

# THE REFLECTOR

NOV - JAN 2023



King's  
Baptist  
Church

# STAFF

Board chair Glen Olafsen

Lead pastor Nathan Oliver

Kid's + families pastor Laura Carson

KCS manager Bec Drury

Church office Jo Reid

Youth coordinator Larissa Ramsay

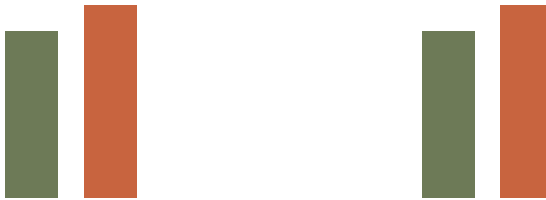
Communications coordinator Isaac Drury

Youth Assistant Bec Standing

Sunday ministry coordinator Jessica Fong

Pastors to school families Bec & Paul Drury

# BUDGET



Actual September \$22,087.70

Budget September \$25,000.00

Actual YTD \$188,680.14

Budget YTD \$225,000.00

# DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

King's Baptist

Church BSB: 704 922 Account: 100 006 138

# DATES FOR THE DIARY

NO LARGE GATHERING	NOV 26
PLAYGROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY	DEC 2
SENIORS MINISTRY CHRISTMAS BREAKUP	DEC 13
SUNDAY KID'S PARTY!	DEC 17
CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM SERVICE	DEC 24
CHRISTMAS DAY 9AM SERVICE	DEC 25
NO LARGE GATHERING	DEC 31
NO LARGE GATHERING	JAN 28



# TRIVIA NIGHT

On October 14th we held a trivia night to raise some money which will help to support the new congregation that King's is beginning.

The night was so much fun, and we felt like God was really moving through the fun, the money raised, and through the conversations which were struck up across tables.



We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along or donated towards this night, and we are really excited to see how these funds will bless the night congregation, and allow us to bring the good news of Jesus to more people in our community!



# NEW CONGREGATION

Throughout the last few months our new congregation has continued to meet on the last Sunday night of each month.

We've seen a lot of growth in this space - both in numbers and in our experience of Jesus. The way God has moved through the stories told, conversations over dinner and in week to week relationships have been amazing to see.

Early in 2023, we plan to officially 'launch' this new congregation.

This means that instead of meeting once a month, we will be meeting weekly; Instead of being a small thing which happens occasionally, this will become a core ministry of King's; and instead of being something with a relatively small volunteer footprint, this will be something which needs people to play music, set up, preach and foster a space where we can experience Jesus' grace together!

We're really excited for what this will look like, but we ask for your prayer as we seek to follow where Jesus is leading us in this space.

More to come soon!

# FAREWELL

## LAURA

LAURA CARSON'S  
THOUGHTS AND  
REFLECTIONS ON  
HER TIME AT  
KING'S.

I write with mixed feelings as I finish up in my role as Children and Families Pastor at King's. The past 5 years have brought adventures, opportunities, challenges and change, and I am grateful for each person I have met throughout that time.

I will be stepping into a new role at Cedar College as an ESO - Student Needs. I will be working across the primary school with students who may need additional support with their learning and behaviour.



I hope to support classroom teachers in their complex role of managing many needs and look forward to getting to know the families of the children I'll be supporting. I believe God has led me to this role in this particular season. After 20 years in congregational based ministry that has required many hours after work, at night, on weekends, holidays and special occasions,

I am really looking forward to a Monday - Friday work schedule and to being more aligned with my family's rhythms. The thing I will miss most about King's is you! The people! I feel privileged to have journeyed alongside many families, but also alongside the many generations represented in our church. I will miss our daily interactions! I can't name a single favourite memory but feel privileged that God placed us here for a time, to love the community through a season of constant and at times unsettling change. I step out of my role with excitement for what God is doing now and will continue to do through His people at King's.

As for prayer, please pray for the families within our community. That they would know and love Jesus! And, for our brilliant Sunday Kids and Playgroup teams as they await a new leader. May God strengthen and equip them with all that's needed to continue serving in ways that impact out community for Jesus.

Thank you for the way you have loved my family and I during our season here at King's.

**LAURA CARSON**





# THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT LAURA...

"She's a very giving person and cares about everyone"

"I love her creativity and her community focus and her grace for people"

"love cuddles"

"She goes above and beyond for everybody"

"she makes fun activities"

"She's good at organising activities for the kids"

"she's my favourite"



"she's nice"



"she has a sense of  
calm about her"

"I love how  
friendly she is"

"She's so clever"

"She gives  
everyone a minute  
of her time"

"I love her heart"

"giving hugs"

**"EVERYTHING"**

"I love her heart  
for Jesus and for  
people"

"She makes you feel  
instantly like you've  
been friends forever"

"I love her voice"

# CHRISTMAS @ KING'S

CHRISTMAS IS FAST APPROACHING! HERE'S YOUR GUIDE TO WHAT IS HAPPENING AT KING'S OVER THIS PERIOD...

