

Next Sunday at Riverside

Next Sunday at Riverside we have another special event with the children's nativity service. This will also start at 11am and we will be turning the whole of church into Bethlehem. Please bring picnic rugs and cushions. You're going to want to be comfortable as we sit out on the hills minding our sheep! (There will be chairs available for any retired shepherds!!!). We hope that this week-end the weather will be kind enough for us to share together after the service with a BBQ on the grounds.

This Week at Riverside

Monday	11th Dec	Alpha	11.30am-1pm
Tuesday	12th Dec	Bubbles Baby & Toddlers	9.30am - 2pm
Wednesday	13th Dec	Bubbles Baby & Toddlers	9.30am - 2pm
Thursday	14th Dec	Café and Play Café	9am - 2pm
		Prayer Meeting	6:30pm
Friday	15th Dec	Café and Play Café	9am - 2pm
Saturday	16th Dec		
Sunday	17th Dec	Nativity Service	11am - 12noon
		Riverside Together BBQ	12noon
		Carols on the Riverside	6:30pm

Thank You

Over the last two years Wayne and Jan Sanders have run the Wednesday Splash Family Life Group. They have decided it is time to pass this ministry on to someone else and I just want to thank them for all their hard work and devotion to this Life Group. I know that what they have achieved has embedded the culture of small groups into the next generation. Thank you so much Wayne and Jan.

Riverside Play Café

The play Café will be closed from the 15th of December and reopen in the New Year. The reason for this is the Christmas Cheer Hampers and Present set-up and distribution.



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Gawler Christmas Parade

I want to say a huge thank you to all who took part in the Gawler Christmas Parade. Particularly Shane and Kim Waycott who were instrumental in organizing the float and attending the community planning meetings. I think everyone was amazed at how many lined the streets of the town.



I was so proud that we were one of only two floats that actually focused on the Christmas story. I think we can agree that we live in a world where Jesus is being denied entry to his own birthday celebrations. Well, at Riverside we will never let that happen.

Please pray with me that the flyers that we handed out draw people to our events and services so we can introduce them to Jesus.



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Carols by the Riverside

If you love Christmas Carols and want to enjoy the natural environment the Riverside Christmas carols is for you. On the beautiful grounds at the back of Riverside we will be spending an hour or so with the Gawler Town Band singing the Christmas Story. Please bring folding chairs or picnic rugs and enjoy a few moments of calm in this busiest of seasons. As the Gawler Carols event was cancelled due to inclement weather this may be a great opportunity to invite people along who missed out on the 9th of December.



Christmas Carols in the Streets



Weather permitting the first Street Caroling session will be today at 6:30pm. We will meet at Riverside and then go and bless our closest neighbours with good news and hopefully good melody. Mal is hoping to set some sessions up to carol at Lyndoch, Springwood, Evanston Gardens and the main street of Gawler. Please keep an eye out for updates if you have signed up to be a caroler. If

you still want to join us please let Mal know.

Christmas Lunch Volunteers

Provided we can get the needed volunteers, we will again have a Christmas Lunch here for those who are experiencing difficult living conditions or are alone and would like some company. Volunteers needed from 10.30am - 2.30pm. Last year we had approximately 23 people join us. If you are willing, then let Mal know and add your name to the list in the foyer. It is a real honour to serve people in this way.

Prayer Focus

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Andrew Kelly, Andrew Lindsey, Elizabeth Wilds, Rachel Brooke, Cameron Brewis, Mary Riding, Kate Hiney, Lam (our parentsnext worker) and Katie Dwyer's wider family. All need prayer protection, comfort, healing or guidance at this time.

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Touch Point

Sermon by
Darren Dwyer
Available on App and
Website



Read Matthew 2:1-12

Q1. As you read this scripture what really catches your attention and why?

The wise men turn up in Jerusalem and ask where is the newborn King of the Jews? How did they possibly know about this? Well if you read Daniel 5:10-12 you might find an answer.

Q2. What do you make of the connection between the Magi (astrologers) and Daniel a Jewish exile in Babylon?

Q3. What did the Prophet Micah know that King Herod didn't know?

Q4. Why is God's word so important in this story, what difference did it make to the wise men?

Q5. Darren said in his sermon "it's not what you know it's what you do with what you know". How does this apply to the different characters in the story, how does this apply to us today?

Q6. In your opinion what made the wise men worship baby Jesus but not King Herod?

We had a lot of fun with Huxtable and the idea of a fourth wise man on Sunday. It was the wise men that instigated the tradition of gift giving that we still enjoy today....

Q7. If you were the fourth wise man or woman what gift would you bring to Jesus? What gift will you give him this year?



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