



# WEEKLY NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

REV DAVID RIETVELD

Today is Remembrance Day – and I probably would not have remembered were it not my daughter's birthday tomorrow. Apart from the bigger splash in 2019 to mark the 100th anniversary, it appears to me the tradition is losing momentum.

Corporate memory and traditions are both important, and transitory. Important in that they are about the retelling and rehearsing the shared stories that underwrite our values. Mateship is a core Australian virtue. It flows from our convict history. We do not like to think of ourselves as lesser if we arrived as convicts. As a culture, we are quick to cut down tall poppies. Accurate or otherwise, we corporately imagine the First World War battlefield as a place where mate stood next mate. Bullets do not discriminate; in war social and racial differences count for little.

Corporate memories have a way of allowing our values to be shared, and to unite us. It's un-Australian to not stand by your mates. Many values are now considered an expression of individual choice, but we need our shared values to create a sense of being one nation. The retelling of our stories reinforces and reminds us of what is important to us.

Except Remembrance Day is dying off. Corporate memories can fade, or be re-interpreted, or change their focus.

Bible reading is in part about the rehearsing of corporate memories. Paul tells Timothy to devote himself to the public reading of scripture. He says this not just because most people could not read. Or that we need to hear in order to learn. We need to re-tell biblical stories because they contain the truths and values that are important to us, and define who we are as a people.

How are you in the habit of understanding and reinforcing your personal story as a subset of the extended story of the people of God?

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# CMS Missions Week

Next week, from the 14th to the 21st of November, we have BOTH Michael and Jo Charles and Gary and Julie Haddon at DAC. They will be coming along to our Church services, and we have a few events lined up for you to come and see them:



## **Monday 15th November - Morning Tea**

Join us for Morning Tea in the Cafe, from 10 am. A great opportunity to catch up with Michael, Jo, Gary and Julie.

\$6 for Scones, Jam and Cream with a small beverage.

Book through the office - 4261 1001 or reply to this email.

## **Monday 15th November - Dinner**

Join us for Dinner, 6pm in the Café. Dinner and Dessert for \$10.

Book through the office - 4261 1001 or reply to this email.

## **Wednesday 18th November - Livestream**

The Café will be running Community Dinner as a dine-in or takeaway. Get your orders in, or book your seats by 4 pm Tuesday 17th November.

From 7:30 pm we will Livestream an interview with our Missionaries, and if you chose to eat in you can watch it live from the auditorium. Or you can tune in from home via YouTube.

# Thankyou

Thankyou to my church family for your cards and continued prayers. Gwyn has been a part of my life for almost 70 years. His passing has made big changed in my life. Knowing Gwyn is with the Lord is a great comfort to me,

Thankyou also for your generous donations to BCA, totalling an amount over \$400.

*Ruby Davies*





# Community Dinner

With the easing of restrictions, we have some more changes in The Cafe. Open from 9:30 am till 2 pm, Tuesday to Friday. DINE IN OR TAKE AWAY THIS WEEK ONLY.

## Wednesday 17th November

- \$12 a serve Roast Beef, Baked Potato, Pumpkin, Peas and Carrots, Mustard and Cravy

To order shoot an email to: [thecafe@daptoanglican.org.au](mailto:thecafe@daptoanglican.org.au). Call the Cafe, 02 4260 9278, we'll take your call when we can, or you can leave a voice message and we will confirm your order later. Please order by 4 pm the day before. And remember when picking up to wear a mask & abide by current restrictions to keep each other safe. Deliveries to St Lukes Village - Other deliveries on special request.

# Music and Tech

Lisa Speelman started at DAC this week as our Worship Pastor! We are holding a Worship and Tech Meeting on Wednesday the 1st of December, at 7pm in the Auditorium.

We are very excited to be able to have a worship team back in our services from December onwards. For those who have served previously or who would be interested in serving, please come along, get to know Lisa and discuss what's happening going forward.



## 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

# PRAYER FOR TODAY

Father in heaven, keep your people steadfast in faith and love, that through your protection we may be safe as we go through adversities, and may devoutly serve you in reaching out to others for the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### HOSPITAL

Pray for Tarj B, a youth, in hospital after accident. Also pray for his family.

### VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Please pray for Kath H who was sent to hospital for a day or two with some problems. Back at the Nursing Home now. also pray for Elsie N, Diana M, Barbara L, Reg B (all in St. Luke's Village); Robyn K, Neville K (Diggers Rest, Corrimall); Gae and Allen Q ('Donington Court' Castle Hill); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, AP); Graham S is moving to a Nursing Home at Rockdale.

### 8AM

Frances C - had a fall and has a small fracture in shoulder and pain in left arm, hopefully surgery will not be needed; Lyn R - please pray for the doctors to have wisdom regarding Lyn's health; Shirley S - really appreciates and thanks you for your prayers for her; Gail R - at home and being cared for by John; Wendy R - thankful that her back has improved - still waiting for knee to improve; Arthur S - pray for freedom from pain; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia; Daphne C's daughter, Joanne - will have surgery on Monday, 15th November. Please pray for the 15 doctors on the team as this will be a long procedure over many hours.

### 10AM

Elizabeth L is home and recovering and also has bursitis, which can cause pain. Seeing more Specialists at the end of the month; Paul B - health is still being monitored; Sue B - will have more tests; Phil P - please pray for patience while waiting to see if the ileostomy bag can be removed, for the wound to be healed, and for a bit less nausea; Mary J - blood pressure is going well.

### 6PM

Shaina J's son, Roman, will have a scan next week and will see the Neurosurgeon in a few weeks; Gary M - ongoing recovery of health issues.

### CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Pray for continued healing for Lynne N's father and her brother; Continue to pray for Janelle and Ken M.