

Church Family News – February 2024



HOBART BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

The **Main Game** sermon series continues this Sunday as Pastor Matt Henderson encourages you to learn to live like Jesus in Hobart.

SERMON: "The Time Out"

As usual, a Q&A session will take place after the sermon and you can SMS questions during the sermon to: 0491 070 718.

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 14:26-39

WATCH: LIVE on YouTube at 10.00am Sunday

Morning tea will follow the service and you are welcome to **stay on afterwards** for fellowship, including purchasing coffee or other hot drinks from **Esteem**.

Kids' Church and **HBC Youth** will be ON!

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

PLEASE NOTE: To contribute to Connector and Church Family News for any Sunday, please email connector@hobartbaptist.org.au no later than 5pm the Wednesday prior.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 25th 10am *The Main Game* "The Time Out"

TUESDAY 27th 10:30am-12pm Ladies' Coffee at Esteem.

MARCH

SUNDAY 3rd 10am Michael Henderson continues *The Main Game*

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY 5th-6th Tas Baptists Pastors' and Leaders' Muster, hosted at HBC

WEDNESDAY 6th 1.30pm Soundy Lounge: Launch of the **Frank W. Boreham College**

SUNDAY 10th 10am *The Main Game* continues

MONDAY 11th 8-Hour Day Public Holiday

SUNDAY 17th 10am *The Main Game* concludes

SUNDAY 24th 10am Harmony Sunday; Church Members' Meeting

FRIDAY 29th 9:30am Good Friday Service

SUNDAY 31st 10am Easter Sunday

FOR YOUR FRIDGE DOOR!

Did you receive your 3-month HBC Calendar?

Don't forget to pick up a copy this week, or [download here](#) >

What's Happening . . .
... in our Church Life, February - April 2024

FEBRUARY 4 <i>The Main Game</i> begins 6 5:30-8pm Luminous 24 Info Night 11 Kids' Church resumes 12 Regatta Day 16 Boys' Brigade resumes 18 Youth resumes	MARCH 11 8-Hour Day 24 Harmony Sunday Church Members' Meeting (TBC) 29 Good Friday 31 Easter Sunday	APRIL 7 <i>People of Peace</i> begins 25 ANZAC Day	SERMON SERIES Until 17 March <i>The Main Game</i> 24 March Harmony Day 29 and 31 March Easter 7 April to 12 May <i>People of Peace</i>	WEEKLY Kids' Church Youth (except 2nd Sundays) Fridays: Boys' Brigade	MONTHLY 3rd Monday 10am HBC Men's Group 2nd Thur/4th Tues 10:30am HBC Ladies Coffee
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HOBART BAPTIST CHURCH

FRIENDSHIP GROUPS AT ESTEEM

REPEAT! 10:30-11:30am Thursday 29 February Due to popular demand Margaret Eldridge's story-telling is to be repeated.

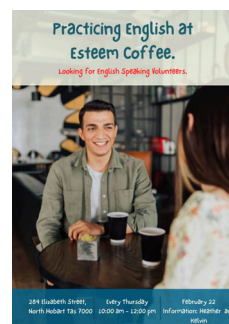
11.30-midday Thursday 29 February Kelvin will also share a little of his experience particularly related to employment .

Kelvin is turning his attention to making the Esteem space busy! One initiative is to start groups, meeting on a weekday between 8am and 2pm around a discussion or an activity.

Please contact Kelvin if you would like to anchor a group. He can assist with advertising for you.

The first group to begin is **English Conversation**.

- ANYONE IS WELCOME!
- Pili (a Columbian young lady) is helping to set it up.
- **A 5-week trial began last Thursday 22 February. Thursday mornings, 10am – midday.**
- There will be a topic for each day, but flexible and friendly.
- We need volunteers at this stage – English speakers, to help facilitate. It can be different people each week. Two people each week would be ideal.



Email Kelvin if you are interested or have ideas for other groups: kelvin@citynetworks.org.au

LUMINOUS* 2024

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

Luminous aims to open up conversations on important topics for the people of Hobart. This year's theme is **Sacred Tasmania**.

A great crowd gathered recently to share delicious food, enjoy fellowship, and hear from the Luminous team about plans for 2024.

Stephen Baxter shared the grand Luminous vision and explained our call to this unique event.

Questions and feedback were received – there are plenty of good ideas to explore as a result.



IT ISN'T TOO LATE TO PARTICIPATE!

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

To offer your ideas and suggestions please talk to Stephen Baxter, or email luminous@hobartbaptist.org.au

THE MAIN GAME

Sermon series from Sunday 4 February until Sunday 17 March

Let's keep **Learning to live like Jesus in Hobart** (one of HBC's Values) 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.

[READ MORE >](#)



LADIES COFFEE MORNINGS

10:30am to 12pm, twice/month

Ladies' Coffee returns for 2024, with a new schedule on the 2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday every month.

All women are welcome for morning tea and a catch up at Esteem Coffee. Why not invite a friend or neighbour to come along as well?

2024 Dates for your diary

February: Tuesday 27th

July: Thursday 11th; Tuesday 23rd

March: Thursday 14th; Tuesday 26th

August: Thursday 8th; Tuesday 27th

April: Thursday 11th; Tuesday 23rd

September: Thursday 12th; Tuesday 24th

May: Thursday 9th; Tuesday 28th

October: Thursday 10th; Tuesday 22nd

June: Thursday 13th; Tuesday 25th

November: Thursday 14th; Tuesday 26th



CHURCH KITCHEN UPGRADE

THANK YOU! We have now reached target! Woohoo!

A huge thank you to Hannah Smith for all her baking, and Warren Robertson for his sausage sizzles. And thanks to the many who contributed significantly with donations, both large and small.

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.



TITHES, GIFTS 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

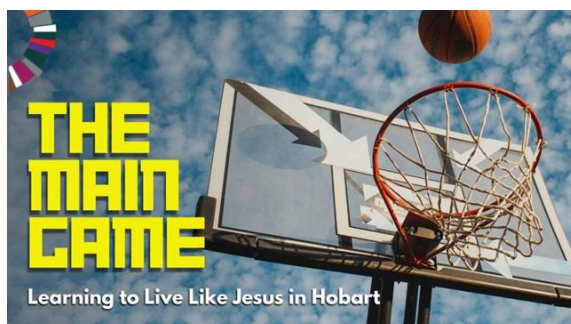
We thank all who give faithfully on a regular basis, as without this support we would not be able to operate. Your offerings support our budget: and through that it enables the church to continue to be an important part of the North Hobart landscape and the place from where we can prophetically serve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

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.

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.

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.

Read more below the table ...

Date	Topic (orange text = video link)	Suggested Readings	Speaker
4 February	The Fruitful Life	John 15:1-8	Stephen Baxter
11 February	Your Call	Romans 12:3-8	Stephen Baxter
18 February	Remain	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	Stephen Baxter
25 February	The Time Out	1 Corinthians 14:26-39	Matt Henderson
3 March	The Main Game and Creativity	1 Corinthians 13:1-8	Michael Henderson
10 March		2 Timothy 1:7, Proverbs 12:1, 1 Corinthians 9:24-27	Matt Henderson
17 March	Series Conclusion	Acts 2:42-47, 1 Corinthians 12:4-20	Stephen Baxter

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.
