

This Sunday at Riverside

Today, for the start of the Advent season when we prepare ourselves for the coming of a baby, Darren will conclude his series 'growing up' with a look at spiritual adulthood and spiritual parenting.

Immerse will also be on at 4:30pm, including some Carols in the Street.

Next Sunday at Riverside

Next week Darren will be sharing the story of the Shepherds in a sermon entitled the power of Good News. The service will also include testimonies from those who have just completed the Riverside Walk 2024 and anyone else who wants to share what the Good News of the Gospel has meant for them in 2024.

This Week at Riverside

Tuesday	3rd Dec	Bubbles	9:30am - 11:30am
		Purrana Garden Club	10am
		Café and Play Café	11:30am - 2pm
Wednesday	4th Dec	Bubbles	9:30am - 11:30am
		Café and Play Café	11:30am - 2pm
Thursday	5th Dec	Café and Play Café	9am - 2pm
		Home League	10am - 12pm
		Creationships	12pm
		Prayer Meeting	6:45pm
Friday	6th Dec	Café and Play Café	9am - 2pm
		Shout Youth- Final for 2024	7pm - 9pm
Saturday	7th Dec	Brekky Club	8am - 10am
Sunday	1st Dec	Worship Service	9:45am - 11:15am
		Splash	11:45am - 12:30pm
		Immerse	4:30pm - 6:30pm

The Café and Soft Play Area will now be open from 11.30am - 2pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 9am—2pm on Thursday and Friday. Cost is \$2 per child, pay at the Café. Come for our Brunch or Lunch Session in the Soft Play Area, **please make sure you book on the Eventbrite Link which is pinned to the top of our Facebook page.**

Cleaners needed

As Heather is away for the next week, please see Darren if you are able to help with any cleaning needs for the Church. We still have a couple of days to cover. Thank you.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook. 'The Salvation Army Riverside Gawler'

Website:
www.riversidesalvos.org.au



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December 1st

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Christmas at Riverside

We have done it once in 2024 and Christmas is a wonderful time to do it again. What am I talking about?

Inviting someone to 'come and see'

I'm pretty sure these, or similar words, were used by Mary and Joseph as Shepherds and Kings turned up to see baby Jesus. And we want the same don't we? We want everyone to 'come and see' and stay a while and get to know Jesus for themselves. This Christmas we have plenty of different events, catering for all ages and personality types so please pray, listen to the Spirit and invite those who he puts on your heart.

15th December—Carols by the Riverside : 6:30pm—8:30pm

We are excited to have the Gawler Town Band and the Carmel Gospel Church Choir share with us this year for our outdoor Carol service. Starting at 6:30pm, bring your family, friends, a picnic dinner and enjoy our beautiful backyard along with some traditional carols by the riverside.

22nd December— Riverside Nativity Service : 11am

Come along to our annual Nativity Service at Riverside Gawler at 11am. We turn the whole of the church into the hillsides of Bethlehem so bring along cushions and beanbags to sit on and enjoy an enchanting time with the children from Riverside as they tell the story of that first Christmas. This will include a brass band, a grumpy donkey, and be followed by Coffee and Mince Pies.

24th December—Christmas Eve Service : 7:30pm-8:30pm

This one is for the adults who need a place of peace and tranquillity before the noise and craziness of Christmas Day. Join us for a quiet, mindful and reflective service to put you in a rested frame of mind for the Christmas period.

25th December—Christmas Day Service : 9am-10am

Start your Christmas morning with our 9am Worship service at Riverside.

29th December—Prayer Concert : 9:45am-11:15am

Close out the year with a Prayer Concert at our 9:45am Worship service at Riverside. A time to give thanks for the year just gone and look forward with God into 2025.



Preparing Our Hearts

Christmas Choir

Thank you to those who have already signed up to be a part of the Christmas Choir at Riverside. We have another rehearsal after Splash this Sunday, December 1st at approx. 12:30pm. The Nativity Service is on December 22nd, so we have an extra week to rehearse! We would love to have as many of our Splash children involved as possible, so please come along and let Kate know that you are able to join in.

Christmas Lunch Volunteers

Johnathon and Erin have generously offered to supervise the Christmas Day Lunch. We are now looking for volunteers to help with set up and serving on the day. Please leave your details on the sign up sheet in the foyer. Blessings.

*****MORE Volunteers needed*****

We are looking for more people to volunteer for our morning Brekky Club so we can continue to offer breakfast and showers to those sleeping rough in our community.

We also need more people to go on a roster to help in the Café on Sundays after the first service. If you can offer your time for one Sunday a month, that would be greatly appreciated so we can continue to offer coffee and tea each week without exhausting the current volunteers. Please leave your details on the sign up sheet or talk to Mal.

Christmas Decorations at Riverside

As I'm sure you are aware Luella Krieg has been so creative over the last 6 years adding a sophisticated and classy eye to the Christmas Decorations we have at Riverside.

Sadly Luella is no longer able to look after this unique ministry so I am looking for someone to use their creative flair to add that little splash of Christmas in the last few weeks before Christmas Day. We don't do a lot of decoration, only in the front foyer hanging from the lights but it would be lovely to have something there before the 15th. If you are interested please see Darren.



Mercy Call

We have been supporting in a few ways a beautiful lady and baby caught fleeing from a domestic violence situation. She is working and doing well considering the trauma she has been subjected too. However, this week the car she has been using has broken down and it seems it's terminal. This is a huge ask but does anyone have or know of someone who has a car that is currently not being used or is for sale. Failing that if we can organise a few people to offer her a lift to work and back (Just from Willaston to multiple locations in Gawler) that would be wonderful until she finds transport. If you can assist, even in a small way please let Darren know.

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Touch Point

Sermon by
Darren Dwyer
Available on App and
Website



Read Luke 1:5-38

- Q1. Has fear ever stopped you doing the will of God?
- Q2. Do you have any sympathy with Zechariah? Can you understand his question?
- Q3. In your opinion why did Gabriel treat Mary and Zechariah differently?
- Q4. What can we learn about faith from Mary and Zechariah's responses?
- Q5. What do you think Zechariah learned about God in his 9 months of silence?
- Q6. Do you handle being silent? Is it scary for you to be alone with just your thoughts and the Lord?
- Q7. Darren said the aim of bringing people to spiritual maturity is so they can be spiritual parents. Do you agree?
- Q8. What would a church that measured its effectiveness by the number of spiritual parents produced look like? What would you imagine would be going on?
- Q9. How often do you bless, serve and celebrate with those around you who are children in the faith?

Activity: Take some time to think how you could bless, serve and celebrate a new or younger Christian than you? Share this with your group and then put it into action



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