



WEEKLY NEWS

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ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

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What do you make of Jesus? This is a very open-ended question. Answers could go in many directions. I guess your answers will lead to the cross. As you reflect on Jesus, you have been taught to make much of the question: Why did Jesus die?

It's a good question, with important answers. Answers like – he died for my sins, he died to defeat evil, etc.

But now I want to ask you another question: Why did Jesus live? Think about it for a minute before you read on.

Perhaps you have not asked yourself this question with such clarity. I suspect this is not a topic you have heard sermons about. We read and approach the bible from within a tradition – the protestant evangelical tradition. Our tradition positions us to notice that Jesus lived a perfect life, without fault – so when he died, he died for the sins of others, not his own. All true.

But those are answers that make sense of Jesus' death. We have thought long and hard about that question. I am asking: Why did Jesus live? Surely the answer is more than just so he lived so he could be tempted, remain perfect, and then be an atonement for the sins of the world.

When Paul says imitate me, as I imitate Christ (1 Cor 11:1) – what does he mean? I cannot be sacrificed on a cross for the sins of the world. Paul is asking you and I to follow the example of how Jesus lived. That is what it means to be a disciple – to follow Jesus.

So again I ask – why did Jesus live?

That is the question this sermon series will address.

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CAFE CHURCH

It's been challenging for our Cafe church ladies not to meet in person, but we are incredibly grateful to connect in other ways.

We have begun meeting fortnightly over zoom, looking at a bible passage and discussing, catching up and praying for each other. It's been such an encouragement. We have loved hearing how women have been reaching out and caring for each other by sending letters and cards, calling women who find online connection hard and having bible study via zoom.

We did a devotion series over a couple of weeks titled 'wilderness'. These were short devotions designed to encourage time in the word and are still available on DAC Café church Facebook page.

Please pray for our women, many of whom are on their own and have little connection. Pray for wisdom for the team as we seek to care for them and encourage them to seek God

Sarah Doughton



wilderness

Cafe Church lockdown devotion #5

**Today we look at David.
It is a longer passage, feel
free to read over a couple of
days.**

Read 1 Samuel 21-23

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

Community Dinner

Meals this week:

Wednesday 15th September

\$12 a serve of Roast Stuffed Chicken Breast, Potato Bake, Sweet Potato, Peas, Corn & Caps. Gravy

Friday 17th September

\$12 a serve Potato Topped Beef Pie, Carrots & Beans.

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.



STAMPS

CMS NSW & ACT would like to sincerely thank you for your used stamps!

This financial year, 2020 – 2021, they raised \$20,518.57 from the sale of the stamps. These funds support the work of CMS missionaries, to see a world that knows Jesus.

Pandemic or no pandemic the work of processing used stamps continues! Volunteers continue to work hard sorting and trimming donated used stamps, getting them ready for sale or auction....at home. If you are looking for something to do in lockdown, the group would welcome any help. Such help could be in the form of trimming the stamps from the envelopes with scissors, before sending the stamps to CMS. Please leave approximately 3 to 5 mm of paper from the envelope around the stamp, so that the frilly bit of the stamp is not damaged in anyway. However, if the envelopes you have date back to pre-1940, please do not remove the stamps from these envelopes. The envelopes may have more value than the stamps themselves!

Please get in touch with the CMS office (cmsa@cms.org.au) if you would like more information about how you could be a part of this valuable ministry.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy S (10am)

NEW BABY

Jason & Naomi S (10am) have had a baby boy, Elijah.

MOURNING:

John and Judy B (10am) following the death of John's sister in Goulburn. Please pray for John and Judy.

Please pray for Harold and June Cunningham as they grieve the death of Harold's sister, Florence who died 26th August.

HOSPITAL

Neville K and Graham S - both in Bulli Hospital.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Molly B, Diana M, Kath H, Barbara L, Reg B, (all of St. Luke's Village, Dapto) Robyn K (Diggers Rest, Corrimal); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, (A.P.); Jean D (Farmb. Grove, Unanderra) Please pray for Jean as she is very frail and very unwell. Pray for peace.

8AM

Shirley S - at Tarrawanna for two weeks for respite; Pat W - Please pray for Pat and her sons, David and Antony for health and family problems; Arthur S - recovering; Wendy R - please pray for relief from pain in her back and leg; Lyn R - pray for healing; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia; Daphne C's daughter, Joanne - still waiting for surgery;

10AM

Phil P - infections improving and final check up this week; Marilyn R - pray for full recovery following surgery; Sue B - recovering well and thanks for prayers; Gwyn D - seeing Specialist again in a couple of months; Paul B - home dialysis; 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

Lynne N's father has a cracked vertebrae - please pray for healing. Please keep on praying for Janelle and Ken M.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**