



WEEKLY NEWS

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DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

MODERN FUNERALS

REV DAVID RIETVELD

Shane Warne's memorial service was a textbook contemporary version of a modern funeral. It was a eulogy to Shane. He was celebrated as a loveable larrikin, a family man, one who could mix with rich and famous, yet care for the common and struggling. He was there for others, spreading his 'gold dust' everywhere.

Conveniently forgotten was his texting, cheating on his wife, and the cloud over his failed charity – the Shane Warne Foundation.

As someone who has planned and led funerals for decades, I note with concern a shift. This was a funeral about a man, and about how well he has lived his life, and how his memory will live on.

Funerals used to be about God – not man. The Book of Common Prayer (1552) begins the funeral service with these words: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die".

In the face of human mortality, and our inability to control or know our future, the funeral service was a reminder that God is a God of life, love, forgiveness, justice, mercy, and judgement. The comfort we find in funeral services comes from the fact that we entrust our loved ones to God.

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When we reach the end of ourselves, God's life and love for us is only just beginning. The best parts of life, where life will be best lived, are not here and now. They are lived with God, gathered around his throne, worshipping the life well lived by his Son.

Shane's memory will live for longer than most. He was an exceptional cricketer. But to only think about what we achieved in the past is to miss the point and hope of a funeral service.

2022 AGM Results

Wardens: David Langley (yet to be appointed Rector's Warden); Jim Bailey and Michael Vesey (People's Wardens).

Parish Councillors:

- Greg Batten
- Phil Commins
- Julie Houghton
- Brian Lane
- Ann Rogerson
- Nikki Sullivan

Rectors Appointments:

- David Hitchcock
- TBA

Lay Leaders Hall of Fame:

- Carl Cheetham
- Lyn Cheetham

We give thanks for the willingness of the new parish council and pray for them as they support David and the staff in the ministry of the church.

We also praise God for the timely leadership of Simon Webb and Nikki Sullivan, who capably guided DAC through seasons of transitions and challenges. Thanks to Simon and Nikki.

Hot Cross Buns

Dapto School Scripture Board are selling Hot Cross Buns to raise money to Scripture in our Highschools. It's \$8 per packet. Orders are due in by this Sunday, the 3rd April and the buns can be picked up or delivered on Friday 8th April. The order form can be found on the last page of the Newsletter.



Positions Vacant

We are currently advertising for two positions:

- Op Shop Coordinator
- Children's and Family Minister

For details see sydneyanglicans.net/jobs or contact the office.



Daylight Savings Ends

Sunday, 3 April 2022, 3 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour. Most of our phones will correct for this automatically, but don't be caught out for Church on Sunday.

Empty Nesters Outdoor Movie & Dinner Night

Saturday 9th April, from 5:30pm

St Luke's Brownsville

(wet weather Main Hall Ministry Centre)

\$15 per person
for food and drinks

BYO Camp Chairs, Blankets
and Mozzie repellent.

RSVP to Miranda Janszen

Dave's Retirement

Today is Dave Langley's last day of paid work at Dapto Anglican. He is a highly valued team member and we will miss him. We wish him all the best for his retirement and will be praying for him.

Join us at the 10am service to celebrate the work he has done at DAC and thank him for his hard work and dedication to serving our church community.



PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT COUPLES

Lisa & Michael S; Mel & Michael F.

HOSPITAL

Pray for Trevor W (10am) as he is in hospital waiting to have knee surgery. Continue to pray for Tarj, as he is recovering after his accident; Suzanne W (10am) is in Rehab Private Hospital in Sutherland following knee replacement surgery.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Please pray for our people in Nursing Homes: Allen & Gae Q; Kath H; Elsie N; Diana M; Barbara L; Reg B; (all in Piper House, Dapto); Robyn and Neville K (Digger's Rest, Corrimal); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, AP); Graham S (Carino Care, Rockdale).

8AM

Wendy R - slowly recovering; Audrey R - Slowly recovering; Ray McP - slowly recovering; Lyn R - possible surgery in the future. Pray for recovery from her ill health.

