

Challenge

CONFERENCE

130+ servant hearted Christians, from across generations and denominations will be gathering from 7-8 August 2026 at The Lantern Centre, Kingston.

*We meet to encourage each other in nourishing, raising and multiplying those who are that faithfully and courageously seeking to see churches across Tasmania **moving forward in serving the gospel.***



What's happening

Friday

- 1:00pm **Registration opens**
- 1:30pm **Main Session #1 – Rory Shiner**
- 2:45pm **Afternoon Tea**
- 3:15pm **All-in Ministry Seminar – Rory Shiner**
- 4:30pm **Leadership Electives**
- 5:30pm **Dinner**
- 7:00pm **Main Session #2 – Victor Shaw**
- 8:45pm **Finish**

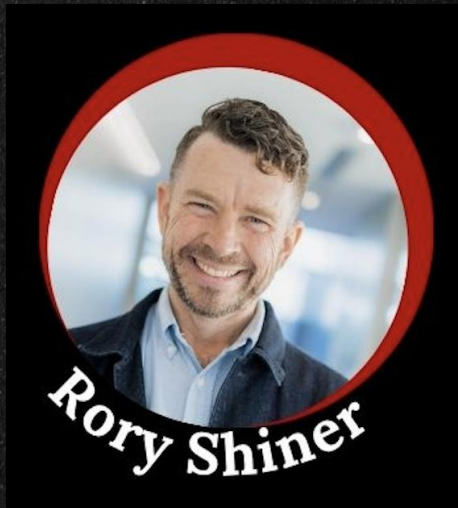
Saturday

- 8:15am **Ministry Paths and Networks**
- 9:00am **Challenge Kids opens**
- 9:30am **Main Session #3 – Rory Shiner**
- 11:00am **Morning Tea**
- 11:30am **Main session #4 – Victor Shaw**
- 12:30pm **Lunch**
- 1:30pm **One-to-One Ministry Conversations**
- 2:30pm **Leadership Electives**
- 3:30pm **Afternoon Tea**
- 4:00pm **Main Session #5 – Rory Shiner**

Challenge 2026

Salt and Light

Main Speakers



Rory Shiner Rory Shiner studied Arts at UWA, theology at Moore College, and completed a PhD in Australian Church History at Macquarie University.

He is the senior pastor of Providence City Church in Perth, where he lives with his wife, Susan, and their four boys. His most recent book, *Forgiven Forever*, is out now.

Victor Shaw Victor has been the senior minister of St George's Battery Point since 2016. He grew up as a missionary kid in PNG with his parents working for Global Recordings Network. He studied Roman history at Sydney University and theology at Moore College.

Victor is a weekly guest on ABC Breakfast Radio Hobart and enjoys thinking about the intersection of history, theology and culture. He's married to Claire and has 4 kids



The Main Sessions

Big preaching *from interstate and Tasmanian speakers*

Lively singing *with an interdenominational band*

Heartfelt ministry prayer: *global, local, personal*

Engaging interviews *from emerging and mature leaders*

All-in Ministry Seminar

Salt, Light, and the Christian Mission | Rory Shiner

Coming straight-out of the theme out of the Sermon on the Mount we'll explore the place of good works and Christian behaviour in the Christian mission. How does and doesn't it relate to the work of the gospel? What does it mean for us personally, the ministries we are part of and our church's vision and practice as we engage in local and global mission.

Leadership Electives

Take a deeper dive it into key topics related leadership that will better equip, train and support us in the areas of our character, convictions and competencies. You can attend two out of the four electives and can pick on the day which one you would like to join.

1. ***Motivating and Mobilising leaders and volunteers – Mikey Lynch***
2. ***Wisdom in the Public Square: Reflections on talking ethics on ABC radio – Victor Shaw***
3. ***Seeding Growth: Starting and Scaling Gospel Initiatives in Your Church – Mike Hall and Co-leader (forthcoming)***
4. ***Announcing soon!***

Motivating and mobilising leaders and volunteers

Mikey Lynch (Evangelist | Writer)

This is one of the great opportunities we have for investing in the members of our church and increasing our ability to minister effectively to the church and the world. But it is hard to do well. In this elective we will look at some of the values and habits that create a healthy culture for leaders and volunteers in our churches and ministries.

Wisdom in the Public Square: Reflections on talking ethics on ABC radio

Victor Shaw (Evangelist | Pastor)

Since 2024, Victor has been a regular guest for the Tricky Conversations segment on ABC Hobart Breakfast radio 936AM. Along with Queer philosopher Louise Richardson-Self from UTas, Victor discusses questions profound and mundane, personal and prosaic. As well as answering tricky questions, the segment aims to model constructive conversation across ideological differences. In this elective, Victor will look under the bonnet of how he answers questions, what he has learned and hopefully equip you for navigating tricky conversations with friends, colleagues and family members.

Seeding Growth: Starting and Scaling Gospel Initiatives in Your Church

Mike Hall (Entrepreneur | Church Planter) and Co-leader (forthcoming)

How do you discern when it's time to start something new—and how do you lead it well? This elective explores some biblical convictions, practical frameworks, and leadership instincts needed to initiate and grow new gospel opportunities within your church and ministries. From launching a second Sunday gathering, to shifting from roster-based to team-based ministry, to planting entirely new ministries like a youth group. Mike along with his co-leader (forthcoming) will consider how to recognise growth opportunities, steward them wisely, and act with grace and clarity.



Ministry Pathways & Network Meetings

A casual and dedicated time of meeting people in shared areas of ministry, discussing ideas, getting informed and exploring opportunities for serving the kingdom in Tasmania and beyond. *Optional*

1. Women in leadership
2. Ministry Traineeships (MTS)
3. Serving cross-cultures: Global Mission
4. Meet those in your ministry area

One-to-One Ministry Conversations

Half an hour intentional chat with a ministry leader or peer

Unique to Challenge is the opportunity to sit down with someone outside of your circle to discuss 'what serving the Lord in your life looks like'. The one-to-one ministry conversations are an informal but intentional chat designed for all ages and all stages. They provide the chance to think about current and future ministry and how you can grow in your service to God.

Prayer at Challenge

Prayer for the raising up and growing of leaders is an important part of our responsibility. We want to express our dependence on God for the multiplication of disciples in Tasmania and beyond. During our time we pray for key areas of service and ministry across our state.

Challenge Kids

Kinder – Grade 6 | Saturday 8th August only | Limited spaces

At Challenge, we're passionate about helping young hearts, not just older ones, grow in active faith - faith marked by joyful service to King Jesus. We'd love for your children to join us, as we work together to raise the next generation of gospel-hearted disciples - whether in everyday life or vocational ministry.

Challenge Kids is a full-day program packed with fun and faith-building activities: games, songs, Bible talks, small group discussions, craft, and even a movie. The program is led by trained and screened leaders from local churches, and coordinated by the Jono Thomas, Families Minister at Lindisfarne Anglican.

Starting at 9:30am with sign-in from 9.00am. Children will start in the 1st main session, going to their program after the time of singing and rejoin us at 5:15pm for the end of final session.

Salt and Light Coffee

Coffee lovers we've got you covered!

Salt and Light Coffee will be serving on demand hot drinks you can purchase across the daytime period of the conference.