

Church Family News, January 2023

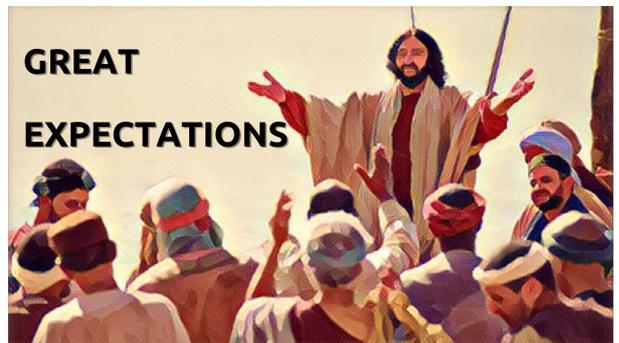


Hobart Baptist Church, Sunday, 29 January

All welcome to join together in worship, this Sunday at 10am. It will be good to welcome Stephen and Jenny Baxter back after their holiday.

Sean Priest will bring the final message in the Great Expectations Sermon Series from Luke's gospel.

Can't make it? Watch [LIVE on YouTube at 10.00am Sunday](#)



Join our Q&A's each Sunday by texting your question to **0491 070 718**.

SERMON: Jesus: Meeting People Where They're At

BIBLE READING: [Luke 5:27-39](#)

WATCH: [LIVE on YouTube at 10.00am Sunday](#)

You are welcome to a time of fellowship over morning tea after the service followed by a BYO lunch.

A great opportunity to catch up on Stephen and Jenny's holiday stories.

Summer Holidays

During the holidays regular *Kids' Church, Boys' Brigade and Youth activities are in recess.*

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY DATES



SUNDAY 29 January, 10:00am Service. Stephen and Jenny Baxter's first service back from holidays.

*The Games Night has been postponed to later in the year.

SUNDAY 5 February, 10am Service. *The Great Road Trip* Sermon Series begins. Communion service.

SUNDAY 12 February, 10am Service.

SATURDAY 18 February, 11am-4pm, Hobart Baptist Church. City

Bible Forum 2023 Life @ Work Conference

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES: THE GREAT ROAD TRIP

As we move out of the holidays, and into 2023 proper, we want to build on our theme of welcome as we continue to work through Luke's gospel and follow Jesus on *The Great Roadtrip*.



As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.
Luke 9:51

The next ten chapters of Luke's gospel document the events of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. These chapters are filled with momentous events and revolutionary teaching as Jesus and his followers make their way to the city.

To read more, visit [The Great Road Trip sermon series page](#).

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

- Do you love hospitality and spending time with people?
- Are you looking for a way to contribute to church life at Hobart Baptist?
- Do you love preparing a great cup of coffee?
- Do you have an idea for a small business?
- Would you like to expand your existing business and are looking for a new location?

If you answered YES to any of these, please read on....

We are looking for someone to bring to life the Coffee Shop area at Hobart Baptist Church (or “*the Space*”). You may already have experience working in a café or running a food or retail business.

You may have the time and interest in starting something new at Hobart Baptist. We want to hear from you!



Our goals for “*the Space*”:

1. To have more regular activity in the building so we can:

- encourage the community to come in and feel welcome!
- learn more about how to best serve our local community

2. To have activities aligned with HBC values

3. To provide a source of income for HBC which will allow us to employ a person to manage HBC facilities so we can be active in the North Hobart community.

If this sounds like you or you have an idea you would like to discuss further, please contact:

Heather Galloway, secretary@hobartbaptist.org.au or Joanna Sinclair,

jo_incognito@yahoo.com.au

CITY BIBLE FORUM 2023 LIFE@WORK CONFERENCE

Saturday 18 February, 2023, Soundy Lounge, Hobart Baptist Church.

HBC is hosting City Bible Forum’s Life@Work conference this year.

The topic is, The Future of Work: How to love your colleagues and

share Jesus in an ever-changing landscape. Life@Work is City Bible Forum’s annual conference to encourage Christians in the workplace. Since 2013, we have been equipping and empowering Christians from around Australia, and the world, for their life and witness at work.

For more info and to register, visit [City Bible Forum](#) and choose HBC as the watch location. Any questions can also be directed to Joanna Sinclair, jo_incognito@yahoo.com.au



CREATING AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

An **Acknowledgement of Country** provides an opportunity for HBC to show respect for the Traditional Owners of this land and to acknowledge the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country.

It can be done by anyone and is a way of showing awareness of, and respect for, the Aboriginal Traditional Owners of the land on which a meeting or event is being held.

