

# Church Family News, November 2023



## Hobart Baptist Church, Sunday 26 November

This Sunday Matt Henderson will introduce our new Vision Sermon Series. Over the next few Sundays we'll hear about the HBC vision for 2024.

The Multicultural Start-ups Market Day will continue alongside the 10am Service and The Church Annual Members meeting will be held in the Gibson Hall following morning tea.

**SERMON:** *Vision: Next Steps 2024*

**BIBLE READING:** Deuteronomy 32:11

**WATCH:** LIVE on YouTube at 10.00am Sunday

A Q&A session with the speaker takes place after the sermon each Sunday.

To join, text a question to **0491 070 718**.

**Stay on after the service** for fellowship over morning tea, including a coffee from Esteem.

**Kids' Church** and **HBC Youth** will meet during the service.

For enquiries regarding room use/hire, please email Kelvin Smith ([kelvin@citynetworks.org.au](mailto:kelvin@citynetworks.org.au)).



---

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### NOVEMBER

**SATURDAY 25th** 10:00am-2:00pm. Multicultural Market to be held at HBC.

**SUNDAY 26th** 10:00am. Vision Sermon Series commences. 11:30am. Church Annual Members Meeting following 10am service. All Welcome. Multicultural market continues.

**WEDNESDAY 28th** 7.15am for a 7.30am. *Prayer for the City* at Hobart Baptist Church. Last one for the year.

### DECEMBER

**SATURDAY 2nd** 6:00pm. Ghanaian Sierra Leone Fundraiser

**SUNDAY 17th** 10:00am. Empty Christmas Tree Service

---

## NEW SERMON SERIES – NEXT STEPS

Hobart Baptist Church has been a community occupying a liminal space for a period of time. The renovation of the building appears to have provided us with a marker for the 'end' of a season in the life of this church community, however a clear 'new thing' has not yet fully emerged.

We are presented with exciting opportunities in 2024 through what has already started. We are not at the beginning of the journey, instead we are already on our way.



[READ MORE >](#)

---

## MULTICULTURAL MARKET DAY



We have a special weekend coming up at HBC:-  
Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November: 10am – 2pm each day.

4 new Multicultural businesses will be launched in the Foyer and Soundy Lounge and Esteem. Coffee will be open as well.

Mama Abebea – Eritrean Cuisine

Kaza Miza – Middle Eastern Finger Food

Basema's Kitchen – Syrian Desserts

Taste of Senafe – Artistic Fresh Juices + Ethiopian Coffee.

Invite your friends and come along and support these new immigrants who have participated in the latest start-up business training course run by CatholicCare and Kelvin.

NB: Card payment only for these businesses.

---

## CHURCH ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

The Hobart Baptist Church Annual Members' Meeting will be held **THIS Sunday, 26 November** following the 10am Worship Service. This will be followed by a General Church Members' Meeting.

ALL WELCOME and encouraged to attend.

The main agenda items for the Annual Members' Meeting are the election of Deacons and Officers for 2024 and the reception of the Financial Statements for the Year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

The Nominations received are listed on the [HBC Members and Others page](#) .

The General Members' Meeting will follow, and will receive reports from the Senior Pastor and Secretary, consider an application for Membership from Jeremiah Ambrose and a motion from the Diaconate regarding the reappointment of Matt Henderson as Associate Pastor, 2 days per week.

---

## FUNDRAISER – CHURCH KITCHEN UPGRADE

We are looking forward to upgrading the church kitchen to commercial standard. This will enable us to fully utilise our facilities, not only for our own church family, but also to better serve the community.

Kelvin's vision is to make the church kitchen available to individuals or groups to produce food for distribution or for sale, either as one-off or as semi-regular events.

To date \$1,500 has been raised towards the estimated cost of around \$3,500. Donations to date total \$950. Thank you!

Another Sausage Sizzle and Christmas Goodies trade table will be held in early December – date TBA. It is not too soon to plan your Christmas baking.

Donations can be placed in an offering box on Sunday (in an envelope suitably marked) or transferred directly to the Church Bank Account with the reference 'Kitchen Upgrade'. For more information chat with Kelvin or Heather.



---

## SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

For those still needing to do the training, there is an opportunity to do so, on Saturday 16 December from 11am – 2:00pm.

It is imperative that everyone at HBC who works with children or vulnerable people and ALL leaders within the church have complete the Safe Church Training by the end of the year.

Leaders include: Pastors, Deacons, Kid's Church and Youth leaders, those involved in the 10am service on a regular basis (those who sing, play instruments, read the Bible, pray, lead the service, welcome people, serve morning tea, and also extends to the Karen community, Vietnamese fellowship... pretty much everyone within the church!

