

WEEKLY NEWS

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WORLDLY VERSUS GODLY SORROW

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Have you ever been hurt by someone, and they appear to be sorry – but then their offence is soon repeated? How do we respond to this in a Christian way?

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Sometimes we peddle a simplistic answer. They were sorry – so we must forgive them. Forgiveness is almost a Christian obligation because after all, Jesus has forgiven us.

In 2 Corinthians, Paul writes, after having been wronged by many in the Corinthian church. It's a fascinating encounter. He begins with "We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have exploited no one." (2 C7:2) What about Jesus' command to look at your own log first? Apparently, on some occasions, reconciliation does not have to begin with an admission of co-responsibility and co-guilt.

Paul writes difficult things that cause "hurt" and "sorrow" – but he does "not regret it" (v8). Apparently, on some topics, it's appropriate to name up sin for what it is. We do not always have to be accepting, understated, and withholding judgement.

Why was Paul so harsh? Whatever had happened (we can only speculate) the Corinthians initially felt "worldly sorrow" (v10). Worldly sorrow involves feeling remorse and regret for what you have done, and the consequences it has caused. But it is not enough! For "worldly sorrow brings death." (v10)

By contrast, "Godly sorrow brings repentance" (v10). "Godly sorrow ... produce[s]... earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves... what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done." (v11)

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That is to say, godly sorrow brings more than feeling sorry for what I have done. Instead, it focuses on turning your life around, rebuilding your reputation as one who can be trusted, restoring relationships, and seeking justice – even at your own expense.

I do not know the particulars of whatever conflicts you may be experiencing. I write this conscious of the risk that as humans, we are prone to thinking better of ourselves than we ought. But I am also mindful that sometimes as Christians we reduce sorrow to a sad feeling, and we call people to forgive in ways that do not reflect the breadth of scripture.

Let us all aim for godly sorrow.

If you have a challenging pastoral scenario, please feel free to talk to David R, Jamie, Linda (pastoral care), or Julie (safe ministry).



Community Dinner

Meals this week:

Wednesday 20th October

\$12 a serve of Roast Chicken w/ pumpkin, potato, peas, corn and capsicum..

Friday 22nd October

\$12 a serve of Fish and Chips - dine in or take away - pre-book a table for you and your friends.

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

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*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

This week

After 4 long months of lockdown, this week, some restrictions were lifted. This week at the ministry we had some great opportunities to catch up. Monday was "freedom day". Our staff team were able to meet for morning tea face to face for the first time in 4 months.

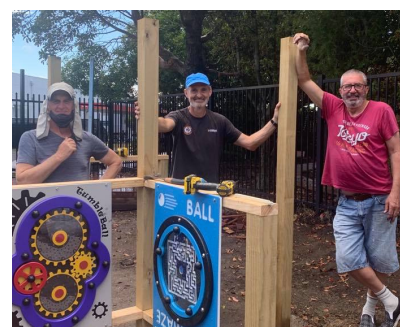
Tuesday saw David and Marrianne cook up an Indian feast for the Empty Nesters. It was a fantastic opportunity to gather, enjoy a meal and a much-needed catch-up.

Tuesday to Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, the Cafe was open and we saw plenty of familiar (masked) faces come in and enjoy the hospitality.

Thursday, it was great to see so many men on the tools to help build the new play equipment, and finish off the 'babies room' viewing window.

Next week we have an opportunity for the 8 am Service Morning Tea in the Cafe. Monday 18th October between 10 am and 12 pm. Devonshire Tea for \$7.

With plenty going on, we look forward to seeing you soon.



PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look on our weaknesses; and in all our dangers and needs stretch out your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

MOURNING

Pray for Ruby D (10am) and her family following the death of Gwyn. A funeral will be held at the Ministry Centre on Friday, 15th at 10am. You need to be double vaccinated to attend. You can watch on YouTube through the DAC channel.

HOSPITAL

Elizabeth L will still be in hospital for at least another four weeks. She is going as well as can be expected. Pray for Keith as the Private Hospital is still in lockdown. Graham S and Neville K are both still in Coledale Hospital.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Gae and Allen Q are settling in to Mowll Village and Gae has been unwell and will have further tests; Elsie N, Diana M, Kath H, Barbara L, Reg B, (all in St Lukes Village, Dapto); Robyn K (Diggers Rest, Corrimall); 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 - they appreciate our prayers for them; Wendy R - Praise God for some injections in back, but still has problems with right leg; Lyn R - Has a nodule on her thyroid which needs checking; Daphne's neighbour - Leukemia; Daphne C's daughter, Joanne - has a provisional date of 15th November for surgery.

10AM

Jeanette B - recovering from shoulder surgery; Please also pray for Paul B as he continues to have his health monitored; Mary J - still waiting for test results; Phil P - recovering well and pray for decisions to be made; Sue B - coping after her treatment and having more tests regarding her kidney. 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.