

Church Family News – January 2024



HOBART BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY 28 JANUARY

This Sunday, Scott Ambrose will bring the final message in the *Summer of Psalms* series, focussing on Psalm 138.

SERMON: *Being Kingdom Oriented*

A Q&A session will take place after the sermon. To contribute, text a question to **0491 070 718**.

BIBLE READING: *Psalm 138*

WATCH: *LIVE on YouTube at 10.00am Sunday*

You are welcome to **stay on after the Sunday service** for fellowship over morning tea, including purchasing coffee or other hot drinks from **Esteem**.

AS WELL, take the opportunity to enjoy the **baking sale** during morning tea, raising funds for the Kitchen upgrade.

Both **Kids' Church** and **HBC Youth** are taking a break over the holidays.

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



JANUARY

SUNDAY 28th 10am. Final *Summer of Psalms* service, Scott Ambrose preaching "Kingdom Oriented". Baking sale during morning tea.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 4th 10am New sermon series: *The Main Game – Learning to Live Like Jesus in Hobart* Introduction

TUESDAY 6th 5:30pm BBQ on the Deck! *Luminous Information Night*
See more below.

SUNDAY 11th 10am *The Main Game* Who Am I?

SUNDAY 18th 10am *The Main Game* Where Am I?

SUNDAY 25th 10am *The Main Game* Finding your position on the team

BBQ ON THE DECK!


5:30pm, Tuesday 6th February: Luminous* 2024 Info night – ALL WELCOME!

Come along to hear from the Luminous team and enjoy good food, and refreshing drinks.



Luminous aims to open up conversations on important topics for the people of Hobart. This year's theme is **Sacred Tasmania**. We're diving into the new year with a get together on the deck to hear about Luminous 2024.

* *Luminous is a mid-winter event hosted by Hobart Baptist Church to be held 12 to 23 June.*

 **Bring the Kids:** A short movie will be showing in our kids lounge after the BBQ.

Why You Can't Miss It

Stephen Baxter will share the grand Luminous vision and explain the call for this unique event on the HBC calendar. Find out more about this year's theme "A Sacred Tasmania"; Hobart Baptist's signature *Christmas in Winter* event; all about the Creative Artists and their dreams for this year's event.

Bring all your questions and feedback!

WHEN: Tuesday 6th February

5:30pm BBQ – BYO protein. Salad, bread, sauce and soft drinks provided.

6:30pm Information – About Luminous; Volunteer opportunities; Your questions answered.

Childcare provided (a Christian kid's flick will be shown at 6:30-7:30pm)

7:30pm Dessert and coffee

Please RSVP for catering purposes, by 5pm Friday 2nd February to Matt Henderson or luminous@hobartbaptist.org.au

YOUR PARTICIPATION

This is your opportunity to be part of the team! There are lots of volunteer opportunities to bring your creativity to:

- Music and carols
- Movie, poetry and reading nights
- Hobart Baptist's signature **Christmas in Winter** celebration
- Art/exhibition
- Event Set-up
- Audio/Lighting and Video

SUMMER OF PSALMS SERMON SERIES

Last week on Sunday 28th January

The book of Psalms is a treasury of poetry and song. For this reason, they are deeply precious to many people.

This summer we will hear from some of our community as they reflect on their chosen Psalm in our Summer of Psalms series.

Together we will celebrate the beauty, honesty and rawness of the Psalms.

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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, we have now raised just over \$2,400 towards our goal of \$3,500.

Thank you!

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.



THE MAIN GAME

Sermon series from Sunday 4th February until Sunday 17th March

We begin 2024 with the encouragement to keep **Learning to live like Jesus in Hobart** and put plans in place to keep learning and growing.

For us today in Hobart, this is not just a Sunday thing, but a whole of life — a 7-days-a-week, 24-hours-a-day, undertaking. Every area of our lives, our family, school, work and even our alone time, is impacted by our commitment to be disciples of Jesus.

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KITCHEN FUNDRAISER – WEEKLY BAKING SALE

During morning tea, brownies, cookies, cakes, slices and other snacks will be available.