Please talk to Matt or Heather Galloway if you still need this training or have any questions.



---

## DO YOU WANT TO PRAY FOR OUR CITY WITH OTHERS?



*Church Together Tasmania* invites everyone to gather together and pray for Hobart, believing that God will touch the city, making the impossible possible in His name.

Prayer for the City will be at Hobart Baptist Church Hobart Baptist Church on **Wednesday, 29 November**.

All welcome at **7.15am for a 7.30am start**.

---

## GHANAIAN SIERRA LEONE FUNDRAISER SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

**John and Mavis Kamara Ghanaian / Sierra Leone Fundraiser**

Tables of six \$360 or \$70 Per person

**Silent Auction**

**KAMARA'S HEART Foundation**  
REBUILD & EMPOWER

Dress up and bring your favourite bottle of bubbles

All proceeds go to Christmas food hampers for Children and their poor families in Sierra Leone and Ghana.

Pre payment before 25/11/23  
Elle 0449540930

**Sat Dec 2nd, 6pm, 286 Elizabeth St.**

---

## 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**

---

# Praying the Lord's Prayer



## 24 September to 12 November 2023

**T**he Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9-13 is perhaps the most well-known and beloved prayer in the history of the Church. It is the example given by Jesus to his disciples and has been used as a model prayer for Jesus followers all across the world ever since.

The Lord's Prayer does not have special properties, and is not a magic formula, nor does it guarantee we will receive everything we ask for when we pray. However, it is a guide to how to pray in a way that is both meaningful and effective.

Each week we will take a close look at the Lord's Prayer by exploring each of its sections, and asking how it can be applied to our own lives. It is amazing that Jesus fits so much into just a few sentences. As we explore, we will discover how Jesus' model for effective prayer can help us to grow in our relationship with God, with each other and be more effective in our work for the Kingdom.

*Read more below the table*

### Series Schedule – click the sermon title to watch

|   |         |                                  |                                                                            |                   |
|---|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 24 Sept | <a href="#">Ephesians 1:3-10</a> | <a href="#">Introducing the Lord's Prayer</a>                              | Joel Ortiz        |
| 2 | 1 Oct   | <a href="#">Matthew 6:9-13</a>   | <a href="#">Our Father in Heaven</a>                                       | Stephen Baxter    |
| 3 | 8 Oct   | <a href="#">Matthew 6:9-13</a>   | <a href="#">Hallowed Be Your Name</a>                                      | Matt Henderson    |
| 4 | 15 Oct  | <a href="#">Matthew 6:9-13</a>   | <a href="#">Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done</a>                       | Stephen Baxter    |
| 5 | 22 Oct  | <a href="#">Matthew 6:9-13</a>   | <a href="#">Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread</a>                           | Michael Henderson |
| 6 | 29 Oct  | <a href="#">Matthew 6:9-13</a>   | <a href="#">Forgive Us Our Sins As We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us</a> | Matt Henderson    |
| 7 | 5 Nov   | <a href="#">Matthew 6:9-13</a>   | <a href="#">Lead Us Not into Temptation</a>                                | Stephen Baxter    |
| 8 | 12 Nov  | <a href="#">Matthew 6:9-13</a>   | <a href="#">Deliver Us from Evil</a>                                       | Stephen Baxter    |

### September 24: Introducing the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

This week we will begin our exploration of the Lord's Prayer with a broad overview of the prayer looking at its structure and how it is a model for our praying.

### October 1: Our Father in Heaven (Matthew 6:9a)

This week we will explore the meaning of the first line of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father in Heaven," and talk about what it means to call God "Father" and believe that He is in heaven.

### **October 8: Hallowed Be Your Name (Matthew 6:9b)**

This week we will explore the meaning of the second line of the Lord's Prayer, "Hallowed be Your name," and talk about what it means to honour God's name and how we can do that in our lives.

### **October 15: Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done (Matthew 6:10)**

This week we will explore the meaning of the third line of the Lord's Prayer, "Your kingdom come, your will be done," and talk about what it means for God's will to be done both on Earth and in Heaven, and what it means to submit our will to God's will and how we can do that in our lives.

### **October 22: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread (Matthew 6:11)**

This week we will explore the meaning of the fifth line of the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," and talk about what it means to ask God for our daily needs and how we can do that in a way that is both humble and grateful.

### **October 29: Forgive Us Our Sins As We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us (Matthew 6:12)**

This week we will explore the meaning of the sixth line of the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our debts," and talk about what it means to ask God for forgiveness and how we can do that in a way that is both honest and sincere. We will also talk about the importance of extending forgiveness to others.

