



WEEKLY NEWS

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2020: A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

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2020 will long be remembered as an extraordinary year. The year of the pandemic. The year of isolation. The year of unprecedented shutdowns and restrictions. Most of us will be happy to see the end of 2020, and the start of a new year.

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While 2021 may be a breath of fresh air, (despite the poor start) it will also be the year of the new normal. It is an opportunity for us to push the reset button and put life back together in a more healthy and sustainable way.

This year in advent we spent a couple of weeks in the book of Judges. It is a sobering snapshot of the history of Israel, and perhaps humanity. They were unfaithful, came under oppression, repented, God rescued them, there was a season of stability, before regression into unfaithfulness.

In Proverbs 21:11 we read "As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly." In Hebrews 3 and 4 we read a sustained reflection on Old Testament Israel. Despite seasons of self-induced trials, and opportunities for a fresh start, Israel's heart remained hard and they missed out on God's gift of rest.

Then Hebrews 4 goes on to tell us that we ought to learn from Israel's mistakes. Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in her time of testing.

2020 has been testing for us. Assuming 2021 eventually sees something towards a return to normal, what will you have learned? What folly will you avoid? Without being intentional, it is all too easy to drift back into previous patterns. Old habits die hard.

How will 2021 be different?



WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Plummer and Rietveld family on the birth of Rachel. First child for Eden and Adrian; first grandchild for David and Marianne. Rachel arrived 26th of December, weighing 3.53kg and 52cm. Eden and Rachel are well.



STARTING NEXT YEAR

As you might have heard the Preschool Management Committee has appointed their new Director, Vikki Shaw. She is looking forward to leading St Luke's Preschool in partnership with our 2021 families, and Dapto Anglican Church. Please join us in congratulating Vikki into the role.



Joining the DAC Staff Team is Rev Leigh Roberts. Starting 1st of February 2021, Leigh will be employed one day a week as a Chaplain for the St Luke's Retirement Village. Join us in welcoming Leigh.



ON THE TOOLS

Starting today, the 31st December, renovations will commence at the Ministry Centre. We'd love your help!

Come down and join David Rietveld as he and the team take on the tools. Not sure if you can help? We need people to take trailer loads to the tip, painters, people who have carpentry skills, as well as general labour.





SUMMER NIGHTS

WORKSHOPS

5TH, 12TH, 19TH JAN 2021

WWW.DAPTO.CHURCH/SUMMERNIGHTS

This Summer we are hosting 20 workshops over 3 Tuesday nights, giving you the opportunity, with your friends and family, to learn something new. We have workshops for adults and children, they will all run at the same time from 5:30 pm till 7 pm. You'll be able to book in for one yourself and have your children do another. After the workshops, there will be dinner available for purchase.

WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 5th January:

- Soft Baked Pretzels and Brownies (18+)
- Pasta Making (18+)
- Weaving (18+)
- Kids Martial Arts (5+)
- Kids 3D Models (5+)
- Kids Painting (5+)

Tuesday 12th January:

- Profiteroles (18+)
- Sausage Making (18+)
- Watercolour Painting (18+)
- Macrame (18+)
- Line Dancing (all ages)
- Kids Pottery - two weeks (7+)
- Kids Painting (5+)

Tuesday 19th January:

- Cake Decorating (18+)
- Butcher Workshop (18+)
- Weaving (18+)
- Dumpling Making (18+)
- Line Dancing (all ages)
- Kids Painting (5+)

To find out more and book tickets head over to:
www.dapto.church/summernights



PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son was born to destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that having this hope; that, when he appears again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom, where he lives and reigns with you, Father, and with the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. Amen

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy M (10am), Loren A (7pm), and Kasey D (10am).

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

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

8AM/2PM

Shirley S - struggling with health issues; Pat W and son, Antony and Antony's fiancée - all struggling with health issues; Colleen Yan - rehab; Maureen (Op shop customer) - cancer; Daphne C's daughter, Joanna, has a rare condition and needs urgent surgery. Daphne C's neighbour has Lukemia - ongoing treatment.

9:30AM

Robin B - pray for freedom from pain.

10am

Phillippa resumes treatment on 5th January; Genie C - recovering after recent procedure - pray for healing for her heart and thyroid, also immunity is low. Jenny A will be helping Sharon S with her triplets over the Christmas/New Year period, to support the family.

7PM

Shaina J's son, Roman - more tests during next year, pray for more answers and good health while monitoring and waiting. Billy H - chemo treatment; Gary M - ongoing health problems; David G - recovering from surgery.

SAFE MINISTRY



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