



**welcome**



# Welcome to Riverside

We are so excited to welcome you here today! Our hope is that you will experience God's love, joy and amazing goodness as you join with us.

Our prayer is that you will feel welcomed into the family, at home, and more importantly that you'll know how valued you are.

We'd love for you to connect with the heart of what we are about here at Riverside and find where you fit within the life of the church.

If we can help you in anyway please let us know.



## **Pastors**

*Aran & Rachel  
Richardson*



# Our Vision

**The Family of God** - We are called to build the family of God in alignment with the

great commission outlined in Matthew 28 where we are called to go, disciple, baptise and teach about the family, community and Kingdom of God as modelled in Acts 2:42-47.

## **The Presence of the Holy Spirit**

God's presence is central to all that we do, our programmes are designed to host the presence of God with a new emphasis on spontaneous worship and bold intercessory prayer to become central to our community.

We long for worship that moves

beyond singing songs and that goes deep into the heart of God as the Holy Spirit brings a revelation of Jesus Christ.

**The Mission of Jesus Christ** - Let us get out of the building and meet the community where they are. Meet with local people, develop partnerships with local organisations and share our stories of who Jesus is and what he has done in or lives in a positive and confident manner.



# New to Riverside?

We would love for you to connect with all that is going on and the best way to do this is to fill out a Welcome Card. We can then send you an invite to our Church-Suite App which gives you access to all our programmes and our weekly newsletter.

Please pick up a card on your chair, in your welcome pack, or speak to a member of the team at the info point on the top landing.

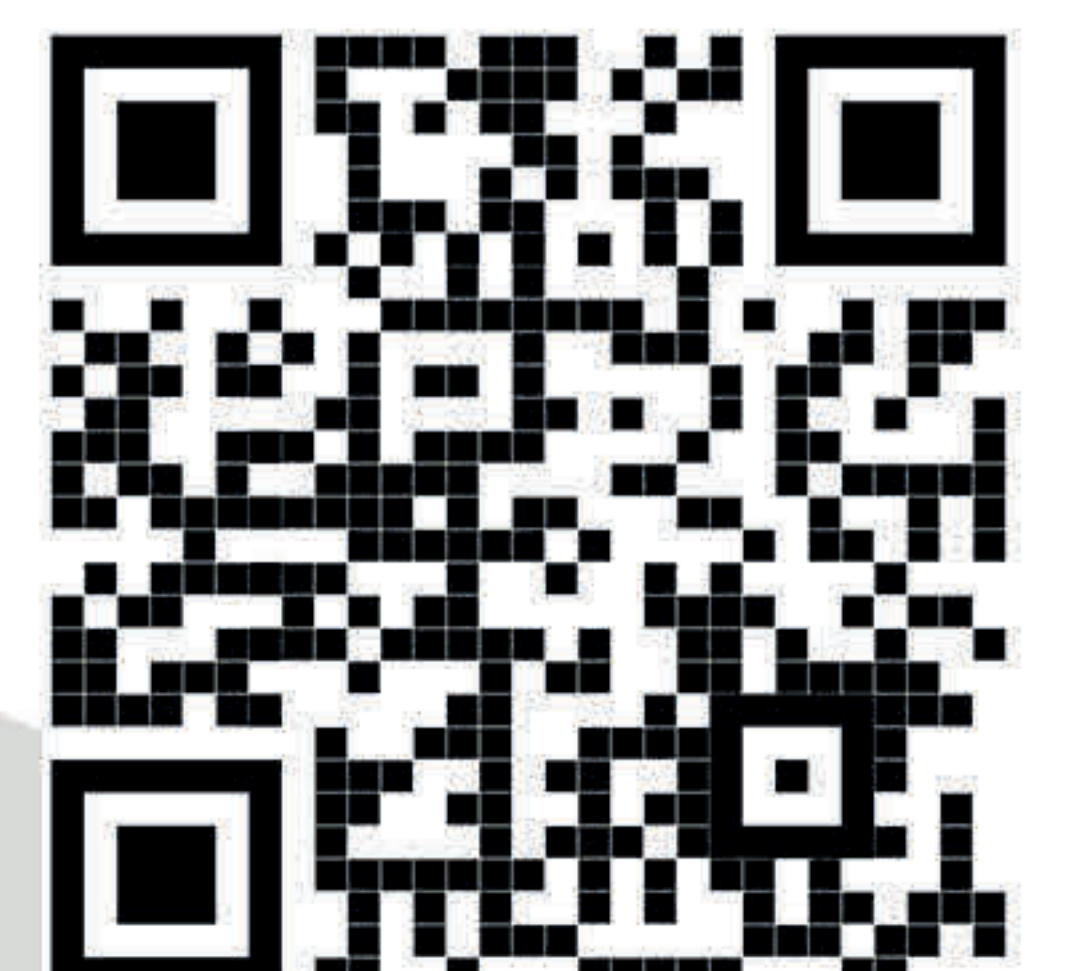


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# How to Connect

At Riverside we are all about connecting people and growing relationships with one another and with God. Our groups centre around food, friendship, bible study and prayer in a relaxed home environment.

