

## Church Family News, August 2022



### Hobart Baptist Church, Sunday, 28 August

This Sunday Stephen Baxter will bring the next message in the *Living Hope* sermon series from 2nd Peter.

Much encouragement has been given during this Sermon Series so far, and this week will be no different as Stephen addresses something familiar to many.



**SERMON:** When Hope is Crushed

**BIBLE READING:** [2 Peter 2:1-3](#)

**WATCH:** [LIVE YouTube service at 10.00am Sunday >>](#)

Live Streaming of the 10am services has had continual upgrades over the first month, and a new rhythm has been established. A reminder that the video of the full service remains available for two weeks, after which just the Message and Q&A segments are available.

*Kids' Church and Youth program will be on this week.*

**All are welcome to stay on for morning tea after the service.**

**The Alpha Course continues beginning with lunch.**

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**SATURDAY 27 August** 1-3:30pm. Youth Fundraiser – Car wash & coffee. Smith's house. More details below

**SUNDAY 28 August.** Alpha course continues over lunch.

**FRIDAY 16 September** 6-9pm. Alpha weekend

**SATURDAY 17 September** 9am-2pm. Alpha Weekend

**SUNDAY 25 September.** Sanctuary Sunday – details to come.

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## CAR WASH AND COFFEE

**This Saturday 27 August** is the Youth fundraiser event – don't miss out!

**When:** From 1:00 – 3:30pm

**Where:** 1439 Channel Highway, Margate – aka the Smith's House

**What:** Enjoy a stroll around the garden and relax with a cup of coffee while your car gets a thorough clean – for the all inclusive price of \$25.



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## ALPHA AT HBC

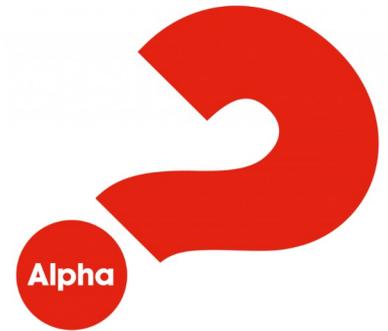
**HBC is running Alpha over lunch every Sunday until 9 October.** It is available both in-person and online – so if attendees can't be there on the day, they can still participate.

Please be in prayer for the Alpha participants. There are about 15 adults, and assorted children.

It's a big commitment to keep coming week after week, but as always, it's the things with most value which are the most costly. So your prayer is important.

Thank you!

*Jenny Baxter, HBC Alpha Coordinator*



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## LIVING HOPE SERMON SERIES 10 JULY – 11 SEPTEMBER

Jesus-followers are called to a Living Hope – hope that is alive and a hope that is lived. This is a profound challenge when we live in a world that seems to be full of doom and gloom on a daily basis.

This series will work through Peter's two letters and allow his words to encourage us to exercise a living hope amid a hostile world.



**READ MORE**

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## WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

Exciting opportunities exist to serve here at Hobart Baptist.

A number have accepted the invitation, but there is still room for more!

- **Participation in 10am Service** – praying, reading the Bible, singing, helping with technology . . . Contact Matt Henderson, [matt@hobartbaptist.org.au](mailto:matt@hobartbaptist.org.au); or Sean Priest, [sean@hobartbaptist.org.au](mailto:sean@hobartbaptist.org.au)
- **Hospitality** – serving, cooking, morning teas, special functions, coffee shop . . . Kath Smith is the one: [kathsmith@y7mail.com](mailto:kathsmith@y7mail.com)
- **Behind the scenes** – with some vacuuming, mopping, cleaning, dusting . . . Please get in touch with Duncan Sinclair, [duncsinc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:duncsinc@yahoo.com.au) to find out more.
- **Data Team** – Matt and Ryan are keen to train new data operators for the 10am service. If you would like to participate in the Data Team please email: [matt@hobartbaptist.org.au](mailto:matt@hobartbaptist.org.au)



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## 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>>>](#)**

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## Living Hope, until 11th September



### Living Hope sermon series

#### Changing Your Life for the Better

**J**esus-followers are called to a **Living Hope** – hope that is alive and a hope that is lived. This is a profound challenge, living when we live in a world that seems to be full of doom and gloom on a daily basis. What's more, Jesus-followers in the West, including Hobart, have found themselves on the end of much criticism and hostility over the past few decades.

How can we live hopefully, amid such an avalanche of bad news and hostility?

**READ MORE below the table ...**

#### SERIES SCHEDULE

WHEN	Bible Reference	SPEAKER	WATCH – Sermon with Q&A
10th July	1 Peter 1:1-3	Stephen Baxter	<a href="#">Why Hope Matters &gt;</a>
17th July	1 Peter 1:1-25	Matt Henderson	<a href="#">The Hope-Driven Life &gt;</a>
24th July	1 Peter 2:4-17	Scott Ambrose	<a href="#">People of Hope – Living the Good Life &gt;</a>
31st July	1 Peter 3:15-17	Matt Henderson	<a href="#">The Location of Hope &gt;</a>
7th Aug	1 Peter 4:7-11	Michael Henderson	<a href="#">Hope is Actionable &gt;</a>
14th Aug	1 Peter 5:6-11	Stephen Baxter	<a href="#">Hope for Anxious Hearts &gt;</a>
21st Aug	2 Peter 1:1-21	Sean Priest	<a href="#">God's Character &gt;</a>
28th Aug	2 Peter 2:1-3	Stephen Baxter	<a href="#">When Hope is Crushed</a>
4th Sept	2 Peter 3	Stephen Baxter	
11th Sept	1 & 2 Peter	Matt Henderson	Series Wrap-Up

#### Love One Another

Although the apostle Peter comes across as a brash, passionate fisherman who speaks first and thinks later, the letters that bear his name clearly come from a wise and seasoned follower of Jesus who has endured much opposition and persecution.

His letters encourage fellow Jesus-followers to find inspiration and encouragement remembering how Jesus faithfully endured suffering and death, only to experience resurrection and glory. He urges them to repay evil with goodness, to love one another, and safeguard their reputation as good citizens of high integrity and virtue. In doing so, he suggests they remove all doubt of the injustice of their sufferings.

## **Peter's 2nd Letter**

In his second letter, Peter focuses in on the second coming of Christ, attributing its apparent delay to God's patience giving time for people to come accept the truth found in Jesus. He warns against false teachers, encouraging them to stay strong in the face of persecution.

Taking a chapter at a time, we will work our way through Peter's two letters allowing them to courage us to exercise a living hope amid a hostile world.

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