



# WEEKLY NEWS

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DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

## DO WE OVERLOOK THE HOLY SPIRIT?

REV DAVID RIETVELD

As we return to 1 Corinthians, we encounter two chapters (12 & 14) focused on the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has on occasion, and again of recent, been a contentious part of church life.

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Author Frances Chan has written a book entitled *Forgotten God*. The point of the title is that the person and work of the third part of the Trinity is often overlooked – forgotten. Chan makes a passionate case that something is wrong in the contemporary church. “I believe that this missing something is actually a missing Someone—namely, the Holy Spirit.”

That is to say, our weakness as a church is not theological. It's not ideas or lack of teaching, but it is a failure to live out a Spirit-filled life.

In part, I agree. Parts of the church do neglect the Spirit. There is a joke about conservative evangelicals (like us in Sydney) – that our trinity is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Scriptures.

But it is also the case that some current Christians focus too much on the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is self-effacing, drawing attention away from himself and pointing people to Christ (John 14:26).

The work of the Spirit is multi-faceted. It includes calling, regeneration, repentance, sanctification (he is not called the HOLY Spirit without reason), adoption, assurance, inspiration, guidance and gifting.

This series cannot cover all of the above. I am not seeking to preach a series on the topic of the Holy Spirit. Rather, this series will focus on spiritual gifts, because this is the focus of 1 Corinthians 12 and 14.

Why not, alongside this sermon series, read a book like Frances Chan's *Forgotten God* so as to get a fuller sense of the work of the Spirit?



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you to all our church family who have donated so generously to our Building Fund and SRE Fund as part of our Tax Effective Giving this month.

This year we raised a total of \$40,942 for the Building Fund and \$6,860 for the SRE Fund.

In a time of such uncertainty and disruption as many in our wider community are feeling right now, the message of hope, that we know can only come from a personal relationship with our Saviour, Jesus Christ, is more important than ever.

Our building continues to be a safe place for people to come and to share in community through our services and our café. And through scripture in schools, we continue to reach the "next generation" that they too can know Jesus.

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 1:3)

Dave Langley  
Business Manager



## 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](mailto:safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au) or through our church office on 42611001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945

## COMING UP

Friday 2nd - 5th July Youth Camp - Postponed

Monday 12th July Pupil Free Day

Friday 13th August Women's Weekend

Tuesday 12th October The Best is Yet to Come - 3 Day Tour



# JASON IS MOVING

I have some news about work. I have been offered a job at Keiraville Anglican Church. They have invited me to be an assistant minister of the International Service. We are taking up this positing starting in September and are finishing at Dapto Anglican on July 11th.

This is a really good fit for our passions and experience having served at Wollongong Uni at the international service, Cabramatta Anglican and in Indonesia for 8 years previously. We love God's heart for all nations and look forward to serving again in a cross cultural setting.



There is a sadness in leaving Dapto. We have so many friends here and have served side by side in Dapto over the last 5 years and before that as partners in Indonesia. We will miss the DAC community. Thank you for the ways you have blessed us.

Please pray that God will sustain us as a family through the transitions and changes. Please pray for a good time of refreshing in the break before starting in Keiraville.

Jason McPhail



# FAREWELLS IN COVID

## MATT AND JASON

Matt Stanely has his last week at Dapto Anglican Church this Sunday, 4th July. We were planning to have a Farewell Morning tea but are unable to do that with restrictions. We will have a Farewell spot in the online service instead.

We were also planning to have a Farewell Morning tea for Jason on his last day, Sunday 11th July but will need to wait to see if restrictions end or are extended. We will send more info about that next week.

As a way of celebrating and encouraging Matt and Jason, please send an email message to the office, [office@daptoanglican.org.au](mailto:office@daptoanglican.org.au). We will put these messages into separate cards to give them. You can also give a gift by transferring to this account:

**BSB 032-686 | ACC 120002**  
**Reference: MATTGIFT or JASONGIFT**

# COMMUNITY MEALS

## THE CAFE

On Wednesday the 30th of June the Cafe sent out 108 Roast Lamb Dinner to members of our church community! It was a dedicated, strong but small team putting together these meals. Thankyou to Kylie, Trevor, Lucy, Ava and Jill who prepared those roasts and an extra big thankyou to Ben who delivered meals to those who were unable to collect them.

Next week you can order dinner for Wednesday and Friday.

### **Wednesday Night 7th July**

Glazed Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Cauliflower, Carrots & Peas  
\$12 per serve

### **Friday Night 9th July - Christmas in July**

#### **Main**

Roast Turkey Breast, Roast Potato, Roast Pumpkin, peas & carrots, gravy & cranberry sauce & dinner roll.  
\$15 per serve

#### **Dessert**

Individual Christmas Pudding & Custard  
OR Sticky Date Pudding & Caramel Sauce  
\$5 per serve



# COVID SAFE GIVING

The Church Staff are working from home where possible, therefore the front office is closed. We will reopen after Lockdown has been lifted. If you can give your offering electronically please continue to do so. If you give via envelopes please hold on to them and bring them in once the Lockdown is lifted and the office is reopened.

You can give online through - [www.dapto.church/giving](http://www.dapto.church/giving)  
or Bank Transfer BSB: 032686 ACC: 301487

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord, give your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy S (10am)

### HOSPITAL

Molly B (St. Lukes Village) in Wollongong Hospital following a fall and breaking her hip.  
Joan D (10am) in Wollongong Hospital - problems with kidneys

### VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Diana M, Kath H, Barbara L, Reg B (all of St. Lukes Village); Robyn K (Diggers Rest, Corrimall); Graham S (Estia Health, Figtree); Barbara B (William Beach); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Jean D (Farm. Grove).

### 8AM/9:30AM/2PM

Lyn R - healing and wisdom; Pat W and son Antony - please pray for family concerns and health; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia plus another rare cancer; Daphne C's daughter, Joanne - pray that she would get a surgery appointment soon; Arthur S - starting radiation soon. Wendy R - would appreciate prayer for relief of pain in her back/leg.

### 10AM

Phil P - health issues; Cheryl M - nerve damage in back and leg; Gwyn D - cancer treatment; Sue B - ongoing chemo treatment; Paul B - dialysis treatment; Elizabeth L - slowly recovering; Michele S - ongoing health problems.

### 7PM

Shaina J's son, Roman - continuing prayer while waiting for scans; Gary M - ongoing health problems.

### CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lynne N - good results, no cancer; Virginia C - recovering; Blake M (Janelle's 8 y.o. grandson) chemo for Leukemia.