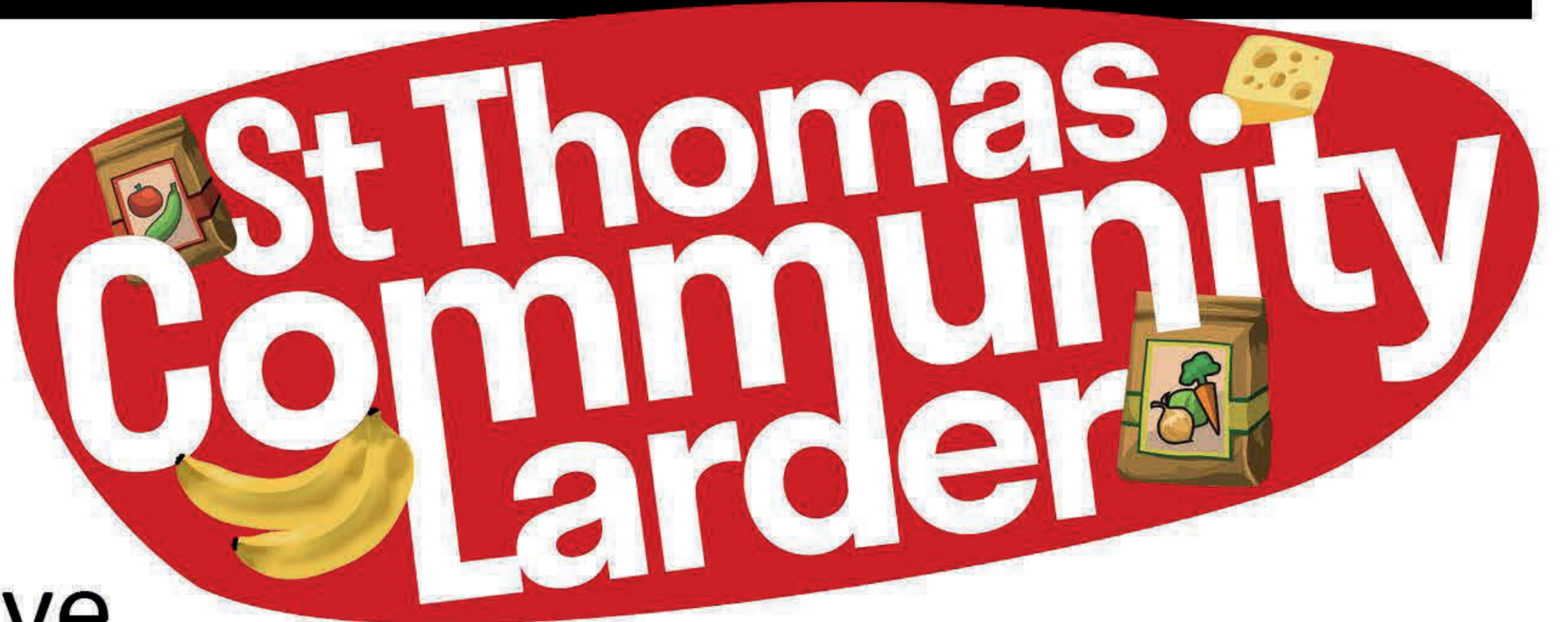
Our aim is to make sure that everyone who responds to the message on a Sunday begins a journey of discipleship that will carry them forward into the full life that God has for them.

Our Connect Groups provide an informal, friendly environment in which to develop friendships and journey together.



# Social Impact

The **Community Larder** was started in April 2020, by the Churches in St Thomas, as a positive



response to the first national lockdown due to the pandemic. We aim to provide community members with a weekly food package, plus cleaning, personal health and other items as required.

**Exeter Street Pastors** - Many in our church family are part of this team of Christians that can be found out and about in Exeter city centre every Friday and Saturday night “caring, listening, and helping” on the streets of Exeter.

**Community Fun Day** is a day for families to meet together enjoying food, fun and friendship. It’s a great opportunity to share God’s love to our local community.

