



## The Informer



### Easter—the beginning

The sermon series *The Way of the Cross* and the Lenten devotions *Last Words* lead us to the Easter celebrations—the commemoration of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Over the centuries, the church has used many ways and means to increase our understanding of how great was the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus and his victory over sin and death. A most potent means is through visual arts and music. Some YouTube content is suggested in this edition for your reflection on these foundations on our faith.

A line from Peter’s narration *They took Him down in The Witness* says **“And so they buried Him and we thought that was the end—but it was only the beginning.”**

At Easter we will remember the joy of those first Christ-followers at Jesus’ resurrection and a number of people will identify with Christ in baptism which symbolizes the death (going into the water) and resurrection (coming up out of the water) and entering into resurrected life.

40 days followed when Jesus was seen many times and the disciples came to know that Jesus was going to leave them again (the Ascension) and leave all of the responsibility for the spread of the gospel and building of the Kingdom. They received the power of the Holy Spirit to do the work another 10 days later at Pentecost.

We are manifestations of God’s hidden mystery—as the crucifixion paid the price for victory over sin and death and the unleashing of the power of the Holy Spirit into Christ-followers to do the good works that He has planned for them beforehand

In the centuries since the death and resurrection of Christ the gospel has spread throughout the earth and Christians have established places of worship, good works in health and education, Christian values shape attitudes of equality for all humans and the importance of care for our environment

WE SPEAK OF GOD’S HIDDEN AND MYSTERIOUS WISDOM THAT GOD DECIDED TO USE FOR OUR GLORY LONG BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN. THE RULERS OF THIS WORLD DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS WISDOM. IF THEY HAD KNOWN ABOUT IT, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE NAILED THE GLORIOUS LORD TO A CROSS. BUT IT IS JUST AS THE SCRIPTURES SAY, “WHAT GOD HAS PLANNED FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVE HIM IS MORE THAN EYES HAVE SEEN OR EARS HAVE HEARD. IT HAS NEVER EVEN ENTERED OUR MINDS!” 1 COR 2:7-9[CEV]

- EASTER REFLECTION—YOU TUBE—WATCH OR LISTEN:
- Musical versions of the ministry of Jesus and His death and resurrection.
    - [The Witness](#) Jimmy & Carol Owens (sound track)
    - [Then Came Sunday - Easter Cantata 2024](#) Mithcah Baptist Bible Church in Bahrain.
    - [The Passion of the Christ](#)—Mel Gibson full movie.

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## Finance—Facts and Figures

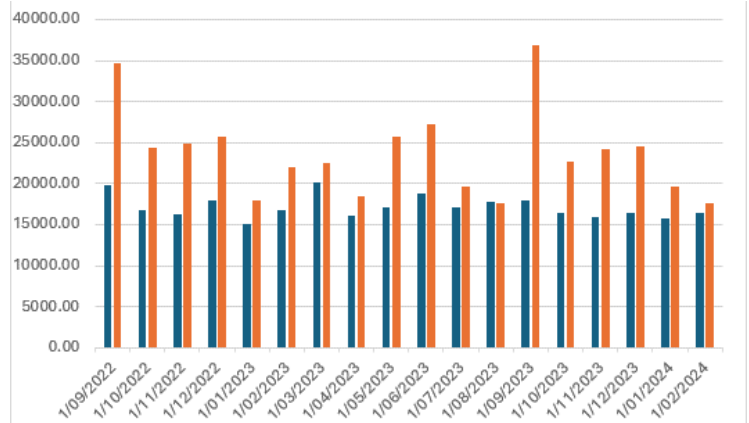
### Budget

The Treasurer presented a balanced budget for 2024 that depends on an **increase in our annual offerings of \$58,086.**

**Our budgeted monthly offering is \$20,375**

Offerings since the last *Informer* were— January \$15,772.00 , February \$16,386.50.

Shortfalls for January \$3781.72 and for February \$1189.06. The Total shortfalls this year is



\$103,099.02

Each Baptist church is responsible for its own expenses.

