November 1st 2026

Jesus - The King of Hospitality

Jesus is the King of Hospitality! Hospitality reflects the kingdom of heaven. As I think about the hospitality Jesus offers in the Gospels, here are some that come to mind.

John 2:1-11 - Jesus' First Miracle was to do with Hospitality.
Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

John 13:1-5 - Jesus washes His disciples feet at his final Passover meal
It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

Luke 15:18-24 The parable of the Prodigal Son
I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

John 14:1-3 - Jesus prepares a feast
"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

My family were sitting at the table reading our Riverside Life, Jobe asked the question 'How does Jesus show hospitality?' Sammi said, 'Jesus is going to host a party in heaven, He has gone there to prepare it, and He will celebrate that the lost have been found!'
Jesus is the king of hospitality! At Riverside, we will continue to follow in Jesus' footsteps because hospitality is the very way that Christ went about ministry then, now and in heaven.



Christmas Pageant

The Gawler Christmas Pageant is on again this year on Saturday the 28th of November! We are teaming up with the Clovie Gawler to have a nativity float in the pageant. If you would like to be a part of the pageant, please speak to Kim and come to an information session at Riverside on Sunday 8th of November - 1:00pm.

Christmas Choir



Kate is seeking people to be a part of the Christmas Choir this year. The song is Shepherd Boy by Phil Whickham. First rehearsal will be on Sunday 22nd November at 1:00pm with more to follow after Splash in the lead up to the Nativity Service on Sunday 20th December and Christmas Day service on 25th December.

Touch Point

Sermon by Mairi
Available on Youtube
Riverside Gawler Church

1 Peter Series

Q1. Who is someone you look up to in your life?

Q2. What does it mean to have elders in your life, and/or to be an elder?

Read 1 Peter 5:1-11

Q3. What does Peter say that it means to be an elder?

Q4. What does being an example to the flock look like for an elder?

Use these scriptures to continue to develop this conversation.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 - Titus 1:5-9 - Acts 20:28 - James 5:14

Q5. What does it mean to submit to elders?

Q6. What is the role of humility in Christian community?

Q7. How is the devil described in 1 Peter 5:8-9 and why has Peter used this illustration?

Q8. How do you live now for your eternal glory in Christ?

EVEN US

In God's story, things work differently, the people that are included, aren't those you would expect. It leaves us wondering, could even WE be a part of God's story?

22 November - Even Tamar
9:45am & 11:45am Splash

29 November - Even Rahab
9:45am & 11:45am Splash

6 December - Even Ruth
9:45am & 11:45am Splash

13 December - Even Bathsheba
9:45am & 11:45am Splash

20 December 11am
Nativity Sunday

24 December 7:30pm
Christmas Eve Reflection

25 December 9am
Christmas Day Service

To join 'Caroling Through the Streets' this December, please see Mal.



THE SALVATION ARMY RIVERSIDE GAWLER

This Sunday at Riverside

This week, we will be continuing the 1 Peter series. Read 1 Peter 5:1-11

Next Sunday at Riverside

We will be continuing the 1 Peter series, read 1 Peter 5:12-14 in preparation.

This Week at Riverside

Monday	2 November	Building Closed	Brekky Packs available
Tuesday to	*Friday*	*Brekky Club*	*9am - 10am*
Tuesday	3 November	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
		Purruna Garden Group	10am - 12pm
Wednesday	4 November	Bubbles	9:30am - 11:30am
		Café and Play Café	11:30am - 1:30pm
Thursday	5 November	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
		Creationships	10am - 12noon
		Prayer Meeting	6:45pm
Friday	6 November	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
		Shout Youth	7pm - 9pm
Saturday	7 November	Brekky Club	9am - 10am
Sunday	8 November	Prayer Meeting	9am
		Riverside Worship	9:45am
		Splash	11:45 am

LOVE JESUS GROW TOGETHER SHARE HOPE

Generous Hearts

For those of you who feel led by the Holy Spirit to give financially to Riverside, whether that be regularly or on special occasions. Please talk to or email Kate for the BPAY details. kate.adami@salvationarmy.org.au
We can also accept EFTPOS through the Café till or cash in the offering.

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