

WEEKLY NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

THE RHYTHM OF GRACE

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Family is great, but family can be hard. Especially in this season. In the pressure cooker that is lockdown. Emotions run high. For some this season has been a beautiful change of pace, working more from home, seeing more of the family, more time with your kids, with your spouse. For others it has been hard, to say the least, regular fights, with kids or partners – China's divorce rates increased massively following their lockdowns, days where if everyone is alive come bedtime and you still have some hair on your head – that's a win.

In this season I am reminded of what a mentor and teacher of mine said once.

'From the beginning, the Lord has chosen to work with us and through us in the context of families.'

By that he meant families of all shapes and sizes, from couples just married, to those with kids or grandparents, or to those whose family doesn't live within the same walls.

'There is something about families, it seems, that suits his purposes. I'm beginning to realise that this something is the same thing that brings me frustration, provokes my anger, challenges my patience, fuels my resentment, arouses my sympathy, stretches my imagination, questions my contribution, undermines my willingness. I'm beginning to appreciate that it is living on top of one another that, by grace, develops my commitment to love and my capacity to serve, by exposing my need to find myself in Christ.'

Living on top of one another, by grace, both shapes me in the likeness of Jesus and confronts my need to find myself in Him. May we do so more and more as we continue to walk in this season.

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Community Dinner

Meals this week:

Wednesday 13th October

\$12 a serve of Roast Beef w/ roast potato, pumpkin peas, carrots and gravy.

Friday 15th October

\$12 a serve of Chicken and Vege Pie w/ Chips

In the Cake Display during dinner pick up this week you will find, Carrot Cake & Blueberry Cheesecakes

To order shoot an email to:

thecafe@daptoanglican.org.au

*Call the Cafe, **02 4260 9278**, we'll take your call when we can, or you can leave a voice message and we will confirm your order later.*

Please order by 4 pm the day before. And remember when picking up to wear a mask & abide by current restrictions to keep each other safe.

Deliveries to St Lukes Village - Other deliveries on special request.

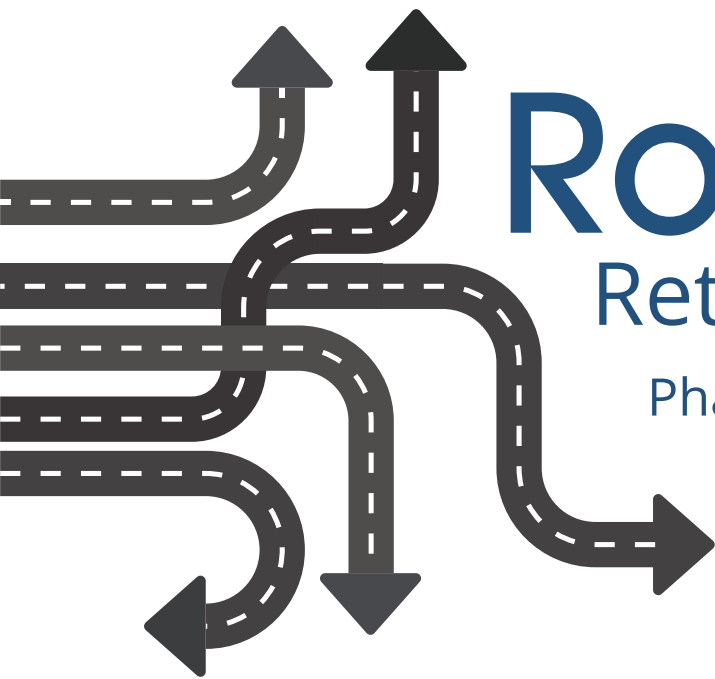


SAFE MINISTRY



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



Roadmap

Return to Church

Phases 1, 2 and 3

Last week during our Church service we announced our Roadmap for Return to Church (*if you missed it head over to YouTube*). We also send an email outlining our roadmap (*if you missed you can email office@daptoanglican.org.au*).

With Phase one expected to start on Monday, the 11th of October, here is an overview of what you can expect:

- **Church Services**
 - Online Only.
- **The Cafe**
 - Open Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 2pm.
 - Limited Menu for Fully Vaccinated people.
 - Masks and QR Check-in.
 - Physical distancing with room limits of 4m² per person.
- **Ministries**
 - DAC Office remains closed until Phase 2 - staff working from home.
 - OP Shop - sorting only.
 - All ministry areas remain online.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Graciously hear us, Lord God; and grant that we, to whom you have given the desire to pray, may by your mighty aid be defended and strengthened in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

MOURNING

Please pray for Ross and Julie D (8am) following the death of Ross' mother on Sunday night. Pray for peace and strength. There will be a private funeral on Tuesday. It can be viewed online through this link <https://jummedia.com.au/live/jean-ellen-dooley/>

HOSPITAL

Elizabeth L will be in hospital for another couple of weeks. Please pray that her infection gets down to a reasonable level. Also pray for Keith at home. Graham S and Neville K in Coledale Hospital for rehab.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Elsie N, Diana M, Kath H, Barbara L, Reg B (all in St. Luke's Village, Dapto); Robyn K (Diggers Rest, Corrimal); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, (A.P.).

8AM

Gail R at home and being cared for by John; Shirley S - improving; Pat W and sons, David and Antony - please pray for peace and good health; Wendy R - pray for patience and freedom from pain; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia; Daphne C's daughter, Joanne - has a provisional date of 15th November for surgery; Lyn R recovery from problems caused by Coeliac Disease.

10AM

Jeanette B recovering from shoulder surgery performed on Thursday. Please also pray for Paul B as he continues to have his health monitored; Mary J - having tests following Bronchitis problems; Please continue to pray for Gae and Allen Q as they pack up and move into the Village at Castle Hill, and then return to St. Luke's Village when the new Care Home is completed; Phil P - recovering well; Gwyn and Ruby D - coping with Gwyn's health problems; Sue B - coping after her treatment; Joan D - pray for healing.

7PM

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

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Please continue to pray for peace for Janelle and Ken M; Lynne N's father - recovering from cracked vertebrae; Lynne N's brother, Stephen, in America, has started a treatment plan.