It is different to a **Welcome to Country**. A Welcome to Country is given by Aboriginal people, welcoming visitors to their Land. Only Tasmanian Aboriginal people can give a Welcome to Country in Tasmania.

The HBC diaconate is committed to creating an Acknowledgement of Country that can be used for HBC events. There is no specific wording for an Acknowledgement of Country – the main goal is sincerity. We have been provided with some guidelines from Michael Henderson and Tas Baptists to help us develop a statement which reflects the context of our community.

If you are interested in preparing this statement with a group of people from our church community, we want to hear from you!

To be involved, please contact: Heather Galloway, secretary@hobartbaptist.org.au or Joanna Sinclair, jo_incognito@yahoo.com.au

SUMMER SOCIALS AT HBC

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the HBC Summer Social events. Please note the Games Night scheduled for Wednesday 1 February has been postponed to later in the year.



PAYMENT OPTIONS HAVE INCREASED

We are living in an almost cashless society! You are now able to make payments for anything at church – with your card. The intention is not to take the place of online transfer of funds, but provide an opportunity for spontaneous generosity.



STAYING SAFE OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Covid continues to circulate in the community and catches people out, and causes inconvenience and health concerns for many. Please pray for those who have not recovered as well as they would have liked and for those caring for their loved ones.

To help protect yourselves and those around us, and enjoy the holidays, it is important to be mindful of COVID safe behaviours:-

- Physical distancing – 1.5 m
- Maintain good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Consider wearing a mask in indoor settings
- If unwell, stay home and test for Covid
- Report any positive tests

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

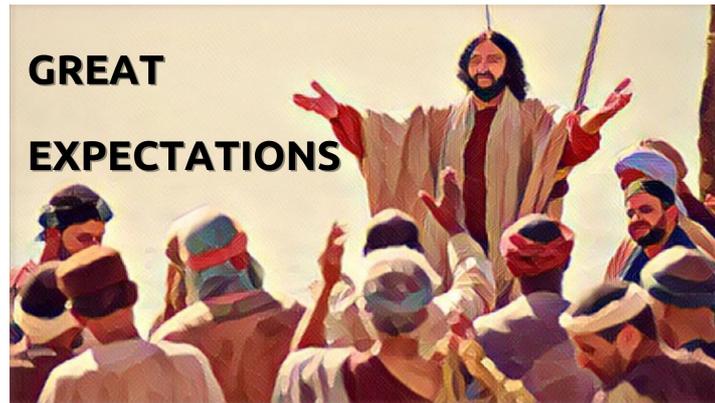
We thank all who give faithfully on a regular basis, as without this support we would not be able to operate. Your offerings support our budget: and through that it enables the church to continue to be an important part of the North Hobart landscape and the place from where we can prophetically serve 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](#)

Great Expectations



4 December 2022 to 29 January 2023

Luke the Physician was likely an outsider and a second-generation follower of Jesus. It appears from his writings he was deeply interested in people, and how the story of Jesus was relevant to everyone. Regardless of ethnicity, gender, socio-economic or class status, Luke's gospel is a collection of stories of Jesus interactions with people. It is clear from this gospel that Jesus seeks to include everyone, even when it meant challenging the established social and power structures and those who benefit from the status quo.

Series Schedule

4 Dec	Intro: who wrote Luke & why? Luke 1:1-4	Matt
11 Dec	A Surprising Hope: Zechariah's Song. Luke 1:5-80	Michael
18 Dec	The Coming King: Mary's Song. Luke 1:26-56	Kylie
25 Dec	Birth of Jesus. Luke 2:1-21	Matt
1 Jan	The Boy Jesus. Luke 2:22-52	Matt
8 Jan	The Trial in the Wilderness: Baptism & Testing. Luke 4:1-15	Fiona
15 Jan	Jesus in the temple: Luke 4:14-30	Michael
22 Jan	Understanding Purpose: Luke 4:31-44	Matt
29 Jan	Jesus the Partygoer: Luke 5:27-39	Sean

Luke begins his story before Jesus' birth and discusses the expectations of people who understood, or thought they understood, what was going to happen. He then shows how Jesus often confounded those expectations in beautiful and powerful ways.

This gospel is based on research and investigation, as one would expect from a physician. Luke is not proposing theories or attempting to promote philosophical or religious ideas. Instead, his gospel is a report based on his findings.

As we explore this gospel, we will find he writes of a Saviour who embodies the value of 'welcome' that is Hobart Baptist's theme for 2023. We will also find it a valuable roadmap for how we can navigate following Jesus in Hobart in the twenty-first century.
