



WEEKLY NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

SONS OF ISSACHAR

REV DAVID RIETVELD

We have just witnessed the peaceful transition of one government to another. In Israel, after the first King, Saul, things did not go quite so smoothly. Things got messy for a season. Eventually, David becomes the new King.

In 1 Chronicles 12, we read a list of all the soldiers who were loyal to David. There were 7,000 mighty men of war from this tribe, 28,000 who were drilled in battle formation from this tribe, and 120,000 with weapons from another. In among these impressive numbers are the sons of Issachar.

We read: "From the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their kinsmen were at their command." (v32)

The list is impressive. In times of military and political instability, battalions and weapons are a comfort.

But there is something incredibly strategic that this small number of men from Issachar bring to the battlefield. They can read the signs of the times. The right might targeted in the wrong direction, is wasted.

This week, Jamie, Matt, and I (and Bob M) attended the regional ministry conference. Peter Hayward – the Bishop gave one of the talks. He attempted to make sense for us of the megatrends of recent, and predict how the church might need to plan and prepare itself as we go forward in messy times.

His view is that we are living through unprecedented levels of change in culture and the church. Greater change than we have ever experienced – greater than the 1960s for those who remember that era.

In addition to numbers, and arms, we need sons and daughters who know the times, and how we should respond.

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Empty Freezer Bank

Our church has a long legacy of provide frozen meals to those in the community in need. Meals are picked up from the church by the homeless and people or families going through a rough times.

We have run very low on meals, and our freezer is almost empty. Would you be able to help? We need a variety of single meals and family meals, with the ingredients and suggested reheat instructions on the label.

Bring them into the office, Monday to Thursday, 9am till 4pm. Thankyou for your help.



New Beginnings

Today's marks Lisa Speelman's last day in the office and Sunday will be her last Sunday before her maternity leave begins.

Join us in praying over both Michael and Lisa as they prepare for their baby's arrival. Pray for safety and good health for both Lisa and the baby.

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



Pop-Up Cafe

Next week, on Wednesday, **8th of June**, our Cafe will open for one day. From **10:30am** for Coffee and Muffins and from **12:00pm till 2:00pm** for Lunch and Dessert.

"What's on the menu?" we hear you ask...

Steak Pie w/ Mash and Peas \$10

Chocolate Mousse \$5

Call the office, or email office@daptoanglican.org.au to let us know you're coming, it'll help us to know our quantities for lunch and dessert!

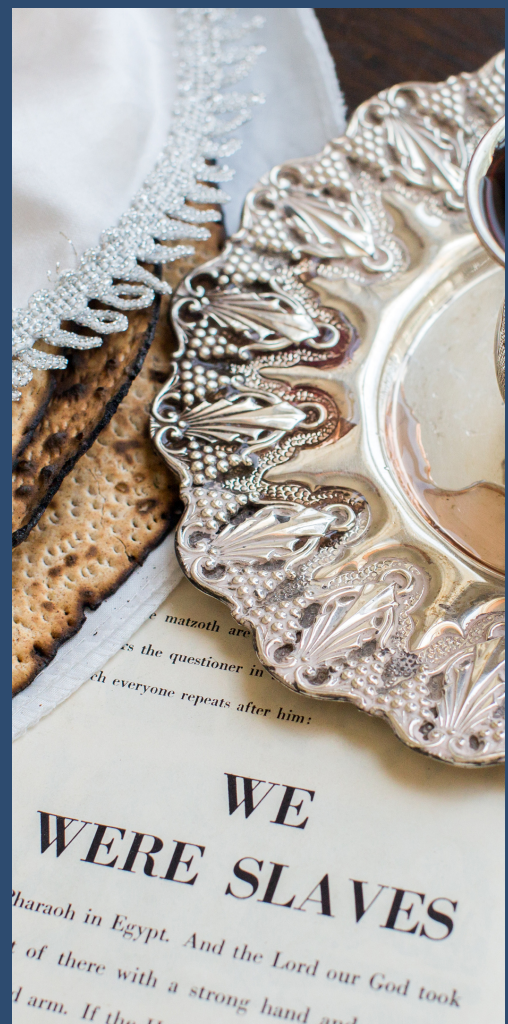


Passover

On June the 11th, at 5 pm, we will be enacting the Passover together, with all congregations, across all ages, as we come out of our One Another series and launch into our Exodus series.

Passover has been practised for thousands of years. God's Old Testament people were to practice a meal together that demonstrated both mercy and salvation. It was a meal that reminded each member that their story has been intertwined with others. A meal that, for a moment, placed them back in that night of that final plague before God rescued them in the great Exodus. Where judgement and mercy meet, where blood is spilt, and lives are saved.

\$10 per person or \$30 for a family
Please RSVP to the office or at the Info Desk at your service.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, who at Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel to all peoples of the world: empower us with that same Spirit to be your witnesses and to share your love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT COUPLES

Lisa & Michael S.

HOSPITAL

Pray for Trevor W (10am) following surgery on his knees. Will be going back to rehab once his post-op settles down.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Please pray for our people in Nursing Homes: Audrey & Alan R; Gae & Allen 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 - still struggling with pain in her legs; Lyn R - her pneumonia is now in the recovery stage, and now has anaemia; Ray McP - still struggling with his health; Pray for Daphne C's daughter, Joanna, who is still having health problems, and she wants us to know that the Compassion Quilt that was given to her has made her so comfortable and helping her to sleep well. She loves the quilt and wants to thank you all for your prayers, and for the Quilt.

10AM

Carl C - recovering from his eye surgery; Paul B - recovering well; Elizabeth L - coping with her pain; Suzanne W - recovering slowly and having physio; Phil P - still struggling with the after effects of his operation and is feeling a bit isolated; Sue B - is coping with changes in her condition, and has a good result from her Specialist. Please continue to pray for these people.

6PM

Continue to pray for Tarj as he recover; Pray for Roman, Shaina J's son.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Continue to pray for Lynne N's brother, Steven, he his still having treatment.

COVID

Please continue to pray for all those people from our congregations who have Covid, and those recovering from Covid.