

## Church Family News – April 2024



### HOBART BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY 28 APRIL

Please come on Sunday at 10am, to worship together and encourage one another. During the service, **Matt Henderson** will bring the next message in the current sermon series: *People of Peace*.

#### **SERMON:** *Peace in Relationships*

A Q&A session will take place after the sermon.

During the sermon you are invited to SMS questions to: 0491 070 718.

**BIBLE READING:** **Romans 12:17-22**

**YOUNG PEOPLE:** **Kids' Church** and **HBC Youth** are in recess for the school holidays. Back next week!

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

**MORNING TEA:** Enjoy fellowship over Morning Tea following the service, including the option to buy hot drinks from Esteem.

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

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



Do you need PASTORAL VISITATION? David Knox is keen to catch up!  
Please have a chat with him, or email, to make a time: [dknoxhome@bigpond.com](mailto:dknoxhome@bigpond.com)

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



#### APRIL

*Operation Christmas Child* – Collecting personal hygiene items.  
See details below.

**SUNDAY 28th** 10am *People of Peace*; Matt Henderson

#### MAY

**SUNDAY 5th** 10am *People of Peace*; Stephen Baxter

**SATURDAY 11th** 9am-12pm *Church Working Bee*. More details below

11th 9:30am *Tas Baptist Assembly*, Longford

11th 3pm *St Davids Cathedral* 150 Year celebration concert

**SUNDAY 12th** 10am *People of Peace*; preacher TBC

**SUNDAY 19th** 10am *Kelvin Smith*

**SUNDAY 26th** 10am *Luminous and a Sacred Tasmania*; Stephen Baxter

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## PEOPLE OF PEACE

**Sermon series from Sunday 14 April until 12 May.**

We live in a world that seems full of conflict and unrest, yet Jesus promises that those who work to build peace will be blessed ([Matthew 5:9](#)).

It is often thought that peacekeeping and peace-making are the same thing, but they are not. Peace is not the absence of conflict. Instead, peace is working through conflict together.

How do we find that peace and how do we share it with the world around us? How do we live well in a troubled world and a conflicted culture? We do it by being people of peace.



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## SUPPORT ELEKTRA!

To help Ellie achieve her goal of raising \$400 for Canteen Australia, [CLICK HERE >](#)



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## CHURCH WORKING BEE

Coming up in just two weeks, the next Church Working Bee will be a great morning to gather, work hard together, and do a big clean-up!

**WHEN:** 9am-12pm, Saturday 11 May 2024 – come when you can, for as long as you can make it!

**WHO:** Anyone who is part of HBC and Sanctuaries, children too.

**JOBS:** Washing windows, Dusting, Deep-clean bathrooms, Steam-clean carpets – and a whole lot more.



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## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Average weekly offerings in:

January \$1,969 pw

February \$1,802 pw

March \$1,515 pw

And for the 3 months: \$1,761 pw compared to the budget figure of \$2,223 pw.

The figures for the 9 months ended 31 March are currently being reviewed by the Finance Committee. There is not a lot of fat in the budget, but with offerings continuing to track below the target figure, it may be necessary to reduce some expenditure.

Ben Wagner

Treasurer, Hobart Baptist Church

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## FRIENDSHIP GROUPS AT ESTEEM

**English Conversation is on hold for now!**

### Adult Colouring

- **Friday mornings**
- COME AND ENJOY SOME DOWN TIME!
- Hosted by Karen Conway and Celia Munro

### Discussion Group

- **Fortnightly on Tuesdays, 1pm**
- Free and open discussion about how to be a follower of Jesus in today's world
- Members of the discussion group invite others to join!
- Next meeting Tuesday 7 May
- For more info, talk to William Maguire



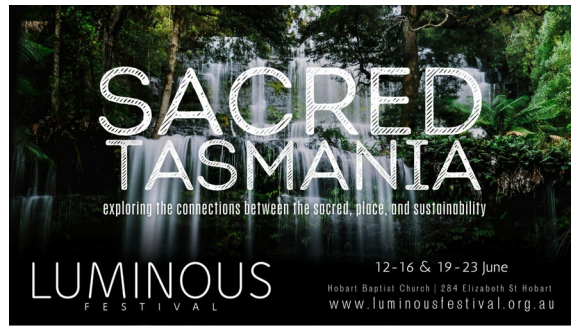
Email Kelvin if you are interested or have ideas for other groups: [kelvin@citynetworks.org.au](mailto:kelvin@citynetworks.org.au)

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## LUMINOUS\* 2024

**SACRED TASMANIA ~ Exploring the connections between the sacred, place and sustainability**

\* *Luminous* is a mid-winter event hosted by Hobart Baptist Church to be held 12-16; 19-23 June.