**Global Mission** - We have a heart for mission and it’s our desire that everyone has an opportunity to experience mission both locally and globally. We’re currently supporting missionaries in three continents. If you’re interested in mission we would love to hear from you.

# Café Connect

If you fancy a fantastic coffee, freshly made lunches and deliciously tasty cakes, Cafe Connect is open regularly throughout the week.



*“Café Connect is a great place to connect with friends, or relax with a good book and enjoy the great coffee, freshly made lunches and home made cakes.*

*The atmosphere in the Café is something that is often spoken about. This is very much a place to come to have a relaxing time. We do value people and try to make it our goal to see a satisfied customer leave though our door. If you ever find yourself in this area, pop in and experience us.”*

*Martyn - Café Manager*



# Get Involved

The **Youth Team** is always looking for new volunteers. We run various programmes including bible studies, youth services and socials. This means there are always loads of roles to be filled and ways you can help out.

Whether you've done lots of youth work before or none at all, there's a role that you could help out in.



**Children's Team**  
Volunteers are gladly welcome to get involved and there are various opportunities to serve; including Sunday Kids, Messy Church and family events we

host. Whatever your level of experience with children, this is a great opportunity to be part of an amazing team.



**Café Heroes** would welcome volunteers to help with preparing and serving light refreshments and occasional meals. In addition we would love to hear from you if you have a particular interest or skill that you can share with the group at one of their fortnightly meetings.



If you would like to get involved in any of our teams, please email [info@loveexeter.com](mailto:info@loveexeter.com) and we will contact you to discuss further.

### **Worship & Production**

If you're a musician, a singer, or consider yourself a tech-savvy person this is the perfect team for you. No worries if you don't have much tech knowledge because we would love to train you and find a role for you.

### **Sunday Services**

One of our biggest teams involves stewards, hospitality, musicians, singers, tech and media, children, youth and prayer.

# Courses

## Riverside Academy

Once a month we gather to study in depth what God has to teach us from the Bible through a mixture of direct teaching and interactive discussion.



**Alpha** - We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore faith, ask questions, and share their point of view. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create interesting conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe and everyone's welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: hospitality, a talk and good conversation.

Alpha

# Giving

As a Church we are dependent on the consistency of giving from the congregation.

From day-to-day operations to ongoing expansions, we are grateful to every person who enables the church to be an expression of God's love to the world.



We believe in the Biblical principle of tithes and offerings and we want to encourage people in this area. As you examine this principle you will find it has a two-fold benefit: the benefits to God's house and the blessing that comes to the giver.

## How to give?

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**Online or Bank** - Barclays Bank

