

NEXT SUNDAY AT RIVERSIDE

Next Sunday at Riverside Darren will be continuing with the new series called Toxic. He will look be looking at toxic influences. Reading Proverbs 25:26, 3 John 1:11, 1 Corinthians 5:6-7, Romans 12:2, 1 Corinthians 6:12, Psalm 24:3-4 and 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 will give you a pretty good grounding in what Darren is going to teach on.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE


Monday	12th Sept	Prayer Meeting	10am
Tuesday	13th Sept	Bubbles	9:30am— 2pm
Wednesday	14th Sept	Bubbles	9:30am— 2pm
Thursday	15th Sept	Café and Play Café	9am - 2pm
		Home League	10am— 11:30am
		Creationships	12pm— 2pm
		Prayer Meeting	6:30pm
Friday	16th Sept	Café and Play Café	9am - 2pm
		SHOUT Youth	7pm-9pm
Saturday	17th Sept	Flourish Women's Conference (see poster)	
Sunday	18th Sept	Worship Service	10am - 11:15am
		Splash Family Service	11:45am-12:30pm

If you require or know someone who requires emergency food relief, please come to Riverside on Mon-Fri from 9am-2pm and we will be happy to assist.

SPLASH LIFE GROUPS

Both Splash life groups will be operating this week on Wednesday and Thursday at 4:30pm. If you have a young family and want to be part of a Life Group please talk to Darren. We turn the café into a 'dining room' and all eat together, pray together, study God's word together and do life together. This week we will continue the theme from Step 7 of the Riverside Walk - "What does the Holy Spirit Do".

RIVERSIDE WALK

The Next Riverside Walk will be on the 18th of September at 3:30pm when STEP 7 will look at 'How we can resist evil?'.




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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS QUEEN ELIZABETH II

The emotion that landed on my heart this week when I heard the news that the Queen had passed away really surprised me. I am by no means a great follower of the Royal Family but as I was listening to the radio driving back from Port Wakefield on Friday morning, I found myself in tears.



As I processed my thoughts I realised that this lady had been an ever present in my life. I had never known another monarch, and although I never knew her personally, her passing came with a real sense of loss and a raised sense of anxiety. I realised that the Queen somehow gave me a sense of comfort and stability. Something about her presence and her devotion to duty reassured me that all was well. It seems like the world is an unsafe and insecure place at the best of times and now the Queen had passed I felt that something else secure had been removed.

These are indeed strange and difficult times when we are all looking for anchors to cling to and safe ground on which to build our lives. We yearn for values to guide us, traditions to inform us and figureheads to follow. But things do change and lives pass and time marches on. So where should we be looking for security a safety in difficult times? I don't think we should look any further than Queen Elizabeth looked herself, being a lady of faith she would have read the words of Isaiah and agreed wholeheartedly with him:

*You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.
Trust in the Lord for ever,
for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.
Isaiah 26:3-4*

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EVENTS AT RIVERSIDE

Do you love organising? Can you cope with lots of details and get a kick out of pulling events together? If so you may be the person or people we are looking for.

Over our time at Riverside we have run a few big community events - The Christmas Fair, The Music Festival, The Carols on the Riverside - and we would certainly like to hold a few more. However, we recognised as a leadership team that we simply don't have the capacity to organise and run these events and do all the other things we have to do. The church has grown since we last attempted such an undertaking (before COVID) and to do so would have a detrimental impact on our growing ministries. So, in faith, we believe there must be some gifted organisers in the church who would be willing to take 'event organising' under their wing. If you know this is you and you like the idea of serving the church in this capacity please come and talk to Darren or one of the leadership team and bring your SHAPE course results with you. If you haven't done SHAPE yet you will be asked to undertake one to confirm that you are the right fit. At Riverside we don't want square pegs in round holes.

RIVERSIDE BBQ (Sausage Sizzle)

It is getting close to the time of year when we can start to enjoy the beautiful grounds we have here at Riverside and head out after our Sunday Services for a relaxed afternoon of food, chat and fun. We are looking for a team who would be interested in taking this on once a month (starting late October). Once again if you want to make this your thing, please talk to Darren or one of the leadership team. You will need a food handling qualification and as I've said above your SHAPE results or a willingness to do a SHAPE assessment.

VISION WALL

This will be the last week of the Vision Wall being up in the main hall. I have been so encouraged by the breadth and diversity of vision expressed and I am looking forward to outlining them in the upcoming newsletters so people can pray into them and be inspired by them. If you still want to add your brick in the wall, they are available on the information table in the foyer. Bless you.



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Touch Point

Toxic Thoughts

Darren Dwyer

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Toxic Part 1—Toxic Thoughts

Thinking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out the questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

Q1. *What do you tend to daydream about most often? Why?*

With your Bible, read Proverbs 4:23-27 and 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. These passages discuss the importance of guarding our thoughts from impurities.

Q2. *Which types of toxic thoughts do you experience most often: negative, fearful, discontented or critical? Give examples of your toxic thoughts.*

Q3. *How do your toxic thoughts negatively impact your life and relationships?*

Q4. *What are some of the causes of the toxic thoughts in your life?*

Read Jeremiah 12:3, Philippians 4:7-8, Romans 12:2, Philippians 2:5 and Hebrews 3:1. These verses stress how important it is to renew our minds from toxic thoughts and focus our thoughts on what is pleasing to God.

Q5. *Why is it often easier to think toxic thoughts than it is to focus on truth?*

Q6. *In what ways do you renew your mind and focus your thoughts on God's truth?*

Q7. *How different is your life when you focus your thoughts on what is true and good rather than on toxic things? Explain.*

Q8. *What are some specific toxic thoughts that you need to change? What are some ways you can begin to make that change?*



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