



WEEKLY NEWS

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SPIRITUAL FRUIT REQUIRED

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I was reading this week through Galatians 5, and the fruits of the Spirit. Before the fruits, Paul lists the desires or the acts of the flesh. In Paul's list are the usual suspects we might expect. These are all "obvious" – according to Paul. They include "sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred ... drunkenness, orgies, and the like."

Sitting in the middle of the above list (where I put the three dots), sits a subset of Paul's list: "discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy". This appears to be a cluster of related ideas. They are all actions that bring disunity and relationship breakdown.

Are all actions on Paul's list equally evil? For us, discord is not that uncommon, or unusual. It's not as bad as other sins. Yet for Paul, discord and jealousy and factions and envy are as obviously desires of the flesh as is sexual immorality, or idolatry, or drunkenness.

Now let us jump forward to the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness [and self-control]. Notice how these fruits are the opposite of discord, and factions and envy. Love, peace, forbearance etc. are all ways to relate and care for others.

The book of Galatians is about healing divisions between Jew and Gentile Christians, all are equally children of God. This is similar to Paul's theme of the body being from one Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12. Christian freedom and love are about serving others as part of a unified body. When we live this way, it is a very powerful reflection of God.

Spiritual gifts are optional – you may or may not receive a gift. But bearing spiritual fruit is required of all – especially in this season.

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Community Dinner

The Cafe re-started their Community Pre-order dinners this week. Wednesday saw 120 Roast dinner go out into the community, and the count so far for Friday is 97. Way to go Cafe Team! We are thankful for all those orders and those who worked hard to prepare them!

You can order for next week, simply email **thecafe@daptoanglican.org.au** or alternatively, you can **text 0414 935 643**. You will be able to pick up your meals from 5:45pm. When you arrive to pick up your meals please ensure:

- Only ONE person enters the building to collect your order.
- They are masked.
- They sign in using the QR code.
- Physical distance of 1.5m is maintained at all times.

We will have your meal ready when you arrive and you will be able to pay, collect and leave swiftly. Please do not stay longer than is needed to pick up your meal.

Wednesday 11th of August

\$12 for Seasoned stuffed roast chicken breast, roast chat potatoes, pumpkin, carrots & beans, w/gravy

Friday 13th August

\$12 for Roast beef, roast potatoes, roast sweet potato, Yorkshire pudding, carrots & peas, w/gravy

Deliveries to St Lukes Village - Other deliveries on special request.

For those needing to drop off their offering envelopes, Jim will continue to be at the church between 6:00pm and 6:30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays.



SAFE MINISTRY



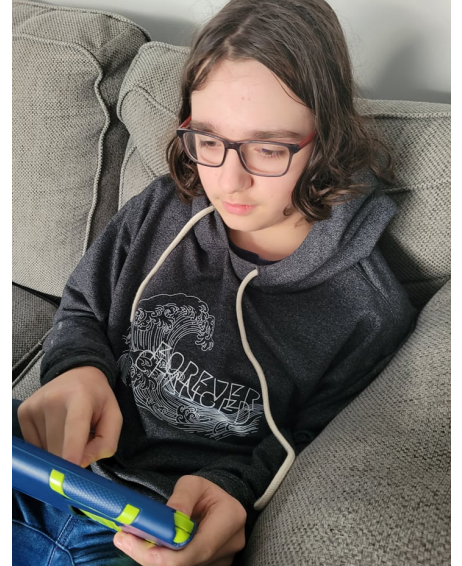
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- Julie Houghton, Parish Safe Ministry Representative, by confidential email safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au or through our church office on 42611001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945

City Youth Online

The City Youth is back! Last week kicked off the City Youth Online. It saw many of our teenagers joining through Zoom. Junior's split guys and girls while Seniors started the Term all together. It was so good seeing faces that we haven't been able to see in a long time, hear how people's stories, play games, encourage one another and pray for each other. Please pray for our youth and youth leaders as we seek to connect and spur one another on in Christ in this difficult time.

We have also launched our Camp Hoodies. While at this stage we have had to postpone our 2021 camp. It is great to see the Camp Hoodies getting bought and worn by teenagers and leaders alike. If your teenager would like to purchase a hoodie click [here](#).



THIS IS US! There are so many things about us that separates us, but even more that bring us together. THIS IS US is our social campaign to bring us together, while in Lockdown.

Each week we'll send you an email with three profiles of members of our church, some familiar faces and some you may have not met yet. We'll explore how they are using their time in Lockdown and share links to things they are interested in, for you to explore.

Following the "This is Us" email on Wednesday, we will interview one of the three live on YouTube from 7:30pm.

This week it was so encouraging to hear from Rev Colin Reed, Linda Thomson and Adrian Plummer! And then also to hear an in depth and inciteful walk through Colin and Wendy's life on YouTube, was so uplifting.

If you missed out on the email, you can check it out [here](#) (and press subscribe). If you missed the YouTube interview click [here](#). Keep an eye out next week for our next three profiles!



PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy S (10am)

MOURNING:

Please pray for Lavina McK (8am) following the death of her nephew, Robert Hardie.

Please pray for the family of Carol and Peter F. following the death of Carol's father, Claude Hetherington. Funeral will be held tomorrow, Friday, at 12pm.

HOSPITAL

Blake M - Please pray for peace and comfort for Blake's family.

Graham S - in Bulli Hospital.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Molly B, Diana M, Kath H, Barbara L, Reg B (all of St. Lukes Village); Robyn K (Diggers Rest, Corrimall); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Jean D (Farm Grove).

8AM/2PM

Shirley S - had a stroke on Thursday night, blood clot on brain which has now been dissolved by medication, and Shirley is now back at home. Please pray for peace; Lyn R - pray that Lyn does not need more surgery on her face; Pat W - problem with her eyes; and please pray for her sons, David, who has an enlarged aorta, and Anthony, who is still grieving; Arthur S - has finished his radiation treatment. Wendy R - please continue to pray for relief from pain in her back and her leg. Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia plus another rare form of cancer; Daphne C's daughter, Joanne - still waiting for her surgery.

10AM

Pray for Matt S as he now has a new job working as an Addiction Counsellor at a Christian organisation called The Overcomers Place in Gladesville. Pray as he settles in to this new role that God would continue to use Matt mightily for his Kingdom and glory; Phil P - home from hospital and praying for good results from tests and also praying for a good recovery; Marianne R thanks people for their prayers following her bout of migraine headaches. After some treatment and medication, she is managing her pain; Joan D - still not well, and having help to get her walking properly. Sue B - has had her final chemo treatment. Please pray for freedom from pain and for peace; Gwyn D - seeing his specialist this month; Micheal T - recovering; Paul B - home dialysis.

7PM

Shaina J's son, Roman - waiting for Covid to be over to have his scans. Please continue to pray for him; Gary M - ongoing health issues.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lynne N's brother, Steve, in America - has been diagnosed with stage 3 Melanoma on his foot for the second time. Pray that it hasn't spread and that the treatment works; Virginia C - recovering well; Beryl B - pray for continued recovery from recent health issues.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord God, you know that we cannot put our trust in anything that we do: help us to have faith in you alone, and mercifully defend us by your power against sin and the Devil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.