our heritage WATCH >	Scott Ambrose
6	20-Mar	Luke 19: 37-44	Weep like Jesus	We value our city	Stephen Baxter
7	27-Mar	Matt 6:5-15	Hope like Jesus	We value our future	Stephen Baxter
8	3-Apr	Luke 23:26-34	Forgive like Jesus	We value grace	
9	10-Apr	Mark 8: 31-38	Die Like Jesus	Introduction to Easter (Vision Sunday)	

Jesus taught his disciples to pray that " kingdom come and will be done on earth as in it is heaven." Nearly 2000 years later, Jesus followers continue to pray it.

By doing so we acknowledge **we are not the architects of God's restorative work in this world**. However, we also accept we are active participants in it. Jesus calls us to be with

him in God's kingdom project. **Jesus' kingdom vision should be the primarily influence in the forming of our hearts and minds that flows out in our faith and action.**

To envisage what it is to be church God wants us to be we need to return **to learn again from Jesus of Nazareth** who, "through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power" ([Romans 1:4](#)) and **how he lived out the kingdom of God on earth**, and ask the question, "Do I see the world as Jesus sees it?"

Each week we will use the template below as a tool to help us explore different aspects of the Bible reading to enable us to see how Jesus saw things and what it would mean for us to see things the same way.

Who	What did they see...	What did they feel...	What did they do...	What did they believe
Recipients				
On lookers				
Jesus of Nazareth				
Me	What do I see	What do I feel	What do I do	What do I believe