

Sunday's Teaching Series

Over the next four weeks I will be doing a series of sermons looking at anxiety and how we live with it and cope with it. It certainly seems to be a live issue in our society today. The foundational text for my preaching will be Philippians 4:4-7 but I will be focussing on certain Biblical characters who struggled with and faced significant anxiety and stress. Week one (January 9th) I'll be looking at Elijah from 1 Kings 19:1-18 This will be available online Sunday afternoon.

DVD's Available

If you would like a DVD of the services posted online on our website, either the 10am or Splash service, please let us know at the office by calling 85234844 or emailing riversidegawler@salvationarmy.org.au

Thank You—Christmas Day Meal

I want to say a huge thank you to all those who volunteered to host and serve a Christmas Day meal to our homeless and lonely brothers and sisters. I wasn't there but from what I have heard it was a great success and a very meaningful and profound time for those who came along. It is definitely something we will be doing again. What a great church family we have.



Keep an eye out

Peta and Francis are looking for a car, Peta just has to complete her hours and the freedom of the road will be hers and her families. This will make such a huge difference to their lives, not least allowing both Francis and Peta more time to volunteer at Riverside. They have a limited budget but if you see a 7 seater vehicle for sale anywhere please let us know.



The Riverside Walk Discipleship Pathway

Due to COVID we have pushed the Riverside Walk discipleship pathway back a month. Step 4— how does God guide us, which was due to be on the 16th of January will now be on February 13th and all other dates will move back accordingly. An updated schedule will be included with Step 4's handout.

Name Change

For deeply personal and private reasons, Katie and I have officially and formerly changed our family surname to Katie's maiden surname. Therefore, from now on our surname will be Dwyer. I know it will take a while to get used to me being Darren Dwyer so please be assured I will not be offended in the slightest if any slip-ups occur.



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

Website:
www.riversidesalvos.org.au



January 9th
2022



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2022 or 2020 2?

I certainly pray that 2022 will not be a sequel to 2020 but things are certainly looking a little bleak at the moment.

I hope that most of you have heard that we have made a decision to not hold services here at Riverside on Sunday 9th and Sunday 16th of January. It's certainly not how we wanted to start the New Year! Given the situation with COVID we believe it is the right decision, not just because of the infection risk, but also with the implementation of the 4m² density for all our areas it means we would not be able to accommodate our normal attendance numbers in the main worship hall.

We are however, continuing to produce services for both the 10am service and Splash which are hosted online at www.riversidesalvos.org.au.

Whilst numbers preclude Sunday Worship, the church buildings will still be open during the week from 9-2pm for emergency relief and we are proposing to still open the play café on Wednesday-Friday but at much reduced numbers and following all current COVID regulations. If people vote with their feet and don't use the café we will make a decision at the weekend as to its viability.

We have shown before at Riverside a flexibility and resolve to adapt quickly with the situations we face and we are certainly not looking at latest set back any differently. There will still be opportunities presented us to serve, minister and bless each other and our community. So I pray that we all enter 2022 with the words of Jeremiah reverberating through our minds and spirits.

For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

Jeremiah 29:11-12



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Church Life Survey

Thank you so much to all of you that have completed the church life survey. This is an incredibly helpful tool to help us gauge where we are at as a church and where our strengths and weaknesses lie.

If you haven't completed a survey we still have paper copies available but a lot of people have found it easier to complete the course online. To do this go to

attendersurvey.ncls.org.au and type in our unique church code **SA400001**

We are also interested in the views of the children in the church ages 8-14yrs. They can also do the survey online

Childsurvey.ncls.org.au and type in the unique church code **SA400001**

It doesn't matter if you have been with us for 10 years or two months we would love you to take part and help us be the best that we can be. All we ask is that you are completely honest with your responses, we are not doing this to make ourselves feel good but to make us operate more effectively. Thank You.

Food Handling Course

We have some amazing volunteers at Riverside who are willing, when asked, to jump in and help at the drop of a hat. This is an amazing resource to have but with regards to the kitchen we must ensure that anyone who steps into the kitchen environment has had the appropriate training and is up to date with that training. This is easily done by doing the following free online course provided by Gawler Council.

<https://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/services/foodie>

Whilst this certificate will enable you to be part of our volunteering pool it does not give anyone the freedom to walk into the kitchen unrequested or unaccompanied. Always wait to be invited to volunteer. Thank you so much.

This week at Riverside

Wed 12th	Café & Play Café	9am --2pm
Thu 13th	Café & Play Café	9am - 2pm
Fri 14th	Café & Play Café	9am—2pm



LOVE JESUS



GROW TOGETHER



SHARE HOPE

If anyone requires assistance or know of someone who requires assistance please do not hesitate to let the team know and we will do all we can to assist.



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FAMILY TRAIL+ KIDS SHOW + MORE

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or purchase from
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Adults \$5 - \$10
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Bookings open 23/01/2022
Bookings close on 28/02/2022
or when sold out



Book early for the above event as it sold out in three weeks last year, also everyone needs a ticket even if the ticket is free. You might also see Huxtable!!!!!!

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