**Ways to Give:**

**Electronic Giving**  
Direct Deposit via Internet banking to:  
BSB 704 922  
Account: 100 014 987  
Name: Tuggeranong Baptist Church

**Credit Card** -Use [iGive](#) service.

**Cash Deposits**  
Cash offerings may be placed in the Offering Containers at the doors to the Auditorium.



## Biblical Principles—Myths about Money

The bible talks about money more than faith. 215 verses pertain to faith, 218 to salvation and 2058 deal with stewardship and accountability with regard to money.

Money is arguably one of the world’s most powerful agents.

*The rich rule over the poor and the borrower is the servant to the lender Prov 22:7*

Money can release so much or we can live under its domination.

*A feast is made for laughter, and wine make merry; but money answers everything. Ecclesiastes 10:19.*

Jesus taught that we are to be His answer to a world in need and if we embrace that mission and mandate, then our thinking must

come into line with living out of abundance

*We must be careful we don’t become settled and satisfied with just meeting our needs.*

How we use money demonstrates the reality our Love for God. **It’s a money myth that we don’t need to talk about money**

## Upcoming Events



Creating Safe Spaces Online Training – v4 (New)

[BAPTISM RESURRECTION SUNDAY 31 MARCH.](#) Click here to find out more about [Believer’s Baptism](#).

Let me know if you wish to be baptised.

[MORNING TEA FOLLOWING BAPTISM](#) 31 March. We need to know which buns you want at the morning tea. RSVP by Tuesday 26 March.

[GOOD FRIDAY MORNING TEA](#) following the service.

~~RSVP by 24 March and to record your food preferences so that buns can be ordered.~~

[MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS MEETING](#) 10 April—7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

[Community Dinner](#) at Town Centre Vikings—1 May 2024

Days to acknowledge significant events in Christ’s ministry:

[PALM SUNDAY](#) (Matt 21:1-11)

24 March [ASCENSION](#) (Acts 1:1-9) 9 May [PENTECOST](#) (Acts 2:1-4) 19 May

[Creating Safe Spaces Workshop](#) 11 May at Dickson Baptist Church for volunteers who have not attended a workshop. Follow the link to register.

Attendees must complete the [Creating Safe Spaces online module](#) prior to attending the workshop.

## Assembly Council proposed Process for Disaffiliating churches

We have now received Assembly Council’s proposed relational process for engaging with and where necessary facilitating the withdrawal of already affiliated Churches who do not support the Association’s Position on Marriage. Read the process for churches document [here](#) and the text of Assembly Council message [here](#).

This proposed process will be brought to the vote at Assembly, 14 and 15 June.

At our Church Meeting in October 2023, we outlined the reasons that the likelihood that Tuggeranong Baptist Church will be disaffiliated is HIGH. View the presentation [here](#).

The proposed process is in conflict with autonomy of the local church, and our constitution, as it requires that churches determine their fixed position on the societal issue of marriage in order to determine whether or not they are candidates for disaffiliation.

**WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DIVIDE OUR CHURCH OR DISENFRANCHISE THOSE WHO CALL TUGGERANONG BAPTIST CHURCH THEIR SPIRITUAL HOME ON THE BASIS OF THEIR BELIEF ABOUT THIS SOCIETAL ISSUE OR THEIR MARITAL STATUS OR STYLE.**

The proposed process outlines services that will continue to be [available to churches who cease to be Affiliated](#). The services that are relevant to us are: Baptist Insurance services, the National Redress Scheme, and access to Safe Church resources and training.

As you read the documentation, it’s important to keep in mind that the process is a proposal at this time and things may change at Assembly.



