



WEEKLY NEWS

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War in Ukraine. Devastating floods. Years of a global pandemic.

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It ought not to be surprised if we find ourselves in a place of fragility. Of weary hearts and exhausted minds. In many ways, words on a page cannot come close to grasping the depth of pain and sorrow that many are feeling around the world, and as close as in our own homes.

Where have we to turn? How are we to even move forwards, when we feel on the cusp of collapse?

It is in these times I am reminded of Paul's words in Romans 8, *We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth...not only creation – but we ourselves!* Paul does not shy away from the reality that Jesus isn't a pill that excludes us from the hardship of life, or that 'faith' somehow might mean that we don't find things overwhelming, taxing or trying. Rather, it is in the midst of the hardship of life and the suffering we find ourselves in, that the gospel stirs in us a longing for the redemption of our bodies.

It does not surprise me that Paul directly follows this with how the Spirit will intercede for us in our weakness, in our inability, in our helplessness. Would I leave or abandon Jacob or Archer as they cry out in pain and desperation? Nor will our Heavenly Father abandon us.

For He knows what it means to be weak.



Serving the Lord in Eurasia

Last Sunday we got to see a short intro video from our new CMS missionaries. We'll be meeting them on Sunday the 13th during our church services. In the week following we'll be holding two events for CMS.

MORNING TEA

Monday 14th of March please join us from 10am for a Scone Morning Tea in the Cafe. It will be \$5 for scones and hot beverage. No tickets needed.

DINNER

Wednesday 16th of March please join us from 6pm for a Mediterranean Style Dinner in the Cafe. If you pre-book your ticket online or through the office, the cost is \$15 per person. On the night the cost is \$20 per person. Family rate is \$50 per person. Scan the QR code or call the office to book in.

All proceeds from these events will go directly to CMS. Come along, enjoy some great food, get to know our Missionaries and financially support CMS.



10am Family Picnic

Some things are worth a Plan B and 10am fellowship is one of them!

Due to the likely rain this Sunday we will have our picnic in the Hall and Cafe area of church.

Bring lunch or get takeaway from the many options nearby. After the 10 am service this Sunday, stay back and spend the time connecting and reconnecting as 10 am family.



A Time to Listen A Time to Re-launch

Feedback → Review → Re-align

The Youth Ministry Feedback Forum will be on the Thursday 10th of March, from 7:30pm in the Cafe. It will be an informal setting where you can come and give your feedback about the ministry. This is a time to explore what is it about the old normal that we wish to affirm, and what do we wish to adjust? If you are a Children's Leader, a Parent or Caregiver to a child, please come along.

Welcome Kasper

Join us in giving thanks for the safe arrival of our newest church member, Kasper Bernard Swan. Simon and Erin Swan welcomed their son, Kasper, on Wednesday 23rd February. Weighing 2.49kg, he has completely stolen their hearts and big sister Freya loves giving him kisses!

Congratulations Erin, Simon and Freya. We will continue to pray over you all.



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

THOSE MOURNING

Continue to pray for the families who have lost loved ones over these past weeks.

PREGNANT COUPLES

Lisa & Michael S; Mel & Michael F; Katy & Mark McG.

HOSPITAL

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 at home; Audrey R - please pray for freedom from pain in her legs; 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 - has seen the Doctor and will have surgery in April to remove screws, etc. from her previous surgery. Pray for freedom from pain; 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 patience as he waits for an early surgery date, and for wisdom in purchasing supplies for his condition; Mary J's husband, Michael, waiting for results and treatment.

6PM

Seb R - recovering from the accident to his hand; Shaina J's son, Roman - have received good news from scans.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lynne N - please pray for Lynne as she is having to deal with many family health issues. Also, her brother is still having treatment and is doing well. Please pray for peace and strength for Lynne.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, repenting of our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.