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# HOBART BAPTIST CHURCH

## The Gratitude Effect

**Dear Hobart Baptist Church Family**

September has given us much to celebrate. Earlier in the month, Boys' Brigade, a ministry of HBC for decades, led our service. We were especially blessed to baptise Khiem together.

Throughout September, in our "**Welcome to the Family**" series, we explored family as a place of learning, growth and renewal. We reflected on our shared calling to follow Christ through discipleship, maturing in faith, and considering ways to broaden and strengthen our mission.

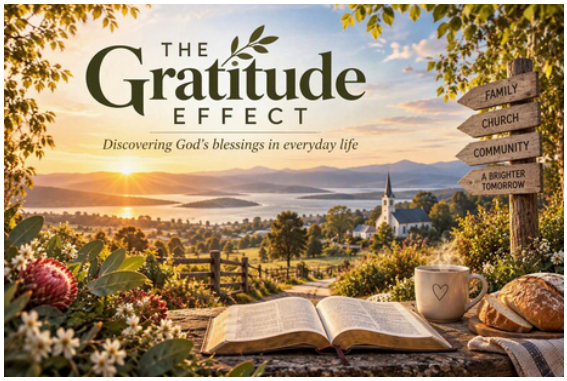
During this time, we have also continued the important work of bringing our Safe Church compliance up to date. Thank you to everyone who has contributed with care, initiative and perseverance. While not always easy, this work helps ensure our community remains safe and meets government requirements.

Looking towards October, our Family Fun Day offers a wonderful mission opportunity as we welcome many community members and friends. Alongside the table tennis tournament, we anticipate chess, Uno, cards, Christmas decoration making, food, cupcake decorating, music, piano and jam sessions and possibly an animal or two in the building! There is room for everyone to participate, help and belong.

I feel deeply blessed to share this journey of faith with you. Please continue to keep Pastor Matt in your prayers.

Kelvin

**Kelvin Smith**
Interim Pastor
Hobart Baptist Church




## SERMONS October 2026

- **4 October** 🍷 The Gift of Creation: *Kelvin Smith*, Genesis 1-2
- **11 October** The Privilege of This Moment: *Kelvin Smith*, Psalms 139
- **18 October** 🍷 Gratefulness for Amazing Grace: *Joel Tabada,* Isaiah 53
- **25 October** Thankfulness for Christ's Family: *Hyland Smith* , Philemon

🍷 Communion service

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**IMPORTANT:** Contribute to October's Connecter by **5pm** on the **Friday 23 October** by emailing Mae: *connecter@hobartbaptist.org.au.*

**Nearly every story has more details! Check the latest Church Family News at hobartbaptistchurch.org.au/news**

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# October Calendar

- **Sat 3 October** 9am-3pm *Kamara's Heart Cafe*
  3pm-6pm Creating Spaces, Soundy Lounge and Dinner afterwards
- **Sun 4 October** 10am service
- **Thu 8 October** 10:30am *Ladies Coffee Morning,* Esteem Cafe
- **Sat 10 October** 10am-2pm *Church Family Fun Day*
- **Sun 11 October** 10am service with ***Jan Yawan***
- **Sat 17 October** 9am-3pm *Kamara's Heart Cafe*
  7pm HBC Youth, Gibson Hall
- **Sun 18 October** 10am service, followed by Church Family Lunch Together
- **Mon 19 October** 10am *Men's Discussion Group*
- **Sat 24 October** 7pm *HBC Youth*, Gibson Hall
- 10am–3pm *EmpowHer Day of Abundance*, Riverlands, 159 Wellington Street, Longford
- **Sun 25 October** 10am service followed by Shoebox Packing

# Farewell Betty Owens

Betty Owens passed away peacefully at the Queen Victoria Home on Wednesday 23 September, aged 96. Betty and Keith Owens moved to Hobart from Townsville with their young family in 1964 and became members at HBC.

Betty was a very faithful church member and will be remembered for her piano playing and faithfulness in praying for others. Sadly declining health prevented Betty from attending church in recent years, but her love of her Lord never waned.

**The funeral service for Betty will take place on Wednesday 7 October at 2:30pm**
**Philip Stephens Chapel (7th Day Adventist Church)**
**28 Riawena Road, Rosny.**

# The Gratitude Effect

This month, our sermon series, ***The Gratitude Effect***, continues following its introduction by Jo in September. Together, we'll explore how a lifestyle of gratitude transforms our hearts, strengthens our faith and deepens our relationships. As we reflect on God's blessings in creation, daily life and the saving grace of Jesus Christ, we'll discover how thankfulness brings joy, hope and renewal.

