

WEEKLY NEWS

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DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH



WHAT ARE THINGS WORTH?

REV DAVID RIETVELD

Apparently, the average house price in Sydney rose by \$1200 per day for the June quarter (April – June) according to the Domain House Price Report. Congratulations, if you own a house. Actually, I ought to say congratulations if you own two houses. If you only own one house, then the next house you will buy also went up in price, so you are no better off.

Why are house prices going up? The normal reason any price goes up is because of an increase in demand. More people are trying to buy houses. And yet this is not the case. There is no migration to Australia in Covid, and some people are moving away from the big cities. Sydney's growth is slower than it has been in previous years.

The reasons have more to do with low-interest rates, planning, and tax benefits. Whatever the case, we now agree as a city that the average house in Sydney is worth \$1.3m. That is what people are actually paying. What we agree on drives prices, more so than whether or not more people need to buy a house.

Crypto-currencies are an even more extreme version of the same. We agree that a series of numbers on a computer has real worth. Paper money used to be connected to gold being stored somewhere in some central bank. But it no longer is so. Our shared imagination agrees a Bitcoin is a thing, and suddenly is as real as cash, or perhaps even gold.

Our culture now believes that all sorts of fixations that we agree upon in our shared imagination are real. An expert gives something a label, and soon it's a thing. This is a strange world. One where humanity has become creator, and we are detaching ourselves from the realities of God and his creation.

It's all a bit unsettling. Having said that, whether or not we agree my house is worth a million, it has a roof made of iron, frames made of timber, and a floor made of sand and rocks. Only God can make those things, and those things keep the rain off my head.

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Community Dinner

Meals this week:

Wednesday 1st September

\$12 a serve of Glazed Meatloaf, mash, peas & carrots.

Friday 3rd September

\$12 a serve Chicken Parmigiana w/chips or veges - *please specify when you order if you want chips or veges.*

1. 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.

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.



Whilst this lockdown means Rise can't meet as normal, we have moved to meeting virtually. Every fortnight we meet over Zoom where we share how we're going, the best things that have happened in the past two weeks, we share a verse from the Bible and pray together.

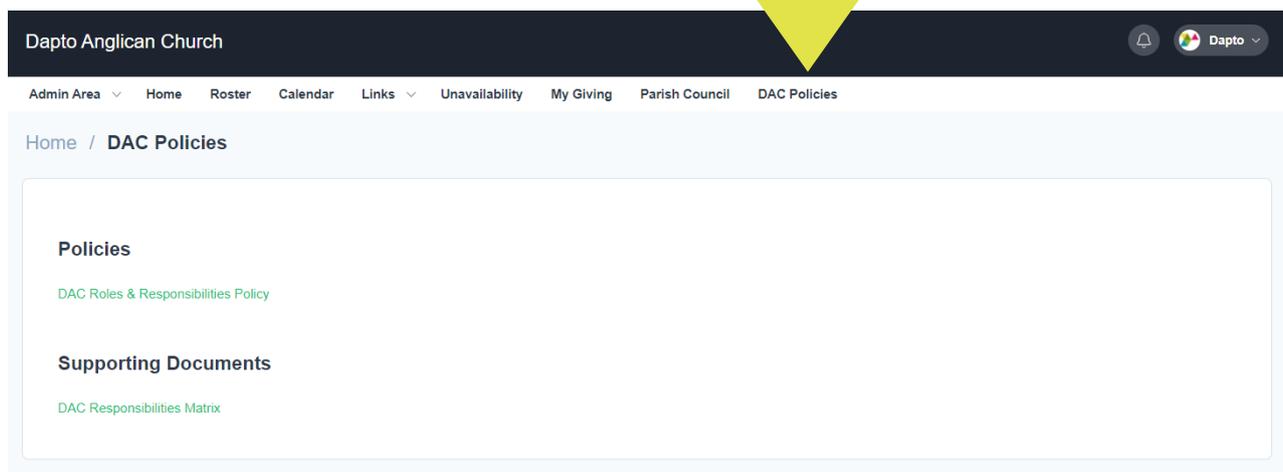
Last Wednesday for something a little different we played a game of Kahoot!. Kahoot! is an online quiz game where we answered questions all about our Rise members and leaders. It was a lot of fun!

Whilst it's not the same as meeting in person it's nice to see each other and we even get to see people's pet rabbits and puppies online! Please continue to pray for the Rise members as they continue to adjust to new routines in an ever changing environment. Please pray that they will know that even when the world around them changes, God stays the same.

Roles & Responsibilities Defined

At the 2021 AGM it was advised that a document would be made available which would allow parish members to identify who the responsible person would be for any particular ministry or operational area of DAC, so that they would know who to approach, in the first instance, with any enquiry.

As a result, we now have a Roles & Responsibilities Policy Document and a Responsibilities Matrix which describe these functions. These documents are available to all DAC members on the DAC Elvanto "Member Area" on the page "DAC Policies".



Should you have any questions about these documents, please feel free to discuss them with any of our Parish Council.

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

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy S (10am)

MOURNING:

Audrey and Alan R (8am): please pray for them following the death of Audrey's sister, Sheila, in England last week.

Robyn H (8am): Robyn's brother, Richard N died last week. Please pray for Robyn and Richard's wife Anne and family.

HOSPITAL

Neville K has been transferred to Bulli Hospital. Graham S still in Bulli hospital.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Molly B, Diana M, Kath H, Barbara L, Reg B, (all of St. Luke's Village); Robyn K (Diggers Rest, Corrimal); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, (AP); Jean D (Farmb Grove).

8AM

Shirley S - Improving and thanks for prayers; Pat W - please pray for Pat and for her sons, David and Antony; Arthur S - Recovering after treatment; Wendy R - please pray for relief from pain in her back and leg; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia; Daphne C's daughter, Joanne - still waiting for surgery. Lyn R - is having trouble with Coeliac Disease again. Please pray for her.

10AM

Phil P - healing slowly; Merrilyn & Leigh R - pray for full recovery for Merrilyn following recent heart surgery; Leigh waiting for some results and asks for prayer for God's peace and purposes to rule our hearts in health challenges; Sue B - recovering well and thanks for prayers; Gwyn D - going okay and sees Specialist again in three months and thanks for prayers; Michael T - good recovery and thanks for prayers; Paul B - home dialysis; Joan D - still not very well, please pray for her.

7PM

Shaina J's son, Roman - still waiting to have scans; Gary M - ongoing health issues.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lynne N's brother, Stephen, in America, has had operation on his foot, please pray for healing; Virginia C - struggling with health problems.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all our life choices and carry us through all temptations; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**