Luminous aims to open up conversations on important topics for the people of Hobart. This year's theme is **Sacred Tasmania** – *An exploration of the link between Tasmanian place, the sacred, and sustainability.*

**You are invited to participate!** This is your opportunity to be part of the team. There are lots of volunteer opportunities:

- 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](mailto:luminous@hobartbaptist.org.au)

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## SHOEBOX ITEMS, APRIL

Hobart Baptist are again supporting the **Operation Christmas Child** program during 2024.

Every Sunday, there will be a red tub available near the kitchen entrance for your donations – both gifts and cash donations are welcome!

It's April and we are collecting items for personal hygiene. No liquids please! (The possibility of leakage, ruining many boxes, is too high.)

- Soap
- Face washer
- Toothbrush
- Hairbrush
- Comb
- Scrunchies, hair clips



In October there will be a shoebox packing day held in the Soundy Lounge. And what a fun day that will be! Or, if you prefer, why not take a box or two home and pack them yourself?

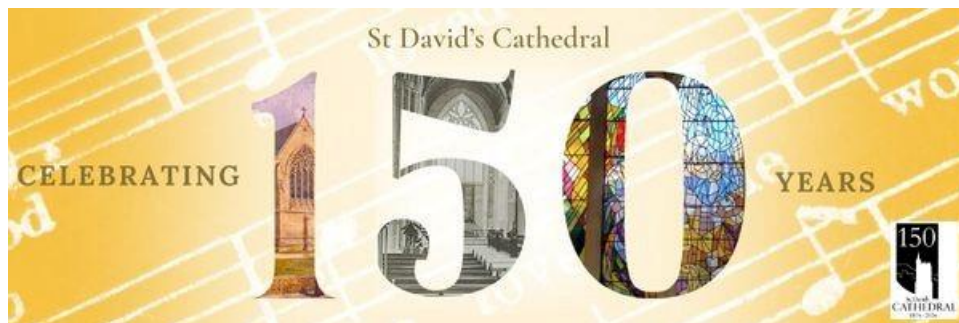
Please see Kylie Henderson or Celia Munro for more info.

[Here are some ideas for gifts >](#)

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## INVITATION – 150TH CELEBRATION CONCERT

Free admission, with bookings via [Humanitix >](#) | 3pm Saturday 11 May 2024



This year St David's Cathedral is celebrating 150 years since its consecration in 1874 and we are delighted to present a very special Sesquicentenary Celebration Concert.

Featuring the Choir of St David's Cathedral with guest choristers, the Argyle Orchestra, solo voices and organ, conducted by the Cathedral's Director of Music, Thomas Rimes. The programme includes numerous masterpieces from the Anglican Cathedral repertoire, such as Parry's *I was glad*, Handel's *Zadok the Priest* and other works by Mozart, Schubert, Vaughan Williams and Stanford.

Donations to support the Cathedral's Music Ministry are welcome.

We do hope that you can join us for this very special musical event.

Yours sincerely,

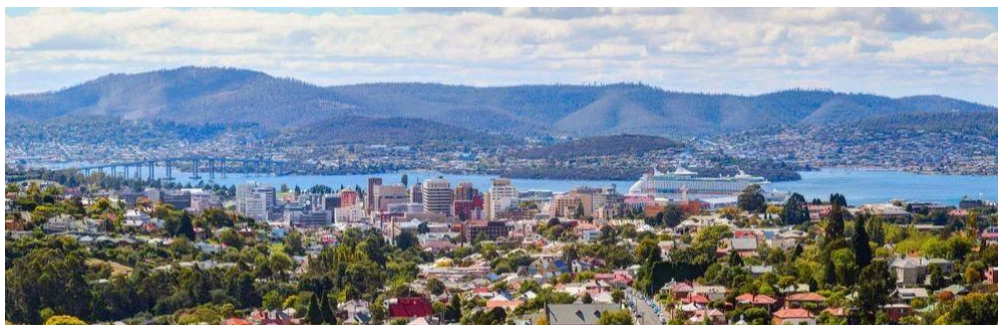
The Very Reverend Richard Humphrey

*Dean of Hobart*

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## CITY PRAYER

Read about the recent City Prayer event, and prayer points for our city: [HBC Prayer page >](#)



## Details for 2024 dates

7.15am for 7.30am.