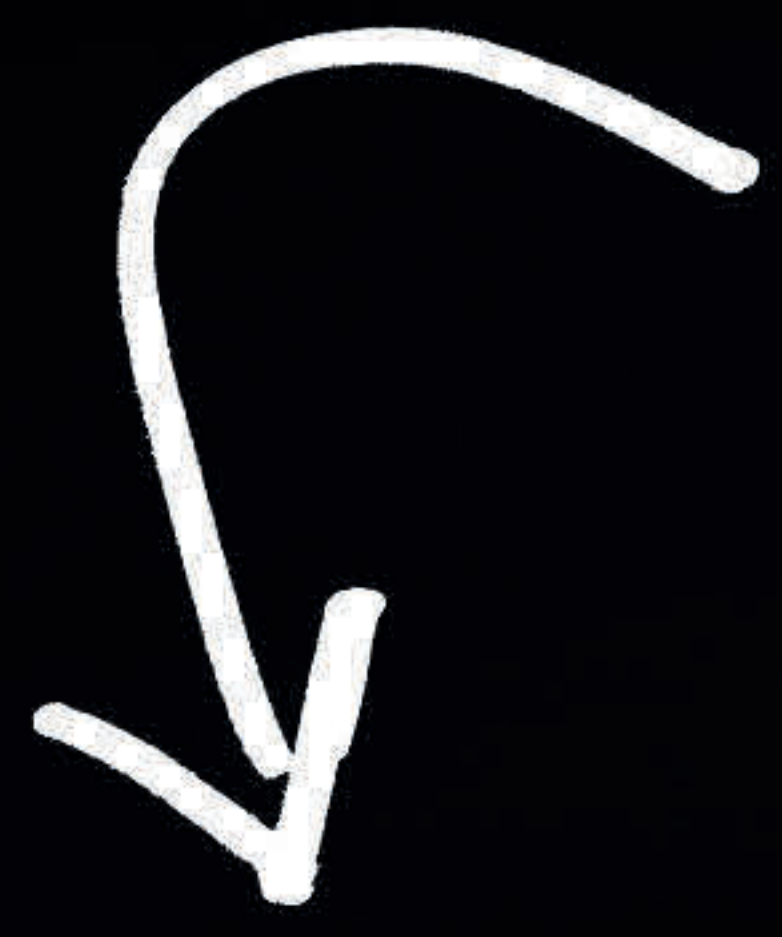
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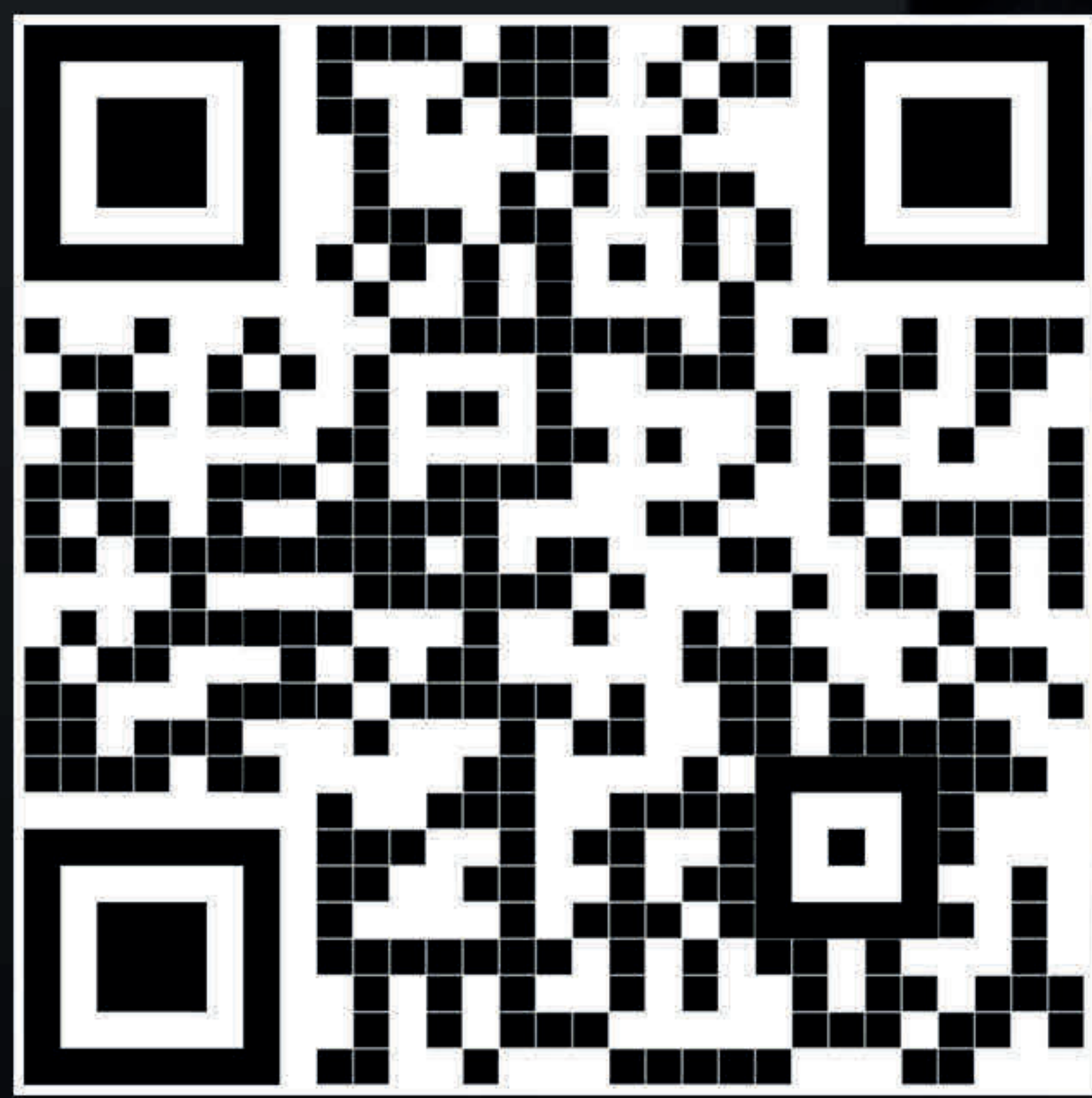
**Sunday Giving** - You can use the giving envelope on a Sunday to give by cash or cheque and pop it in the bucket. Cheques made payable to 'Riverside Christian Centre'.



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