Church Family News – July 2025

THIS SUNDAY, 27 JULY

Come along at 10am this Sunday to worship, sing, pray and encourage one another, and in particular, our two young speakers, Ryan Conway and Hyland Smith who will continue the Matthew *Future Kingdom NOW* series.

Have you connected with the mid-week Bible Study?

SERMON: The Dangers of Poor Leadership
BIBLE READING: Matthew 23:2-12, Matthew 24:34-35, 42-47

WATCH: LIVE on YouTube at 10.00am Sunday

YOUNG PEOPLE: Kids' Church, Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade have resumed for term 3.

MORNING TEA: Morning Tea will be on in the Soundy Lounge, with hot drinks also available for purchase from Esteem. ALL WELCOME!

PASTOR ON LEAVE: Matt, our Pastor, is on leave from 20 July until 9 August. We pray that this will be a time of rest and renewal for Matt. During this time, any questions can be directed to our Elders, Joel Ortiz and Kelvin Smith.

CHECKOUT: The latest Tasmanian Baptists news reCharge.

- "The most important five percent" by Maddy Svoboda, and
- Episode 5 of Matt Garvin's tour of Tassie – Latrobe, Devonport, Ulverstone, Penguin

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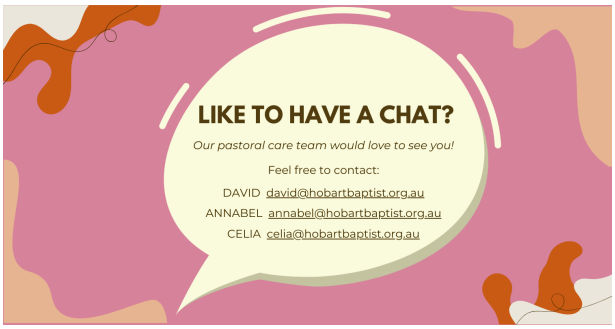

HBC ROOM USE OR HIRE: For enquiries regarding room use/hire, please email Connie Sim (connie@hobartbaptist.org.au).

PLEASE NOTE: To contribute to Connecter and Church Family News for any Sunday, please email connecter@hobartbaptist.org.au no later than 9am the Wednesday prior.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY
SUNDAY 27th 10am Service. *Matthew: Future Kingdom Now* series continues.
Kids' Church, Boys' and *Girls' Brigade* resume for term 3.
THURSDAY 31st 9:30am *Ba Ba Sheep Playgroup* in Gibson Hall.

AUGUST
SATURDAY 2nd 2pm. David and Dorothy's Wedding at HBC- ALL INVITED
SUNDAY 3rd 10am Service. *Matthew: Future Kingdom Now* series continues.
THURSDAY 7th 9:30am *Ba Ba Sheep Playgroup* in Gibson Hall.
SUNDAY 10th 10am Service. *Matthew: Future Kingdom Now* series concludes.
Special Church Members' Meeting immediately after the Service. See below.

MATTHEW: FUTURE KINGDOM. NOW BIBLE STUDY

In conjunction with the current sermon series our Elders, Kelvin and Joel, are offering an opportunity for a mid-week Bible study to discuss the Sunday message. You can attend either in-person at HBC or via zoom.

WHEN: 7-8pm Wednesdays.
MORE INFO: kelvin@ai.org.au

To read more about the series CLICK HERE >>>

WEDDING BELLS!

We're delighted that David and Dorothy are getting married, and we pray God's richest blessings on them both!

David and Dorothy are **inviting the whole church family** to come and celebrate with them, if you can, on the day.

Saturday 2 August 2025 at 2:00pm

In the tabernacle, followed by Afternoon Tea in the Soundy Lounge.

SPECIAL MEMBERS' MEETING

There will be a short Special Members' Meeting immediately **after the 10am service on 10 August 2025** to consider two applications for membership of HBC.

- A transfer of membership for Eveline Wagner, from Penguin Baptist Church. and
- An application for membership by Agud Ochall. (Mama Agud)

MARRIAGE COURSE

The Alpha "Marriage Course" at Hobart Baptist Church began on Wednesday 25 June with a Date Night.

