

# WEEKLY NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

## THE START OF ADVENT?

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So what is Advent? And when is it? Where does it come from in Church history?

These are actually more complex questions than they sound. If you buy an advent calendar, they usually have 24 days – that is – one for each day of the month of December, leading up to Christmas. In Church, we celebrate Advent for four weeks prior to Christmas. That sounds certain doesn't it (until you realise that we didn't agree on 25 December as the date for Christmas until the 300s, and Jesus was probably born in 4-6 years before zero BC!).

The first evidence of Advent being celebrated is also found later in the 4th century. Advent is basically the lead up to the big day of Christmas. Unlike the Passover which becomes Easter, there is no biblical precedent for celebrating Advent (let alone Christmas!).

So why did the Church start celebrating Advent? I will deal with that question another week, when we consider why Christians started celebrating Christmas on 25 December. For now, let's consider what did the Church focus on during the season of Advent.

The Latin word 'adventus' is a translation of the Greek word 'parousia'. This word points to the coming of Christ in human flesh **and** his Second Coming. Advent, then, historically has focused on both.

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Today we tend to focus on only the later. That is, on Jesus coming in the flesh at Christmas. It is right for us to celebrate the moment when God's long-promised Messiah, broke into our physical realm and became one of us.

It is a shame, however, that we have moved away from the twin celebration of the fact that the Jesus who came, is coming again. We are a people who both look back at the moment God broke into history, and look forward to his coming again in glory when the King's reign shall be on earth as it is in heaven. The Parousia is a gift that gives twice. Combined, it is the best gift ever.



## MOVING TO YOUTUBE

Starting this Sunday the 29th of November, we are moving to Youtube as the platform for Online Streaming. This means we will no longer stream to Facebook but will use Youtube instead.

The reason for this change is to take advantage of Youtube's higher quality video while live streaming services.

Side note: from 29th Nov we will stop pre-recording the 10 am service and will be live streaming the in-person service.

### **DAC YoutubePage**

Go to the Dapto Anglican Church Youtube Page

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOol8xMFqBVN\\_ECQ6eeTLrg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOol8xMFqBVN_ECQ6eeTLrg)

To get reminders click 'Subscribe'

### **DAC Website - Watch Now**

You can also click 'Watch Now' at the top on the DAC Website

<https://www.dapto.church> and this will take you to DAC on Youtube.

### **Facebook - Youtube Link**

There is a post on Facebook with a link to the DAC Youtube Page

<https://www.facebook.com/daptoanglican> where you will find the Live Stream.

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# Christmas CAROLS

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER  
8AM, 10AM, 4PM AND 6PM

## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Following our next steps dinner, we asked you to update your pledge, and consider making an offering.

This Sunday, 29th November, we have Thanksgiving Sunday. We would like to celebrate the pledge and offering amounts. We would also like to plan and budget, following on from the pledges and offerings.

If you have not had a chance to communicate your pledge, fill in the form below and pop it in the offertory

I/We , \_\_\_\_\_, want Parish Council to know that my regular giving will increase/decrease by \_\_\_\_\_ weekly/fortnightly/monthly.

I/We would also like to give, in addition to my regular giving, a one-off gift of, \_\_\_\_\_, to support the following Next Steps initiatives:

- ☐ Summer Nights
- ☐ Greenfield's Mission
- ☐ Upgrade of the Hall
- ☐ Upgrade of the Forcourt

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

# PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may shun the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, that on the last day, when Jesus comes again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy M (10am), Loren A (7pm), Katie C (7pm) and Kasey D (10am).

### VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Helen S, Bruce M, Diana M, Kath H, Ella H, Jean D, Lorna B-W, Glenys N, Barbara B, Barbara L.

### 8AM/2PM

Pat W and family the same but can you add - Pat and her family are grateful for the prayers and well wishes from our church family. Colleen Y - having rehab twice per week at Shell' Priv Hosp, and thanks you for your prayers and cards. Shirley S - problems with health; Beth W and Glad A - both recovering. Maureen (Op Shop customer) - terminal cancer, pray for pain management.

### 9:30AM

Reg B at Chesalon, Woonona.

### 10AM

Paul B - dialysis, Phillippa - chemo treatment. Wendy E, Elizabeth L, Ronnie VK, Michael E, Janelle S, Michele S - all ongoing conditions and treatments. Carol A recovering at home. Alexis L in hosp due to ongoing back issues.

### 7PM

Lina D recovering at home. Shaina J son, Roman - results in, with more tests in 6 months, pray for more answers and good health while monitoring and waiting. Pray for good results Billy H - chemo treatment. Gary M - ongoing health problems. David G - pain whilst recovering from surgery.

## SAFE MINISTRY



Dapto Anglican Church is committed to Safe Ministry Practices. If you have a question or concern, we are here to help.

Please contact:

- Julie Houghton, Parish Safe Ministry Representative, by confidential email [safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au](mailto:safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au) or through our church office on 42611001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945

