



# WEEKLY NEWS

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DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

## WHY PLANNING HOLIDAYS IS ALMOST SPIRITUAL

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Do you remember the feeling of planning a future holiday? Not just a trip down the coast, rather a once in a decade type of serious splash. Maybe overseas.

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With those plans comes a sense of anticipation. Then comes the phase of preparation. Perhaps you need to buy certain clothes or travel accessories or get 'fit' for hiking. You may have to save, forgo some other treats.

From time to time you go online and check out the places you could stay, or the things you could see and do. You may read reviews of other travellers. And when you are feeling down, or stressed, or over-loaded, the thought of that impending getaway makes the present challenges more bearable.

In philosophy and theology, we have a word for this: 'Telos'. It means living towards a purpose, or a greater end.

Covid has to some extent undermined our ability to live with a 'telos'. In Covid, planning is risky. You are not sure when the next outbreak or restrictions might be. You are not confident that being on a cruise in the Mediterranean, or in Paris at the Louvre would be the fulfilment of your dreams.

And so life takes on a kind of hum-drum, going through the motions, stuck in the present vibe.

If you have become aware of this feeling recently, use it as a reminder that the Christian life always has a 'telos'. We have been given a task. To reflect God's image and foreshadow his Kingdom in the here and now, so that people might catch a glimpse of it and anticipate it's coming in full.

Whatever you have to forgo in the present, you will receive more in the future. The planning, the preparation, the anticipation, the reading the reviews all help to endure life's challenges now, and begin to experience the joys of the now, and for eternity.



# YOUTH CAMP 2021

## FOREVER CHANGED

On the 2nd of July The City Youth will be heading from Dapto Anglican to Wedderburn Christian Campsite. This weekend is always a highlight of the year for our teenagers and leaders! Whether your child is at Youth Group every week or whether they haven't been in a long time, we would love to see them there!

The camp is for any young person in Years 6-12 or equivalent. We will be doing laser tag, obstacle courses, team and individual challenges, singing, talks and small groups.

- **When:** 2nd-5th July
- **Departure:** Youth will need to be dropped off at 5:00 pm on Friday the 2nd, at Moomba St Dapto.
- **Return:** Youth will need to be picked up at 3:30 pm on Monday the 5th, from Moomba St Dapto.
- **Transport:** Teenagers will be transported to and from the campsite via bus.
- **Accommodation:** Teenagers will be sleeping in cabins with other teenagers of the same age and gender.

Please continue to pray for our teenagers as camp approaches.

## BEST IS YET TO COME

On **Wednesday the 23rd June**, The Best is Yet to Come will be holding a Luncheon in our Main Hall. For \$20 attendees will enjoy a 2-course meal and Wollongong's Citizen of the Year, John Kewa will be joining us as he speaks on his work at Mission to Seafarers. Please let us know if you would like to join us at church office.



## COMING UP

Wednesday 23rd June Seniors' Luncheon (The Best is Yet to Come)

Friday 2nd - 5th July Youth Camp

Friday 13th August Womens Weekend

Tuesday 12th October The Best is Yet to Come - 3 Day Tour



# Tax Effective Giving

Our Church building is your home, a place where you can meet with church family and a safe place to bring your friends. And like so many households, we have a loan that we need to pay off.

You can help us pay back the building loan or give to the DAC SRE Fund in a way that benefits you come tax time. For every \$100 you donate to either the Building Fund or SRE Fund, the Federal Government will refund you \$34.50 in your tax return<sup>[1]</sup>. So, effectively it will only cost you \$65.50 once the tax refund is taken into account.

Our target for the month of June is to raise \$50,000 toward the Building Fund and \$5,000 for the SRE fund. Any shortfall in meeting our loan repayments will need to be paid from the General Fund and will have an impact on the Ministries we can offer.

We look forward to continuing to partner with you as we reach into our local community through our services, special events and through the school scripture programs. Your donations continue to make this possible.

<sup>[1]</sup> Based on the marginal tax rate on earnings over \$45,000 of 32.5% plus the Medicare Levy of 2% = 34.5% in total

If you require a receipt for tax purposes please include your name and first initial (eg J. Smith) in the reference field.



Dapto Anglican Church Religious Education Fund  
BSB: 032686  
Account Number: 301495



Dapto Anglican Church Building Fund  
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Account Number: 162472



# PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord we pray that your grace may always uphold and encourage us, and make us continually desire to complete all the good works prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy S (10am)

### VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Molly B, Diana M, Kath H, Barbara L, Reg B (all at St. Lukes Village); Robyn K (Diggers Rest, Corrimal); Graham S (Estia Health, Figtree); Barbara B (William Beach); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Jean D (Farmborough Grove).

### 8AM/9:30AM/2PM

Lyn R - health problems; Pat W - problem with eyes, son Antony - health issues; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia; Daphne C's daughter, Joanne - health issues; Mary J - recovering; Arthur S - cancer diagnosis, please pray for healing; Molly B - is settling in to care at St. Luke's Village.

### 10AM

Gwyn D - cancer treatment; Paul B - dialysis treatment; Elizabeth L - slowly recovering; Sue B - ongoing treatment; Nelson S, Michele S - ongoing conditions and treatment.

### 7PM

Shaina J's son, Roman - waiting for more tests; Gary M - ongoing health problems.

### CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lynne N - waiting for results; Virginia C - recovering; Blake M (Janelle's 8 year old grandson) chemo for Leukemia.

## 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
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