



# WEEKLY NEWS

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## LOSING OUR PATIENCE

REV DAVID RIETVELD

'Patience is one of the fruits of the Spirit. It is a virtue, or at least it was. My sense is that the world is increasingly impatient. But we would not describe ourselves that way.

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Rather we see ourselves as focused and driven. In popular culture, we set ourselves goals. The achievement of goals brings good outcomes - progress. Non-achievement means things remain in a less desirable state. We are, after all, supposed to leave the world in a better place. We aim to 'get ahead'. To see our children move forwards; achieve their full potential; outdo their parents. And when they do – this somehow is a marker of us having been successful parents.

Our internal desires for progress on the one hand and our deep unsettledness around things feeling static, or stale, breeds a deep discontentment with things as they are. We are impatient to see them 'moving forwards'. We see ourselves as change agents. The choices we make, over the things we can control, is how we pull and push the levers of change.

Add to this the fact that we are time-poor. There are so many things to fix, to improve. The longer I am stuck 'here', the longer it is until I can get over 'there' and address 'that'. We simply don't have time to be patient.

And yet patience is found nestled between "love, joy, peace, [and] kindness, goodness..." (Gal 5:22-23). What makes patience something to value, to pursue?

Patience flows from two things. First, a reminder that God is in control. Second, that his timing is best.

Patience is required to be able to entrust yourself to God's love and providence and rest in his timetable.

We can – and ought to – plant and water. But growth comes in God's good time. '



## NEXT STEPS

"Next Steps" is the name of our sermon series starting this weekend. In this series, we'll be looking at how we be the Church God is calling us to be, in Dapto, for 2021 and beyond. What does this mean for the next steps we need to take in mission, in ministry, with our finances, and for each of us personally?

It's also the name of our Church Dinner, coming up on Tuesday 17th November. The Next Steps' dinner is an opportunity for us to gather, share a meal, and hear from David Rietveld about specific Next Steps, and how you can partner with church and grow God's kingdom.

There are two options for you to choose how to attend:

- Option 1: Attend the dinner at the Ministry Centre. Book a table of 10 through the link [www.dapto.church/nextsteps](http://www.dapto.church/nextsteps) \$10 per person and you must book as a table of 10.
- Option 2: Gather as a Growth Group or group of friends in a home and tune in to the live stream.



## GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Our annual DAC Women's Gingerbread House event is coming up Saturday, 28th November. A little different from previous years, you'll need to bring your own lollies to decorate.

Tickets are \$30 (includes house kit and icing)  
The Cafe will be open for drinks and food from the display cabinate



# PRAYER FOR TODAY

Merciful God, it is by your gift alone that your faithful people offer you true and acceptable service; grant that we may so faithfully serve you in this life that we will always hold fast to your heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy M (10am), Loren A (7pm), Katie C (7pm) and Kasey D (10am).

### VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Helen S, Bruce M, Diana M, Kath H, Ella H, Jean D, Lorna B-W, Glenys N,  
Barbara B, Barbara L.

### THOSE IN HOSPITAL

Barbara Bannister in Wollongong Hospital

### 8AM/2PM

Pat W son Anthony and Anthony's fiancée, Sue K - all struggling with health.  
Shirley S - problems with health. Beth Weston (wife of Trevor) recovering. Glad  
A, stroke, home recovering.

### 9:30AM

Pat McK - recovering from surgery. Anne S having another operation on her  
right eye.

### 10AM

Wendy E - pray for healing. Elizabeth L, Ronnie V.K., Michael E, Janelle S,  
Michele S - all ongoing conditions and treatment. Philippa S - starting on  
treatment for blood cancer.

### 7PM

Shaina J son, Roman - Scans are booked in for 19th November. Pray for  
good results Billy H - chemo treatment. Gary M - ongoing health problems.  
David G - pain whilst recovering from surgery.

### HSC STUDENTS

Micah S, Olivia Q and Own D. Please pray for these students.

## SAFE MINISTRY



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