# Safe Spaces Training

As a church community, we are called to care for one another with love and integrity. Safe Spaces is an essential part of this commitment, helping us create a culture where everyone feels protected, respected and valued. Together, we share the responsibility of ensuring our church remains a safe and welcoming place for all.

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# CHURCH FAMILY UPDATE AND PRAYER

## Serving Together as a Church Family

September has been a month of encouragement, celebration and faithful service as we have continued to grow together as God's family. Throughout the month, we have seen many examples of people using their gifts, supporting one another and pointing each other to Christ. We thank God for His continued provision and for the privilege of serving alongside one another in His church.

A special highlight was our Father's Day celebration, where we honoured and gave thanks for the fathers, grandfathers and father figures who faithfully care for and support their families. Brother Joel shared an encouraging message based on the acronym **D.A.D.: Daily Provision, Faithful Advice and Godly Discipline.** His message reminded us of the important role fathers play in reflecting God's love through their care, wisdom and guidance. Most importantly, we were pointed to the incredible love of our Heavenly Father, who sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for our sins so that we might be welcomed into His family and experience the hope of eternal life.

We were also greatly encouraged during our **Boys' Brigade Service.** It was a joy to celebrate with Khiem as he publicly declared his faith through baptism, taking this important step of obedience in his walk with Christ. In addition, three of our Boys' Brigade members courageously delivered messages during the service. Their willingness to stand before the congregation, share God's Word and speak about their faith was a wonderful encouragement to all in attendance. Seeing these young men serve the Lord reminded us that God continues to raise up the next generation to know Him, follow Him and lead others in faith.

Another blessing this month was the success of our Christmas Lunch fundraising efforts. Through the generosity of our church family, funds were raised through the sale of homemade treats, jewellery and succulents. We are deeply grateful to everyone who donated, volunteered, prepared items and supported the fundraiser. It was a wonderful example of God's people working together with joyful and generous hearts.

We also thank God for everyone who faithfully serves across the ministries of our church and for those who gather each Sunday to worship, pray and encourage one another. Your faithfulness strengthens our fellowship and contributes greatly to the life of our church family. We continue to pray for those who are unwell, recovering from illness or facing difficult circumstances, asking the Lord to grant them comfort, healing, strength and peace.

As we look ahead, may we continue serving together with thankful hearts, growing in faith and love through Jesus Christ and giving all honour, glory and praise to God for every blessing and every opportunity to serve Him.

## Family Fun Day

**Saturday 10 October, 10am – 2pm**

**Family Fun Day** is all about connecting, belonging and having fun together. Explore some of the activities we're considering below:

🐾 Animals - Dogs / Fish / Rabbit
🎂 Cake decorating
🍲 Cooking something delicious together
🎵 Music Jam Session
Piano Recital
🏓 Table Tennis Tournament
🎲 Board games
✨ Other

**Together in faith, friendship and fun.**

# Kamara's Heart Café

**9am-3pm Saturdays 3 and 17 October**

**John Kamara** and his family treat all comers to delicious home made treats using the Esteem Coffee Lounge facilities.

This Café is dedicated to supporting children and their families in Africa.

**To browse and order meals,** use this WhatsApp link: **https://www.wa.me/c/61425474496**

**Or call/SMS to order:**
0425 474 496

# EmpowHer Day Of Abundance

**Be Filled Beyond Measure!**

*Be encouraged toward your God-given potential at this special one-day gathering. Enjoy the company of other women, share delicious food, hear inspiring teaching and head home refreshed and renewed.*

*This is a statewide event - invite your girlfriends, co-workers, family members and even your next-door neighbour! To order invitation postcards, email* ***empowher@tasbaptists.org.au***

**WHERE** Riverlands, 159 Wellington Street, Longford
**WHEN** Saturday 24 October 2026 | 9:30 for 10am–3pm
**COST** Includes morning tea, lunch and materials

**$75 LATE until** 23 October 2026
Scan the **QR code** to register.

# Operation Christmas Child

**Shoebox Packing Day**

On **Sunday, 25 October,** after the service, we'll come together to pack shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Since March, our church family has faithfully contributed items each month and this special day is an opportunity to see those donations come together to bring hope, joy and practical love to children around the world. Volunteers are warmly invited to help with packing and preparation. We'd love you to be part of it.

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