Cash donations preferred, but Card also accepted on the square machine. 100% profit will go towards the Kitchen Fundraiser!

Talk to Hannah Smith for more info.



WANTED – STUDENT ACCOMODATION

A female student from the NW Coast is moving to Hobart in 2024 for University. Her parents are looking for accommodation for her and would love for her to be housed in a share house with other Christians.

If you are able to assist, or are aware of any accommodation arrangements that might be suitable, please let the secretary know by email – secretary@hobartbaptist.org.au.

They family is affiliated with Life Christian Church in Ulverstone, North West Tas.



‘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

Summer of Psalms



31 December 2023 to 28 January 2024

The book of Psalms is a treasury of poetry and song. They are deeply precious to many people. This summer we are going to hear from some of our community on the Psalms that are meaningful to them. Together we will celebrate the beauty, honesty and rawness of the Psalms.

Series Schedule

Date	Text	Title – Click the link to WATCH on YouTube after release	Speaker
31 Dec 2023	Psalm 65	Looking Back, Looking Forward	Stephen Baxter
7 Jan 2024	Psalm 126	Sowing in tears	Matt Henderson
14 Jan 2024	Psalm 40	The LORD be magnified	Fiona Bradley
21 Jan 2024	Psalm 19	The LORD our Rock and Redeemer	Jeremiah Ambrose
28 Jan 2024	Psalm 138	Kingdom Oriented	Scott Ambrose

The Main Game



Learning to Live like Jesus in Hobart

4 February to 17 March 2024

A key focus of being part of HBC is **Learning to live like Jesus in Hobart**. Jesus constantly called people to “Follow me” (Matt 4:19). Following Jesus meant putting into practice what he taught. It wasn’t an easy thing to do. Jesus told the crowds that; “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34).

The cross was a symbol of death. Jesus called people to give up their personal agendas, expectations and hopes, and join with his kingdom agenda. When we are able to do this in our daily lives we are able to access a more fulfilling and complete life.

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Read more below the table ...

Date	Topic orange = video link	Suggested Readings	Speaker
4 February	The Fruitful Life	John 15:1-8	Stephen Baxter
11 February	Who Am I?	1 Corinthians 12:4-20 , Jeremiah 29:11	Stephen Baxter
18 February	Where Am I?	Proverbs 19:21 , Jeremiah 29:11	Stephen Baxter
25 February	Finding Your Position on the Team	Romans 12:4-8 , 1 Corinthians 12:4-20	Matt Henderson
3 March	The Timeout	Hebrews 10:24-25 , 1 Corinthians 14:26-39	Michael Henderson
10 March	Practice & Training	2 Timothy 1:7 , Proverbs 12:1 , 1 Corinthians 9:24-27	
17 March	Winning Culture	Acts 2:42-47 , 1 Corinthians 12:4-20	

Jesus Followers Gathering Together – Huddles

When Jesus followers get together, whether it is on a Sunday in a larger group, or during the week in smaller groups, they come for instruction, support and encouragement for living out our calling in the context God has placed on our lives with ongoing creativity.

It’s a bit like time out in a basketball game or a half time coach’s address for football team.

A time out is often an important opportunity to find rest, to encourage each other and to receive instructions from their coach. The time out is not the main game, but it is very important. When we are a part of a church community it can be easy to fall into thinking that what we do on Sunday mornings is the main game.

But the truth is that our Sunday service is intended more as a time out. The main game is played out in our everyday lives; at our workplace, around our dinner table and when we do life together with our family, friends, colleagues and peers.

When we come together as a church community, we are having a time out from the main game. It is our opportunity for finding rest and encouragement, to receive instruction for living, and for taking time to remember and worship our God.

But how is the main game of life going?

On a basketball team, like most teams, people have positions they play. Teams need to support and encourage each other. Teams need to communicate well and value the contribution each person plays.

Our church community is called to do these same things. We each have a context and a calling on our lives. We all have work to do. We all need to be valued and encouraged.

Over the next few weeks, we are going to be looking at how we are travelling in these areas as a community. We will be looking at how we can support each other in the main game of living life Jesus, and how we can get the most out of our time outs.
