

WEEKLY NEWS

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HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE

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You may have noticed that I refer to (Church) history somewhat. Why do I do that? Some will say 'who cares about history – just preach the Bible'. Others will say 'I have enough challenges to last me a lifetime – I don't need to hear about the struggles of history – it's not relevant to me – just help us with what we face now!'

I agree. It is my job to speak from the Bible and to address how to live life well. But here is the problem. At this (and any) particular point in history, we see things a distinct way. And the way we see things may create more problems.

For instance, research tells us that the current batch of teenagers lack resilience. How did that come to be? In part, because a generation of parents thought it was their job to protect their children from all bullying, all injustice, all unnecessary suffering and pain. (Sometimes called helicopter parenting)

If you asked a bunch of 21st-century parents: 'is it your job to protect your children from bullying and injustice?' – they will all likely answer 'Yes!' It's only by looking at how other generations' parented, that we come to appreciate that children who don't have over-protective parents always hovering around, grow resilience.

If you ask 21st century Christians questions like: What is prayer? What is God's job? What is the pastor's job? What does it mean to be a Christian? You may get common answers like: Prayer is asking God. God's job is to answer. The pastor's job is to explain the Bible to me in a way that helps me so that I can live my Christian life well.

Church history may answer: Prayer is communing with God, and in prayer, the Spirit re-orders your loves. The Bible does not need to be made relevant. It reveals patterns of living, some of which are in fashion, some out. But when we trust, obey, and honour God first – life is still challenging, but we live the good, blessed, and rewarding life.

History helps us see ourselves and our assumptions. Without history, perspective on yourself is illusive.

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PRAY WITH US

This Sunday in the services we will have prayer from Michael and Jo Charles from Chile. Join with us in praying for them:

- Praise God that we live in a country that has good internet that all of our students can access!
- Pray that as a church we will be wise in our reactions—but certainly not careless! Pray we will be more concerned for loving and serving others than about our own personal safety, especially as we reflect on 2000 years of Christian care for the sick and vulnerable in times of epidemics and plague that oftentimes had greater mortality rates than the current pandemic.
- Pray that we will not be anxious, but will be a source of calm and peace, reflecting Christ's confidence in the goodness of his heavenly Father even when darkness surrounded him.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Ainsley R. (7pm), Mel F. (7pm) and Erin K. (7pm).

THOSE IN HOSPITAL

Mother of Jason R(10am).

THOSE IN MOURNING

Sharleen, Sketch and Sienna following the death of Annette Holmes (10am)

Lyn and Carl C (10am) following the death of Lyn's mum.

The family of Jan F (8am service before moving to Orange to be with family).

Angeline O (10am) whose sister, Athy, died on Sunday, after a fall.

Family and friends of Una Miller, who died 18th of May.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Helen S., Bruce M., Diana M., Kath H., Ella H., Jean D., Lorna B-W., Glenys N., Barbara B., Barbara L.

8AM/2PM

Diane L. recovering and waiting for results. Mavis B. waiting for an operation. Gordon Morris, ill, at home. Pat W - recovering from cataract surgery, Pat's son, Antony - ongoing treatment, Antony's fiancé, Sue K - ongoing chemo.

10AM

Ronnie VK., unwell, Genie C., Michael E., Janelle S. (Warren's sister) all ongoing conditions and treatment.

7PM

Shaina J. son, Roman, waiting for appointment. Pray for good health while waiting.

CONNECT KIDS

Connect Kid at Home has been up and running for a few weeks now! Connect Kids at Home runs weekly on Wednesdays between 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm. The program is a mixture of Zoom catch-ups and "complete at home" activities, split over a fortnight. The first week of the fortnight is a Zoom catch-up; a leader shares a story from the bible, with games and discussion groups. The following week in the fortnight leaders drop off activity kits to all those who have registered (for connect kids at home). Instructions for the kits are posted on YouTube as a video of the leaders completing each activity step by step.

This fortnight the activity packs had a science experiment theme, and the children got to make:

- make a paperclips float
- balloon rockets
- a volcano eruption

As the children cannot have their usual Sunday program, Connect Kids has also been emailing and posting online Devotional material for children to complete with their families. As the sermon series has been "Prayer" these have also been, with a particular focus on P.R.A.Y - Praise, Repent, Ask and Yield. This week the children will be looking at the Lord's prayer.

If you would like to register for Connect Kids at Home or would like the devotional material email: connectkids@daptoanglican.org.au

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

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES



On Wednesday Night, our forum "Making Sense of the Mess", explored the topic of Mental Health. Our guest Psychologist Lyndel Boardman listed some great resources.

WEBSITES :

For those looking for facts, forums, articles and stories or resources.

- Beyond Blue
- Black Dog Institute
- Reachout.com
- Headspace

APPS

- Smiling Mind
- Calm
- MyCompass (Self help program)
- MoodGym
- Headspace

PHONE NUMBERS

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| • Beyondblue info line | 1300 22 4636 |
| • MensLine Australia | 1300 78 99 78 |
| • Lifeline | 13 11 14 |
| • Relationships Australia | 1300 364 277 |
| • Kids Help Line | 1800 55 1800 |

BOOKS

- The Happiness Trap by Russ Harris
- Pocketbook Version (Comic-Style, good for teens/non-readers)
- Get Out of Your Mind and into Your Life for Teens by Joseph Ciarrochi

KIDS BOOKS

- The Blue day Book by Bradley Trevor Greive
- When Sadness Comes to Call by Eva Eland
- It Will Be Okay by Lysa TerKeurst

WOMEN'S REFLECTIONS & QUIET TIMES

- Hope When it Hurts by Kristen Wetherell
- Fierce Faith by Alli Worthington
- The Emotionally Healthy Women by Geri Scazzero

OTHERS

- Bright Lights Dark Nights by Simon Smart
- Spurgeon's Sorrows by Zack Eswine
- When I Don't Desire God by John Piper
- When the Darkness Will Not Lift by John Piper
- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Peter Scazzero

