



# WEEKLY NEWS

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DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

## SPIRITUALITY AND RELIGION

REV DAVID RIETVELD

Since about 1980, the use of the word 'spirituality' has increased about 5 times. Whereas the use of the word 'religion' is largely unchanged. Why is this? What do we now mean when we talk about 'spirituality'?

My read is most people think of religion as practices of the institutional church. Like going to a reception where the food is 'alternate drop'. You get what you are served. The kitchen cooks what it is good at cooking. Whereas 'spirituality' is like going to a buffet. You get to choose your own combination because you know what works for you. I'll have a bit of this and a bit of that, with none of that.

There is a big difference between the two. In one the chef decides what is best for you. In the other, you decide.

If I am correct, what might a person who thinks of themselves as 'spiritual' think as they approach the topic of Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

It is possible they think – I would like this gift please – it suits my personal tastes. Or: I would not like this gift - not for me thanks - it does fit the way that I express my spirituality.

It is difficult to align either of these responses with Scripture. Paul tells us that the Spirit "distributes them to each one, just as he determines." (1 Cor 12:11) Further, the Spirit distributes the gifts to be used in service under God, so that everyone may be built up for the common good. (1 Cor 12:4-7)

God is the ultimate chef, who knows what you, and everyone else at the banquet needs. He asks his waiter (the Holy Spirit) to distribute the gifts you need to bless your fellowship as you minister to their needs. That is Spirit-Filled Spirituality. Are you open to that?

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# MAKING SENSE OF THE MESS



Making Sense of the Mess Returns! On Wednesday night, 7th July, Rev David Rietveld and Jamie Mackenzie discussed "The Holy Spirit & His Gifts in the Church" during a Live Q & A on YouTube. It was a fascinating conversation with great questions sent in like, '*Why don't we see miracles today like in the Bible?*' A great way to kick off a difficult series!

Next week, 14th July, David and Jamie return to have a closer examination of Spiritual Gifts. Join then from 7:30pm on YouTube, and txt in any questions you have, now and on the night 0474 636 706.

# JASON'S FAREWELL IN COVID

We were planning to have a Farewell Morning tea for Jason on his last day, Sunday 11th July but will wait for the following Sunday, 18th of July, in hopes that restrictions will lift. We are planning a morning tea after the 10am service, if restrictions allow. We'll send more information through next week.

You are still about to please send an email message to the office, [office@daptoanglican.org.au](mailto:office@daptoanglican.org.au) to go on a card for Jason. You can also give a gift by transferring to this account:

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

# COMING UP

Monday 12th July Pupil Free Day - CANCELLED  
Friday 13th August Women's Weekend  
Tuesday 12th October The Best is Yet to Come - 3 Day Tour

# PRAYERS FOR BLAKE M

PRAYERS FOR BLAKE M (8 year old grandson of Janelle (from Creative Connections) and Ken M.

Many of you have been praying for Blake as he has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. He also has an extra cell in the Leukemia, which isn't good. Because of this, Blake has to have a bone marrow transplant and the Doctors have found a donor from overseas, that is a very good match for him.

On 14th July, Blake will be admitted to hospital in isolation, with one of his grandparents with him, to have very strong doses of chemo to kill off his bone marrow. On top of that, Blake will receive full body radiation on 19th July, for three days, morning and afternoon. They will sedate him. There are a lot of side effects with this. He will end up in ICU as he will be very sick with this treatment. It could also be fatal if it doesn't work.



Janelle is asking for prayers that Blake will be strong and calm and patient to fight this battle. Prayers are also needed for Janelle and Ken as they need the strength and good health to fight this battle with Blake.

Janelle thanks you all for your prayers and especially for your prayers over these next few months. God is the best healer and they are placing Blake in God's care.

## COMMUNITY DINNERS

### THE CAFE

#### **Wednesday Night, 14th July**

Rolled Stuffed & Roast Chicken Breast, Roast Potatoes, Roast Pumpkin, Peas & Carrots, w/Gravy.

\$12 per serve.

#### **Friday Night, 16th July**

Roast Mustard Crusted Beef, Roast Sweet Potato, Roast Pumpkin, Peas/Corn/Capsicum, Carrots w/Mustard Gravy.

\$12 per serve.

#### **Order by:**

Email - [thecafe@daptoanglican.org.au](mailto:thecafe@daptoanglican.org.au)

Txt or call - 0414 935 643



# PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts deep love for You, increase in us devotion, nourish us with all blessings, and so by your mercy keep us steadfast in faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## PREGNANT WOMEN

Amy S (10am)

## HOSPITAL

Graham S has been transferred from Estia Health, Figtree to Wollongong Hospital, Ward B4 West, until a room is available at St. Lukes Village. He is okay. Joan D (10am) in Wollongong Hospital - problem with kidneys.

## VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Molly B is back out of hospital and back at St. Lukes Village. Diana M, Kath H, Barbara L, Reg B (all of St Lukes Village); Robyn K (Diggers Rest, Corrimal); 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 treatment; Wendy R - would appreciate prayer for relief of pain in her back and 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.

## 7PM

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

## CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Virginia C - recovering; Blake M (Janelle's 8 y.o. grandson) chemo for Leukemia

# 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
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