



WEEKLY NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

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Playpatch: Our Playpatch team have been filming songs, crafts and stories for mums and dad's to watch with their children. Such creativity and fun being had.

Connect Kids: Easter bags were delivered to our Connect Kids families this week. Matt and his team put together bags with activity sheets, colouring pages, chocolates and a letter from their leaders, for each their Connect families.

The City Youth: A series of Easter devotions written by the Youth leaders were published this week on social media for our Youth. It walks our youth through the Gospel of Mark, looking at Jesus' journey to the cross, his death and resurrection.

Adults: Since last Sunday we have been emailing out a Devotional each morning to the congregation. "Palm Sunday to Easter - Jesus 7 Words from the Cross", from Daily Reflections from Genesis to Revelations by John Stott. It has been encouraging to share in God's word together each morning as a church community.

"It has been so good to receive the below bible message what an encouragement to turn on my laptop and before I begin to start reading what emails arrived over night to open this message."

PRAY WITH US

Good Friday Prayer

John 19:28-37 'It is Finished'

O Saviour of the world, we praise you again for the victory of the cross and for your finished work. You have done for us what we could never do for ourselves, and what we did not deserve that you should do for us. Through your perfect and all-sufficient sacrifice, sin is conquered, death is destroyed, we and all your people are redeemed, and heaven is opened. We thank and praise you, and we offer you our lives, a living sacrifice in response to your sacrifice made once and for all for us. To God be glory for ever and ever, Amen

Easter Day Prayer

Thanksgiving to the risen Lord

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, because you have broken for us the bonds of sin and have brought us into fellowship with the Father.

We give our thanks to you, Lord Jesus Christ, because you have overcome for us the bonds of death and have opened for us the gate to eternal life.

We give our thanks to you Lord Jesus Christ because you have poured into our hearts your love through your Holy Spirit.

We give our thanks to you, Lord Jesus Christ, because where two or three gather in your name you are there in the midst of them.

We give our thanks to you, Lord Jesus Christ, because you ever live to make intercession for us to the Father.

For all these and the other blessings of your resurrection, we give you our thanks and praise, Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Ainsley R. (7pm), Mel F. (7pm).

THOSE IN HOSPITAL

Garion W. (10am)- investigating appendicitis, Trevor W. (10am)- recovering in rehab, Annette H (10am), Michael J (Mary's husband 9:30am) recovering from op.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

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

8AM/2PM

Pat W. son's fiancé Sue K. undergoing chemo treatment, Diane L. undergoing chemo treatment, Mavis B. home from hospital recovering.

10AM

Michael E., Janelle S. (Warren's sister) Ronnie VK, all ongoing conditions and treatment.

7PM

Shania J. Son, Roman, waiting to see neurologist in Sydney. Pray for good health while waiting.

PRESCHOOL EXCELLENCE

This week we received some great news! St Luke's Preschool Director, Blake Stewart, has been recognised as one of Australia's top educators by winning an ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award (NEiTA). Blake and his team work tirelessly planning and providing excellent education for their students. It is fantastic to have Blake's leadership, passion for education and innovation recognised at a national level.

"Blake's passion for education is infectious, and it's not just the students who benefit, rather his colleagues and the entire school community," Ms Higgins said. "Teachers like Blake are shaping and influencing the lives of countless students and creating opportunities they never dreamed existed."

Praise God for the provision of St Luke's Preschool and the passionate and dedicated teachers who work there.



SAFE MINISTRY



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- 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

MISSION PRAYER



Our CMS Partners in Chile have been sent out their news letters and shared with us how we can be praying for them.

Michael and Jo Charles:

- Praise God that we live in a country that has good internet that all of our students can access!
- Pray that as a church we will be wise in our reactions—but certainly not careless! Pray we will be more concerned for loving and serving others than about our own personal safety, especially as we reflect on 2000 years of Christian care for the sick and vulnerable in times of epidemics and plague that oftentimes had greater mortality rates than the current pandemic.
- Pray that we will not be anxious, but will be a source of calm and peace, reflecting Christ's confidence in the goodness of his heavenly Father even when darkness surrounded him.

Gary and Julie Haddon:

Please pray for:

- The interruptions to the teaching year, that the students (both at CEP and in schools) will be able to continue in their learning.
- Those most affected by this new challenge to life in Chile.
- The churches in Chile who are seeking to proclaim life in Jesus, especially for many Anglican churches in Santiago who meet in schools, universities and community centres, many of which are shut down at the moment and not available for church services.



Give thanks for:

- The technology that allows us to continue to “meet” with our students in spite of the restrictions and challenges.
- The extra time we now have for other things - like for Julie to mark MOCLAM exams instead of taking the girls to school! And no fighting the traffic (yay!).
- The timely visit of Julie's parents.
- Less trouble in the streets than was anticipated.