



WEEKLY NEWS

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WHEN MUSLIMS AND CHRISTIANS MAKE A STAND

REV DAVID REITVELD

Female WAFL Giants player Haneen Zreika is Muslim. Last week she refused to play – she was unwilling to wear the pride round jumper.

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"As the first Australian Muslim woman in the AFLW, I have a responsibility to represent my faith and my community," Zreika wrote. "I respect people, regardless of their sexual orientation."

The public response was balanced and fair. The head of the AFL's inclusion and social policy, Tanya Hosch, notes that inclusion was a complicated matter. "People of faith have rights as well," Hosch said. "Obviously this is one of those situations where there's an intersection of rights...."

Segments of the gay lobby were disappointed but understood Haneen's position. Reaction on social media was mixed.

Contrast this with Citipointe Christian College. In their media statement, they state that "Citipointe does not judge students on their sexuality or gender identity.... [They] unequivocally love and respect all people regardless of their lifestyle and choices, even if those choices are different to our beliefs and practice."

Like Haneen, Citipointe wishes to be a school that is true to its faith heritage and community. So they say: "The College offers our faith-based education as a choice among many other schooling options available to parents. Our society gives people freedom to be a part of groups and organisations with shared beliefs. The College, through the freedoms afforded to it by law, has outlined our common beliefs and practices, so that parents can choose for their children to be educated at Citipointe and join our faith-based community."

The media response is anything but fair and balanced. And I am not surprised. I do not expect Christianity to get an unbiased hearing. Much of Australia or the West is not nearly as open-minded as it thinks. But then, Jesus said that if the world hates us, it hated Him first.



Connect Kids Sunday is where your kids will want to be this Sunday, Feb 6th, as we start a new term of fun and learning about the surprising ways of Jesus.

Connect Juniors, Toddlers & Preschoolers, in the Preschool. **Infants and Primary**, in the hall
Kids will join us in church for the first song and a Kids' Spot and then head out to Connect Kids.

There will be new Rego Forms to fill in and please provide a drink. We love kids but it would be great if you could pick them up at 11:15 am.

The Team are looking forward to Partnering with you in Discipling your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lorraine Miller, 0401176928 or connectkids@daptoanglican.org.au

Oxygen is back this Sunday - the 6th of February! Oxygen is the Sunday morning City Youth Program for those in year 6 and up. At Oxygen we want youth's minds to be fed by the Word of God and to create a place where youth can explore what it means to be a Christian.

This term we will be looking at a study called I AM based on the book of John that looks in detail at a few of the ways Jesus describes himself, such as "I am the bread of life" and "I am the good shepherd". We would love to see youth there this Sunday during the 10am service!

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



Relax, Reconnect, Refuel

Womens Weekend

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DAC Women are excited to be embarking on their 2022 retreat and there's still time for you to register! The weekend will be filled with fellowship, a time to learn, reconnect, and be still before God. Speaker, Kara Martin will be joining us on the Saturday to talk about Work and Worship. We will run some activities on Saturday afternoon for those who would like to do something, watercolour painting and some cookie decorating to name two, and for those who don't, there are some beautiful spots to sit and soak in God's creation.

You can book either a day ticket (Saturday only – covers morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and Dinner) or a full weekend from Friday night until Sunday afternoon.

We have ensured COVID safe practices are in place. If you have questions, please contact Linda or Sarah asap. Registrations close tomorrow, Friday 04/02/22 book via Dapto.church website or our DAC Women's Facebook page.

Empty Nesters Picnic

Sunday 13th Feb, 12pm

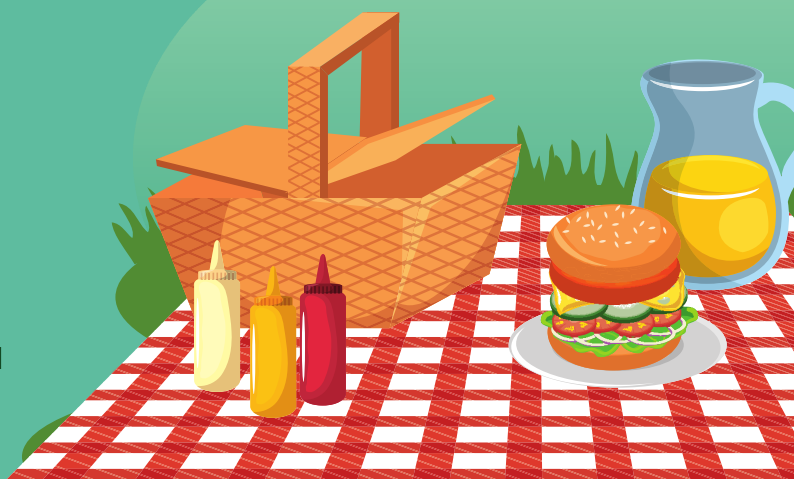
William Beach Park, Prince Edward Drive

BYO Chair, Lunch and Drinks

(wet weather plan is St Luke's Hall)

RSVP to Heather Boardman

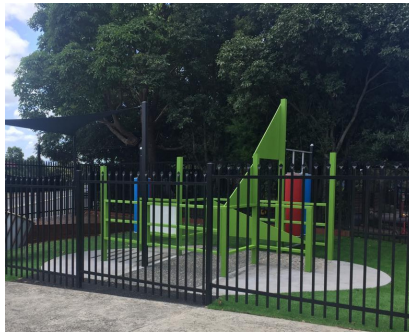
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Welcome Matt & Lisa

This Sunday at our 10am service we will be officially welcoming Matt and Lisa. We will pray for them, welcome them, and celebrate them joining us. Why not come to 10am and meet the Goodman's face-to-face after the 10am service.

The new playground will be open this week after the 10am service.



GROWTH GROUPS

If you would like to join a growth group, please talk to Jamie Mackenzie or scan this QR code and fill in the form it takes you to.



PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

THOSE MOURNING

Sue and Neal W following the sudden death of their daughter, Sophie.

PREGNANT COUPLES

Mel and Michael F, Erin and Simon S, and Katy and Mark McG, and her baby is due in 4-5 weeks.

HOSPITAL

Continue to pray for Tarj as he begins a long road of rehab and recovery following his accident.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Please pray for our people in Nursing Homes - Kath H, Elsie N, Diana M, Barbara L, Reg B (all in St.Lukes Village); Robyn and Neville K (Diggers Rest, Corrimall); Gae and Allen Q (Castle Hill); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Graham S (Carino Care, Rockdale)

8AM

Audrey R - recovering well after breaking her ankle; David H - recovering well following knee surgery; Greg B - back pain slowly improving; Lyn R - still struggling with her health and seeing a Specialist on Tuesday, 8th; Wendy R - still struggling with pain in her knee; Arthur S = pray for freedom from pain; Daphne C's daughter, Joanna - at home now and waiting for further treatment; Shirley S - leaving Lake Heights tomorrow, Friday, and moving to a Retirement Village in Bateman's Bay, closer to family. Thanks for prayers.

10AM

Elizabeth L - struggling with her health and waiting for more appointments; Vince A - recovering well; Sue B - coping with her condition; Mary J's husband, Michael, has health issues. Please pray for him.

6PM

Shaina J's son, Roman, has had scans and awaiting results this month.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lynne N's father and brother are both doing well. Thanks for your prayers.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the prayers of your Church: and grant that what we ask in faith we may surely obtain according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.