

WEEKLY NEWS

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DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

PETER TASKER, ACTING SNR MINISTER

Jesus comes back to Bethany a couple of weeks after Lazarus had been raised from the dead where he had proclaimed; 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?'

Many hearing that Jesus was back in Bethany and planning to come up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, were eager not only to see him but also Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead. The city was overflowing with pilgrims eager to celebrate one of the biggest festivals on the Jewish calendar. They came out to meet Jesus on the road shouting out the Psalm often sung at this occasion. "Hosanna, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord". (Psalm 118:26) and they added; 'Blessed is the king of Israel'.

They treated Jesus as a king, though ignorant of the nature of his kingship. Jesus found a donkey and sat on it, as predicted through the prophet Zechariah; 'Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey colt.'

At that point in time John tells us that everyone, including the disciples, didn't grasp the astonishing truth of their words, and that it would be only a matter of days before the crowd would shout; 'Crucify him, crucify him!!'

Only after Pentecost were their eyes opened through the gift of the Holy Spirit, to grasp the immeasurable grace and mercy of God in the giving of his one and only Son.

May the Holy Spirit work that same work of grace in our hearts and lives this Easter.

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PRAY WITH US

Let us pray for those who lead our nation

God of all wisdom and knowledge, we bring before you those who make decisions affecting our nation as they seek to stop the spread of this virus. Many people in our country are worried and fearful as they face the difficulties of managing family life at this time, and many are anxious about the possibility of financial loss and hardship. We pray for our Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and thank you that he does know your salvation. We pray for him, that he will daily seek and be given your wisdom and strength. We pray for his cabinet and Parliament, that you will guide them by your Spirit so that they will make wise decisions leading to actions that benefit all our people. We pray for our state Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, all her advisers and colleagues in our state parliament. Give them your wisdom and insight as they face new challenges. We pray, our God and Father, that this crisis will cause many in our land to realise our human frailty and folly, and that you will turn many to seek your grace. We pray in the name of the one whose wisdom is greater than that of Solomon, Jesus our Lord, Amen

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Ainsley R. (7pm), Mel F. (7pm).

THOSE IN HOSPITAL

Garion W. (10am)- investigating appendicitis, Trevor W. (10am)- recovering in rehab, Annette H (10am), Michael J (Mary's husband 9:30am) had surgery April 1st.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

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

8AM/2PM

Pat W. son's fiancé Sue K. undergoing chemo treatment, Diane L. undergoing chemo treatment, Mavis B. home from hospital recovering.

9:30AM

Ron (Pat McK.'s relative) palliative care.

10AM

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

7PM

Shania J. Son, Roman, waiting to see neurologist in Sydney. Pray for good health while waiting.

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

It's very encouraging to hear from you all, as you reply to our Emails, Phone Calls and Facebook Posts.

We'd like to thank our Tech Support Team who have been, and will continue to be, available on Sunday from 9:30am to help you connect to the Live Stream! Thank you for your time and support during these challenging times.

This Sunday, the 5th of April, we will be Live again, from 9:30am, with the service to start at 10am. Also Daylight Savings ends this Sunday, don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour, or you might miss the Live.

For those who don't get to see the Service Live, you can still watch it on Facebook Videos later, as our DAC website, <https://www.dapto.church/watch-now>. For those without the internet we are putting the Service onto DVD's.

"We enjoyed joining in the live service last Sunday after no success the first time and found the presentation clear. Please thank the Tech team for us. It certainly gives us something to look forward to every Sunday!"

CONNECTING WITH FAMILIES

Without being able to meet, Connect Kids, has been working hard at putting together family devotions and various activities (including fun challenges) for children and parents to complete at home.

Last week the 'competition' was to memorise and say the Bible Verse and then record themselves creatively performing it. The Daly family sent in various videos of each of them doing the Bible verse including a video of Emily saying the verse.

with a toy parrot repeating the verse with her! It is very creative and quite funny!

As the weeks go on, Connect Kids will continue to connect with kids and families via email, Facebook and phone calls.



FINANCE UPDATE

As you may be aware the Federal Government has introduced a number of financial assistance programs for small business, charities and not-for-profit organisations. Some of these are available to churches. We have registered Dapto Anglican's intention to make a claim under the Job Keeper Payment program that was announced on Monday. The Church also qualifies for payments under the Boosting Cash Flow for Employers program that was announced a couple of weeks ago.

These programs will assist us as we manage our cash flow to ensure that we are able to continue to pay our staff as they continue to work very hard caring for us and helping us stay connected with each other and as the Body of Christ.

DACCARE

We are aware that we have members of our community who cannot get out to go shopping, and shopping online is an anxious experience for them. DACcare has arranged for people to be available to shop for those who are unable or shouldn't go out.

If you or someone you know in the DAC community aren't able to shop and would like support, please let Linda know via email care@daptoanglican.org.au (or contact the office 4261 1001 if email isn't available).

Keep this in mind over the coming weeks and months as we reach out and care for each other in new and creative ways.



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