### **November 5: Lead Us Not into Temptation (Matthew 6:13a)**

This week we will explore the meaning of the seventh line of the Lord's Prayer, "Lead us not into temptation," and talk about what it means to ask God to help us resist temptation and how we can do that in our lives.

### **November 12: Deliver Us from Evil (Matthew 6:13b)**

This week we will explore the meaning of the eighth and final line of the Lord's Prayer, "Deliver us from evil," and talk about what it means to ask God to protect us from evil and how we can do that in our lives.

---

# Seeing Differently



## Guest Speaker: Rev Karen Wilson

**Sunday 19 November 2023**

On Sunday, 19 November we are privileged to have Rev Karen Wilson, the keynote speaker at the **Day of Courage** in Longford, as our guest.

Karen will bring a message based on the story of Elisha and his servant from **2 Kings 6** titled "*Seeing Differently*". Sometimes what is right in front of us needs to be looked at in a different way. It can make all the difference.

### ABOUT KAREN WILSON

Karen is currently the 2020-2025 Global President of Baptist World Alliance Women. She is an ordained Baptist minister in Australia and is currently finishing her Master of Divinity.

She is also the CEO of the Global Leadership Network Australia/New Zealand and the Founding Executive Director of the global Women Leaders Network which currently spans 22 countries. Karen has a strong desire to champion and empower men and women in leadership together.

### BACKGROUND

Karen has spent many years working across many nations and has a strong understanding of cross-cultural ministry. With her faith being the driving motivator, Karen is passionate about her work with the poor and marginalised and is often found in other nations working amongst those in great need.

In the past, Karen has been a schoolteacher, an Executive Minister, a Senior Pastor, a Director for Baptist World Aid Australia and a Board Director for not-for-profit organisations.

As a gifted communicator and author, Karen speaks in a relational and often humorous way that connects with many different audiences. Her passion is in seeing people grow and live life boldly.

Karen has written and published a book "The Inside Story", which explores who we are deep down inside and how to live life truly authentically. ([www.karensinsidestory.com](http://www.karensinsidestory.com)) Having gone on a journey of exploring God's healing amidst a very demanding leadership life, Karen unpacks keys to thriving and leading in a healthy way. She writes in a warm and engaging manner and her story is easily accessible by all who read it.

Married to Mark for 38 years, they have adult children: Daniel (married to Julia) and Katie (married to Hayden). They have recently been blessed with a beautiful little granddaughter, Zoe and grandson, Caleb.

## HBC Members – and Others!



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

### **Annual Members' Meeting – 26 November 2023**

***The Hobart Baptist Church Annual Members' Meeting will be held in the Gibson Hall this Sunday 26 November 2023 following the 10am service and morning tea.***

All welcome and encouraged to attend.

This meeting is an important one in the church calendar, as the church prepares for the coming year. Prayerful consideration by the church family regarding the appointments is important.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

**The following Nominations have been received:-**

##### **Deacons:**

3 year term – David Knox, Celia Munro and Heather Galloway

1 year replacement term – Ben Wagner

##### **Officers:**

Secretary – no nomination

Ass Secretary – Joanna Sinclair

Treasurer – Ben Wagner

Ass Treasurer – Kylie Henderson

##### **Confirmation of Leaders:**

Kids' Church – Tracy Ortiz

Youth Group – Scott Ambrose, Kelvin Smith

Boys' Brigade – Scott Ambrose (Captain) and Kelvin Smith (Chaplain)

##### **Finance Committee:**

Ben Wagner, Kylie Henderson, Heather Galloway, William Maguire and Geoffrey Clarke.

##### **Notification of Appointment:**

– **Pastoral Visitation Coordinator – David Knox**

**Presentation of Financial Report and Statements for 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023**



## HBC General Members' Meeting

A General Members' Meeting will follow on after the Annual Members Meeting.

Agenda Items will include:

- Confirmation of Minutes from the Members' Meetings of 2 July and 10 September 2023.
- Senior Pastor's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report including the Reception of Financial Statements for 1st Quarter, 2023-2024 FY
- Reception of a motion: "To reappoint Matt Henderson as Associate Pastor, 2 days per week, (from 7 February 2024) with annual reviews."
- Application for Church Membership – Jeremiah Ambrose.

Meeting papers will be circulated closer to the meeting.

*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 2023

**Chair:** Scott Ambrose

**Secretary:** Heather Galloway

**Assistant Secretary:** Joanna Sinclair

**Treasurer:** Vacant

**Assistant Treasurer:** Kylie Henderson

**Ex-officio:** Stephen Baxter

**Ordinary Deacons:** Celia Munro; David Needham; Joel Ortiz; Jing Priest