



WEEKLY NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

HOPE IN SUFFERING

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Despite our advance in technology, despite our advancements in moral/social issues, despite our progress in education. Sociologists and anthropologists when looking at the various ways that cultures train and equip its members to handle and deal with grief, pain and loss and it is often noted that our contemporary secular, Western culture is one of the weakest in human history at doing so.

Dr Paul Brand, a pioneering orthopaedic surgeon in the treatment of leprosy patients, spent the first part of his career in India and the last part in the US said, "In the United States... I encountered a society that seeks to avoid pain at all costs. Patients lived at a greater comfort level than any I had previously treated, but they seemed far less equipped to handle suffering and far more traumatized by it."

Both the New and the Old Testament give great time and energy into helping people understand the reality of grief and loss, but also the present comfort of a companion in pain. That God did not see fit to leave us to suffer alone, but entered in. Entered into the bitterness of loss and the coldness of death. That in the darkness, the dawn will always come. That it might not have the final word.

If you're interested in more thoughts and discussion. Why not join us Wednesday nights 7:30 via Facebook live.

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PRAY WITH US

Annette Holmes is a well-loved and long-standing, active member of the DAC community. We ask you to join us in praying for Annette and her family.

Annette's condition remains serious. Her family and medical professionals have entered into discussions about her ongoing care. Please pray that Annette is kept comfortable and pray that her family feel confident in making wise and timely decisions. Continue to pray for Annette's family particularly Sharlene, Sienna and Sketch at this time.

If you would like to send a message to Annette or her family you can email it to **care@daptoanglican.org.au**.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

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

THOSE IN HOSPITAL

Annette H.

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

Diane L. recovering and waiting for results. Mavis B. recovering. Gordon Morris, ill, at home. Pat W - recovering from cataract surgery, Pat's son, Antony - ongoing treatment, Antony's fiancé, Sue K - ongoing chemo.

10AM

Ronnie VK., unwell, Genie C., Annette H., Michael E., Janelle S. (Warren's sister) all ongoing conditions and treatment. Trevor W. recovering at home. Lyn H., recovering from shoulder surgery. Allen Q., waiting for results.

7PM

Shaina J. son, Roman, waiting to see neurologist in Sydney. Pray for good health while waiting.

RISE UPDATE

Whilst RISE isn't meeting in person during this time we are continuing to stay in contact, do some devotionals together, learn some keyword signing via video and enjoy some craft together from our individual homes.

The RISE participants have been keeping safe and well at home, going for walks, helping with gardening and housework, watching plenty of movies and playing some games with their families.

Please continue to pray that the RISE participants and their families will remain healthy and safe and for their wellbeing as they find things to do while programs aren't meeting and jobs are on hold.

PARTNERING TO PROVIDE

COVID-19 has impacted all of us. There has been a shortage of food and toiletries everywhere. Anglicare still continues to reach out and help people in need. Dapto Anglican continues to partner with Anglicare and will continue to be a dropoff centre for food and toiletries. You can drop your donations to the Church during the Cafe operating hours, **9 am to 1:30 pm Wednesday to Friday**. Look for the clearly marked donation tubs.

Items you can donate:

Non-perishable food

- pasta, pasta sauce
- chunky soup
- tinned meats, tuna, salmon
- tinned vegetables and fruit
- cereal, long-life milk

Toiletries

- toothpaste, toothbrushes
- soap and deodorant
- toilet paper
- tissue paper
- hand wash"

FINANCE UPDATE

We have received our first payment (\$39,000) under the Federal Government's JobKeeper Payments scheme. Further payments will be received each month until early October.

It is a great encouragement to see that many of you have been willing to make changes to the way that you give to ensure that you continue to financially support the Church's ministry. We are very thankful for all of you who have been dropping your offertory envelopes into the Church Office, or who get someone else to deliver them. We also are thankful to those who are now giving via bank transfer, and those who have continued to give via bank transfer.

If you are not already doing so, please consider using a bank transfer or dropping your gifts into the Church Office. You can set a bank transfer through your bank's website or app. The Church's BSB Number is 032686 and the Account Number is 301487. If you use the Offertory Envelopes but aren't able to get them to the Office, or if you have not received a new set of envelopes yet, please telephone the Church Office on 4261 1001 and we will arrange to collect envelopes or deliver a new set.

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