13 couples, all at different stages of their marriages, are taking advantage of this opportunity to strengthen their relationship.

Please pray for all the participants as they continue this course on Zoom, and then as they come together again for a Celebration Dessert and Coffee Night – Wednesday, 20 August.

Questions? Contact: Jo Sinclair (0401 297 151), joanna@hobartbaptist.org.au

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

During 2025, Hobart Baptist Church is again supporting the mission outreach Operation Christmas Child. We will collect donations until September, with a packing day in October.

As underlined by state leader Amanda Towns when she spoke recently, every box is a Gospel opportunity, impacting not just the children but also their families and communities.

During July we will collect cuddly toys for the children – AKA "Something to Love"!
Here are some ideas:

- Teddy bear
- Dolls
- Cuddly soft toys

We also accept financial donations to go towards the shipping costs of $12.50 per box.

For further information please speak to Celia or Kylie who will be happy to answer your queries.

SMALL GROUPS AT HBC

Youth & Young Adults

The Youth & Young Adults group (aged 16-25) meets on **Saturday nights** at HBC, 6-7:30pm.
Speak to Jeremiah Ambrose for more info.

Men's Discussion Group

You are welcome to join the very lively group of gentlemen who meet at the church on the **third Monday (21 July)** of each month at 10.00am. For further information contact Geoffrey Clarke 03 6244 8838.

Ladies Coffee Morning

Ladies welcome to join the monthly Thursday morning coffee catch ups. These are held on the **2nd Thursday** of the month from 10:30am-12midday at HBC.

Weekly Prayer at HBC

Thursday night prayer time at HBC weekly from 6-7pm at HBC, continues in 2025. **Thursdays, 6-7pm** at HBC.

This is an opportunity to come together, in prayer, as we seek to discern God's will for the church in the months and years ahead.

Hope to see you there!

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

Matthew Series

Matthew: Future Kingdom, Now

6 JULY TO 10 AUGUST 2025

Continued from FROM 7 July to 3 November 2024

Head straight to our YouTube channel> to see replays.

As we read through Matthew, we find Jesus establishing a ‘New Thing’ as he proclaims and shares about the Kingdom of God and challenges us to have a bigger idea of God and also lays out an agenda of what it means to follow and serve God in this world.

Matthew records only a small percentage of the things Jesus said and did. The carefully crafted text shows a clear transition from a culture wrapped up in a discussion about ‘the kingdom of Israel’ to Jesus discussing ‘the kingdom of heaven’.

As we work through this book together, we will be looking for indicators that God is doing a new thing, and that the kingdom of heaven will include ‘gentiles’, people from all over the world, and not just be for Jewish people.

We will also be asking questions such as; how is Jesus’ teaching new and different to what was in the culture around him? Why does Jesus use stories to teach about the kingdom of heaven? Why not teach about it more plainly? We will observe how the Scribes and Pharisees respond to Jesus’ message about this kingdom of heaven and contrast their response with the response of others in the culture.

Matthew is an account of revolutionary change. Jesus has come to change the world. As we journey through this book, it is an opportunity to reflect on what the revolutionary and disruptive message of Jesus means for us in the city of Hobart, and how we can better align ourselves with Jesus.

Date	Message Orientation	Passage	Teachers
6 July	Where Are We Up To?	Matthew 1-16	Kelvin
13 July	The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant	Matthew 17:1-8, Matthew 18:21-35	Matt
20 July	Invitation to a Heavenly Community	Matthew 22:1-15	Kelvin
27 July	– Leaders are Accountable – Coming to grips with the Consequences	Matthew 23:2-12 Matthew 24:34-35, 42-47	Ryan Hyland
3 August	Living with Confidence in an Uncertain World	Matthew 25:31-40	Kelvin
10 August	– We Need to be 'All in' Like Jesus – Make disciples of all Nations	Matthew 26- 28	Matt Kelvin