## CHRISTMAS EVE: 5PM

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY: 5-6PM

CAROLS SERVICE: 6-7PM



## CHRISTMAS DAY: 9AM

WE'D LOVE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A SHORT SERVICE WHERE WE CELEBRATE JESUS' BIRTH TOGETHER.



"HE WILL BE NAMED  
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR,  
MIGHTY GOD, ETERNAL FATHER,  
PRINCE OF PEACE"



# 2023 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Over the next month we will be gathering items to go in Christmas hampers. We would love it if you could contribute towards helping people in our community who are in need by bringing in a few items to go in them!

Some ideas of items you could bring in are:

- **Christmas pudding**
- **Bon bons**
- **Mince pies**
- **Serviettes**

Just drop these items under the Christmas tree before  
December 7!

*Please email [rebecca@kingsbaptist.org.au](mailto:rebecca@kingsbaptist.org.au) if  
you have any questions!*



Golden Grove



King's  
Community  
Services

# DEVOTIONAL TOOLS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY ARE LOVING!



## LECTIO 365

*A FREE DAILY  
DEVOTIONAL APP  
THAT HELPS YOU  
PRAY THE BIBLE  
EVERY DAY*

Lectio 365 is a daily devotional app designed to deepen your faith through scripture and reflection. It provides a short daily reading, meditation, and prayer to help you connect with God's word and find spiritual inspiration in your daily life.



## THROUGH THE WORD

*AN APP THAT HELPS EQUIP THE  
WORLD TO READ THE BIBLE,  
UNDERSTAND IT, APPLY IT, AND  
MAKE IT A HABIT.*

Through the Word is an app that offers Christians an insightful and accessible way to engage with the Bible. It provides verse-by-verse audio commentary, making scripture study easy, enjoyable, and enlightening, empowering users to better understand and apply God's word in their lives.



## ASK NT WRIGHT ANYTHING

ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING  
SCHOLARS ANSWERS YOUR BIG  
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE.

"Ask NT Wright Anything" is a thought-provoking podcast where renowned theologian N.T. Wright addresses a wide range of theological and biblical questions. It's an opportunity for Christians to gain profound insights into matters of faith, spirituality, and the Christian life from one of today's most influential Christian scholars.

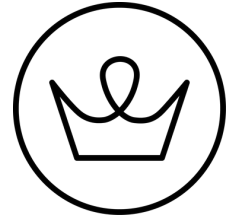


## UNDECEPTIONS

A PODCAST  
ABOUT LIFE,  
FAITH AND  
ETHICS.

Undeceptions is a podcast which, each week, explores some aspect of life, faith, history, culture, or ethics that is either much misunderstood or mostly forgotten. With the help of people who know what they're talking about, they try to 'undeceive themselves', and let the truth 'out'.

# HOLIDAY DATES



**KID'S PROGRAM**

DEC 17      FEB 4

**YOUTH**

DEC 8      FEB 2

**SENIOR'S EVENTS**

DEC 13      FEB 7

**COME TO THE TABLE**

DEC 4      JAN 29

LAST DAY

FIRST DAY BACK

# PRAYER POINTS

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## KIDS MINISTRY

We thank God and our community for their willingness to get involved in kids ministry. We've had nearly 10 new leaders join this year! This has been such an answer to prayer as our numbers grow and the church welcomes lots of new families

Our new congregation is getting prepared to launch early in 2023. We'd love prayer that the leadership team would make good decisions leading up to this, and that God would be guiding us as we embark on this journey.

## NEW CONG- REGATION

## STAFF IN AMERICA

Please pray for Paul, Jessica, Larissa and Nathan who are in America to experience how a church over there lives out the gospel in their community. We're asking that God would be showing them the good news of the gospel in a new light, and transforming them as they get to spend this time learning how our brothers and sisters on the other side of the world follow Jesus.



# KBC YOUTH

TERM 4 2023

**WORLD  
CUP**

OCT 20

**NERF  
WAR**

OCT 27

**TASK  
MASTER**

NOV 3 (LIKE THE  
TV SHOW)

**SMALL  
GROUPS**

NOV 10

**MESSY  
GAMES**

NOV 17

(VERY)

**GIANT  
GINGER-  
BREAD**

NOV 24

**SHAVE  
JAMES'  
HAIR**

DEC 1

(FOR  
REAL)

**POOL  
PARTY** (PAUL)

DEC 8

ALL EVENTS FRIDAY | \$5 | 7-9PM