City Prayer: Finish 8.30am | City Breakfasts: Finish 8.30am

**29th May** – – Your Church (29 Charles St, Moonah)

**26th June** – Your Church (29 Charles St, Moonah)

**31st July** – **Hobart Baptist** (282 Elizabeth St. Nth Hobart)

**28th August** – BREAKFAST (details coming)

**25th September** – Hobart City Church of Christ (8 Goulburn St, Hobart)



30th October – Hobart Baptist (282 Elizabeth St. Nth Hobart)

27th November – Hobart City Church of Christ (8 Goulburn St, Hobart)

Let's come together and pray for our city – knowing that ALL things are possible in Him.

Pastor Dave Morse, *Your Church Moonah*.

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## DINNER TOGETHER

Let's get Baptists across Hobart together for a meal and fellowship!

Next opportunity is Friday 31 May 2024

The plan is to have a monthly dinner with people who live near you from Citywide, Hobart and Claremont Baptist Churches.

This is a chance to meet with people from different backgrounds, ages and churches that you would normally meet, and connect with people you are likely to meet at the local post office or shopping centre.

To participate, or volunteer to host, head to the organiser's, [Citywide Baptist website >](#)



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## MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT HBC



*Serving others to serve God*

The idea of serving at church was encouraged by [Matt Henderson during his sermon >](#) .

Everybody has unique God-given skills and talents, and they help change the world around you. At Hobart Baptist, there are serving opportunities to fit your skills and your schedule!

Have you prayed about your involvement yet? To sign up talk to Matt or [CLICK HERE >>>](#) to find out more and sign up.

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## 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**

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# People of Peace



## Learning to Live like Jesus in Hobart

14 APRIL TO 12 MAY 2024

Scroll down to the table for YouTube links each sermon. Or head straight to our [YouTube channel](#)>

**W**e live in a world which is becoming increasingly polarised. Agreement and consensus are hard to build, and it often seems conflict is permeating our political and cultural discourse to such a degree it is hard to do community well.

**Jesus is in the peace business.** Peace is a major biblical theme. Jesus promises that those who work to build peace will be blessed ([Matthew 5:9](#)). It is often thought that peacekeeping and peacemaking are the same thing, but they are not. Peace is not the absence of conflict. Instead, peace is working through conflict together.

- How do we love people who we are in conflict with?
- How do we disagree well?
- How do we work toward peace in our local community during a time where we seem to be becoming increasingly divided?
- How do we work for peace on an international level?
- Paul writes that followers of Jesus should seek to live in peace with everyone ([Romans 12:17](#)). But how is this possible?
- What do we do if others wrong us?

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.

*Romans 12:17 (NIV)*

**In 2024, peace feels both urgent and far off.** But Jesus has promised his followers peace ([John 14:27](#)). How do we find that peace and how do we share it with the world around us? How do we live well in a troubled world and a conflicted culture? We do it by being people of peace.



Date	Topic (orange text: link available to watch)	Suggested Readings	Speaker
14 April	<b>SACRED PEACE</b> Can we reach it? Peace can often feel far off.	<a href="#">John 14:27</a>	Matt Henderson
21 April	<b>PEACE WITH YOURSELF</b> Jesus loves you enough to die for you. But how do you feel about you?	<a href="#">Galatians 5:1-12</a>	Jeremiah Ambrose
28 April	<b>PEACE IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS</b> How to manage tension and conflict with the people we love	<a href="#">Romans 12:17-21</a>	Matt Henderson
5 May	<b>PEACE IN THE CHURCH</b> How to manage tension and conflict lovingly in a church community	Matthew 5:9, Ephesians 4:1-16	Stephen Baxter
12 May	<b>PEACE IN OUR WORLD</b> How to work toward peace in the world around us as ambassadors for the Kingdom	Matthew 5:9, Romans 12:17-21	

Sermon Plan 14 April to 12 May

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