



WEEKLY NEWS

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FREEDOM

REV DAVID RIETVELD

Many elements of the war in Ukraine have been astounding. Western businesses, like MasterCard and Visa, independent of governments, enforce their own sanctions on Russia. That Germany would realise the weakness of NATO, and double its expenditure on defence. But none is more inspiring than to see the human spirit stand and fight for freedom, and against injustice.

Ukraine is being led by a former comedian. A man who has the pedigree of Charlie Chaplain, but is channelling the passion and resolve of Churchill. He is garnering support and propagating courage, both inside and outside his homeland.

To see Ukrainian rock stars, returning Olympians and other world-class sportsmen, and a former beauty queen – let alone ordinary Ukrainians take up arms against a superior invading army is inspiring.

I cannot but help think that we take freedom for granted, and lost a sense of its true value. We frame freedom as the ability to make a mobile phone call. We are free to do and choose what we want. Freedom is first freedom from – from oppression and evil.

Second, follows an equally weighty question. What does one do with this precious gift of freedom?

Paul reflects on this in Ephesians 5. Do not accept the freedom we receive in Christ, to then enslave yourself to the things of this world.

Freedom costs. Not just more expensive fuel. It is costing Ukrainians deeply, and it cost Jesus his life. Use your freedom in ways that reflect its true value.

2022 Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on Monday 28th of March, 7pm in the Auditorium. Nomination forms will be available at each service this week and in the coming weeks. Finance Reports will be available this Sunday at our Services this week.

Our current Parish Council, Wardens and Nominators are listed below. We thank God for the work they have done over the past year and prayerfully consider who we'd like to nominate for 2022.

Wardens

Jim Bailey (Parish
Treasurer)
Nikki Sullivan
Simon Webb

Parish Councillors

Greg Batten
Phil Commins
David Hitchcock
Julie Houghton
Brian Lane
(Parish Secretary)
Ann Rogerson
Michael Vesey

Parish Nominators

Greg Batten
Andy Houghton
Drewan Robinson
Ann Rogerson

BCA Money Boxes

Bring your BCA boxes in throughout the month of March (and again in September). Ron and Maureen will count them up and send it off to Bush Church Aid. Your BCA box will then be popped in your service basket for you to collect the following week.



Seniors Lunch

The first Seniors Lunch of 2022 is Wednesday 30th of March. Join us from 12:00pm in the Main Hall of the Ministry Center and hear from Open Doors.

Cost is \$20 per person, there will be clipboards at the 8am and 10am service or you can pay at the office, Monday to Thursday, 9am to 4pm.

MU Meeting

Mother's Union will be meeting for a catch up on Tuesday 22nd of March at 10:30am at the Main Hall in the Ministry Center. Bring your own lunch, and enjoy community together.

Dave's Retirement

When Dave Langley joined the staff team in 2016 he signed up for 3 years as Business Manager. 6 years later, Dave is retiring from his paid ministry role.



Dave has brought many gifts and skills to his role and has supported the congregation, staff team and general public in many ways throughout his time as Business Manager at DAC. It would be difficult to list all of the things Dave does in a day, let alone in 6 years but we know for certain, there's a lot on that list! I'm sure many of you have been told "ask Dave" or at least thought it on countless occasions.

We are so thankful for Dave's faithfulness in his ministry and for God's provision. Dave and Sharon will continue to worship at DAC at the 10am service.

We will be celebrating Dave's retirement at the end of March. If you would like to send a message of thanks or support please send your message via office@daptoanglican.org.au. If you would like to contribute financially for gift to thank Dave for his years of faithful service you can drop money into the office or electronic transfer with these details: Acc: Dapto Anglican, BSB: 032686 Acc#: 120002 with the label DAVEGIFT.

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



PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT COUPLES

Lisa & Michael S; Mel & Michael F.

HOSPITAL

Suzanne W (8am) - in East Sydney Private Hospital. Had an operation for her knee replacement yesterday, Wednesday. Pray for healing. Pray for Trevor W (10am) as he is waiting to have knee surgery. Continue to pray for Tarj as he has a long road of rehab and recovery following his accident.

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 & Neville K (Digger's Rest, Corrimal); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Graham S (Carino Care, Rockdale).

8AM

Wendy R is slowly recovering from her fall. Pray for freedom from pain in her knee, and also for patience; Ray McP is recovering slowly, good to see he and Di at church on Sunday; Audrey R - pray for freedom from pain and for healing as she is now doing physio exercises; Lyn R - possible surgery in the future. Please pray that she can negotiate God's way out of her current maze of ill health.

10AM

Elizabeth L will be having surgery in April; Vince A - please pray for healing of the nerve endings in his legs following his knee surgeries; Sue B - coping with her condition, please continue to pray for Sue; Phil P - please pray for Phil as he waits for a date for his surgery. Pray for patience, wisdom and an early date for his surgery. Mary J's husband, Michael, is home from hospital following the surgery to remove the melanoma from his leg. Pray for healing.

6PM

Seb R - Continue to pray for Seb as he tries to do more with his hand; Shaina J's son, Roman, has received good news from scans, and currently his back is stable.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Continue to pray for Lynne N as she cares for her family. Pray for peace and strength for Lynne.

EXTRA POINTS FOR PRAYER

Please pray for all the people from our services who have contracted Covid. May they be able to have healing and peace; Also, please pray for Rebekah S following her terrible car accident in November. She is still having surgeries on her neck, her back, her skull and lots of screws and rods inserted. Please pray for healing and peace for Rebekah, and also for the family.