10AM

Carl C - will be having eye surgery; Amanda - pray for her and her children as they attend court in April for a family matter; Elizabeth L will be having surgery in April; Mary J's husband, Michael is recovering after surgery and having stitches removed; Phil P - please pray that he can get an early date for his surgery; Sue B - continue to pray for Sue as she copes with her condition; Vince A - is doing much better, and would like to thank you all for your prayers for him.

6PM

Seb R - his hand is healing well, thanks for your prayers; Shaina J's son, Roman - pray for continued healing for him.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Continue to pray for Lynne N's brother, Stephen, as he is having immunotherapy infusion for his Melanoma.

Continue to pray for the people from our congregations who have Covid.

BISHOP GARY NELSON

Pray over Bishop Gary Nelson and his wife Christine, as Gary concludes his ministry in the North West. Gary was one of our previous assistant ministers.

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 or through our church office on 42611001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945



Easter Services

Tenebrae

7:30pm, Thursday
14th April

St Luke's Anglican
Brownsville

Good Friday

9:00am, Friday
15th April

Ministry Center

Easter Sunday

Sunday
17th April

8am Tradition Service
10am Family Celebration
6pm Evening Church

Ministry Center

EASTER SUNDAY

10am Sunday 17th April
Ministry Center, Moombara St Dapto

Easter Egg Hunt
Jumping Castles
Face Painting
BBQ and Fun Food



CAFÉ TEMPORARY CLOSURE FAQ

Last Sunday we discussed the frequently asked questions concerning the temporary closure of the café. Please find the FAQ document [here](#).

IS THE SPACE AVAILABLE TO BOOK?

Yes, you can book the café for your ministry. Except on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am till 1pm, and Friday nights. Someone from your ministry may need a key.

CAN WE HANG OUT THERE MIDWEEK?

Yes, The café has been a great place for spontaneous sit down conversations as well as a place for others to focus on school and uni work. Tuesdays and Thursdays are again the main days to pop in, however, a call or email to the office for a regular place to sit and chat or get work done is something that can be considered and arranged if possible. There will be no barista coffee or café food available, but on Tuesdays and Thursdays a tea and coffee station can be set up by either DAC staff or DAC members who have been licensed.

CAN I BRING MY OWN FOOD AND DRINK TO THE SPACE?

Absolutely, the silver lining to the café's temporary closure is that it is no longer a faux pas to bring in outside food and drink.

CAN I STILL GET A BARISTA COFFEE?

The answer to this question depends on whether you or someone in your group has a coffee machine licence. If you do, you are free to use it whenever. You will just have to pay a small amount to cover the cost of the beans and milk. If you don't have a licence then you are welcome to bring in outside barista coffee.

WHAT IS LICENCING?

In order to fulfil safety requirements and maintain a consistent standard of care for facilities we need to make sure people are trained to use the coffee machine and kitchen facilities. There will be three types of license; "Café Barista" (which lets you make coffee), "Kitchen Access" (which lets you access the hot water tap, the fridge, and the dishwasher) and "Kitchen Catering" (which lets you access the ovens and stovetops). Each level will require its own training and will open up the facilities to you, to be able to serve and facilitate ministry and fellowship.

WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO GET TRAINED FOR KITCHEN ACCESS AND ALSO FOR KITCHEN CATERING?

Training is being offered Tues 5th and Thurs 7th April. Please email Sarah to express your interest. thecafe@daptoanglican.org.au

HOW DO I ACCESS THE SPACE DURING CONSTRUCTION?

The best and most consistent way is to enter from the back carpark doors. But you can approach from the front, and walk near the new sensory playground.



Please help **support**
this ministry by ordering some Hot Cross Buns this Easter.

Last day for orders is **Sunday 3rd of April.**

The Hot Cross Buns will be delivered or picked up on
Friday the 8th of April.

1 pkt \$8.00

No orders will be taken without payment.

Name:

Phone:

Type of Easter Bun	Quantity	Cost
Plain Hot Cross Buns		
Totals		