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## What to expect on Sundays mid April to mid June

WHILE I AM ON LEAVE, YOU WILL SEE OTHER PEOPLE WHERE YOU USUALLY SEE ME ON SUNDAYS. THE SUNDAY SUBSTITUTES ARE:

**Visuals:** Felicity Riddle will be at the A/V Desk and not the front row

**Announcements:** Daphne Bate. Please advise by Saturday evening if you wish to include an item in the announcements.

**Pastoral Prayer:** Rob James, please advise Rob by Saturday evening if you wish a request to be included.

**Communion:** to be shared among the Elders

**Preaching:** Pastors from Mosaic Baptist church , Canberra Baptist Church and the God Squad.

**Exit Door:** Daphne and Operations team

**Eldership:** the Vice-President, Rob James, will be acting in my place

**Pastoral Care:** Elders—Mike Ashford, Rob James, Craig Leon

**Prayer Requests:** Use the app or send email to [events@tbchurch.com.au](mailto:events@tbchurch.com.au)

**COG voucher distribution:** Arranged with the families we regularly support.



13 April to 7 June 2024

## Worship Team Recording—Goodness of God

The Tuggeranong Baptist Church Worship Band *published* a recording of Goodness of God CCLI Song #7117726 | CCLI License #124284 on YouTube in De-

ember. On 26 February 2024, 1063 hits had been recording... and counting. Congratulations and thanks for continuing to bless us

and lead us to the place of worship each week. Follow link to listen: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

## Communications

### Our Groups

Worship team, Operations Team, Kids' Church, Explorers, Bible Study for Women, Girls' and Boys' Brigades, Coffee on Wednesday, CAP Money, Connect through Craft, Op Shop. [More.](#)

### Hosted activities

Jack's Gym, Canberra Bible College

## The Informer

The official **communications channels** of Tuggeranong Baptist Church are:

- App—a quick way to keep you in the loop
- Website
- YouTube channel
- Sunday Notices
- Notices published on boards
- Emails to our distribution/ mailing list.

### Mailing List

When you complete the [Request to have personal details recorded](#), create an account in our App, email us or RSVP to attend an event, you provide us with some of your personal details.

### Prayer Requests

Compose your request in the App or on the website following these [guidelines](#).

### App Notifications

Notifications are sent when new items are published in the App. This includes Daily Verse, Prayer Requests (if you are a member of the Prayer Team), Events you may wish to attend among others. You must be logged into your Account/Profile to receive notifications

## Tuggeranong Baptist Church

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## The Last Word

### SAFE CHURCH MATTERS

Our ministry team leaders are completing the work to ensure that all of our volunteers comply with Safe Church Requirements.

The ACT Ombudsman who is responsible for the [Reportable Conduct Scheme](#) has published an e-Newsletter announcing several initiatives focusing on his Safe Church Program. This indicates increased focus on compliance of churches under the Scheme.

Reportable Conduct is one aspect of our own Safe Church Policy - [Procedure for Responding to Child Protection Concerns](#)

### TIMES OF PREPARATION AND REFRESHMENT

Down through the ages, the Church has adopted the scripturally-based pattern of 40 days for withdrawing from the ordinary for a time of preparation.

It is a co-incidence that, I will be on leave for 40 weekdays but I am looking forward to returning to ministry as your Lead Pastor with renewed vigour when I return.

### PRAYER GUIDE FOR APRIL– JUNE

A prayer guide has been prepared that focuses on *Going Deeper in your relationship with God and knowing His will for your life.*

The guide will be distributed at the service on Sunday, 7 April invites you to take a journey of spiritual refreshment and growth while Sharon and I are on our own overseas journey.

While we are seeing new sights, the guest preachers each Sunday will bring fresh perspective and inspiration following our theme of *Going Deeper*.

The Tuesday *Explorers* will take a fresh view of the great themes/doctrines of the church, with Daphne acting as guide/facilitator.

### THE INVITATION

I invite you to take up the challenge of this pilgrimage while I am away and

to believe that, as we come together again, we will launch into a fresh season of growth in our fellowship.

### NEXT EDITION

An edition of The Informer will be published while I am on leave and I will be drafting some of the content prior to my departure.

### FINALLY..

The Lord bless you  
and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on  
you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face towards  
you  
and give you peace.

Ian Reid  
Lead Pastor  
Tuggeranong Baptist Church for  
the Leadership Team