



# WEEKLY NEWS

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## NO FUTURE WITHOUT FORGIVENESS

REV DAVID REITVELD

Desmond Tutu, Anglican Archbishop, passed away this week. About 20 years ago he wrote a seminal book, one that I was profoundly moved by – No Future Without Forgiveness.

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Tutu, like Nelson Mandella, lived through the era of black oppression under the racist apartheid South African government. How does a nation deal with the crimes of its past injustices? In short, you have three options.

The most common response would be to get your own back. For blacks to oppress whites, just as whites had oppressed blacks. Perhaps something like this played out in Zimbabwe, just to the north of South Africa. But this approach tends to replace one form of injustice with another and prolongs war, hatred, and poverty.

The opposite response would be to deny past atrocities. This prevents the persecuted from telling their story and allows the perpetrators to face no consequences for their actions.

Nelson Mandella chose a third option. He instituted a Truth and Reconciliation Commission and invited Archbishop Tutu to be its chair. No Future Without Forgiveness is Tutu's account of his time as chair of this commission.

The book has many profound insights and quotes. For instance: *"Without forgiveness, without reconciliation, we have no future."* Or *"To forgive is indeed the best form of self-interest since anger, resentment, and revenge are corrosive of that summum bonum, the greatest good."*

Tutu also introduces us to the African notion of Ubuntu. *"Ubuntu is very difficult to render into a Western language... It is to say, 'My humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in what is yours.'"* For me, Ubuntu sound like Jewish Jesus, and unlike Western Individualism.

If you struggle with forgiveness, and you are conscious that your own humanity is diluted when you are out of a relationship with your own people, this week we lost a great one who tried his best to show us the way of Jesus.



# SUMMER NIGHTS WORKSHOPS

January 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th and 25th, 2022  
book through [www.dapto.church/summernights](http://www.dapto.church/summernights)

Summer Nights is BACK! Over five nights, we'll be running workshops for all ages. We have Sausage Making with David Rietveld, Drama Improv with Matt Goodman, Bowl Cosy's with Wendy Eagleton, Cookie Decorating with Miranda and Charles Janszen, just to name a few.

The dates are Tues 11th, Thurs 13th, Tues 18th, Thurs 20th and Tues 25th of January. Each night we will run from 5:30 pm till 6:30 pm. Afterwards, we'll be able to gather in the cafe for dinner, some workshops even cover the cost for dinner so keep an eye out for that.

Head over to [www.dapto.church/summernights](http://www.dapto.church/summernights) to find out more and buy your tickets.

## 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





# PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## HOSPITAL

David L - currently undergoing treatment in Wollongong hosp. Daphne C's daughter, Joanna - Prince Alfred Hospital - has been in contact with a nurse who was Covid positive, now in isolation, pray for safety and also for peace for Daphne; Graham S (Carino Care, Rockdale) - in St. George Hospital following a wheelchair accident, and injury to his leg. Continue to pray for recovery for Rebekah S. Praise God that Tarj is awake after many weeks in an induced coma. Continue to pray as he begins a long road of rehab and recovery.

## VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Please pray for our people in Nursing Homes - Kath H, Elsie N, Diana M, Barbara L, Reg B (all in St. Luke's Village); Robyn K, Neville K (both at Diggers Rest at Corrimall); Gae and Allen Q ('Dorington Court', Castle Hill); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, A.P.).

## 8AM

Audrey R - due home from hospital following surgery to her ankle; Pray for David H as he recovers following knee replacement surgery; Shirley S - asks for prayer as she sells her house to move down the coast to be with family; Lyn R - still struggling with her health. Has to see another specialist next year; Daphne C's neighbour has Leukemia; Wendy R - still struggling with pain in her knee. Pray for patience and recovery; Arthur S - lots of pain from cancer in groin.

## 10AM

Vince A - recovering at home; Sue B - coping with her condition; Phil P - waiting for more treatment.

## 6PM

Shaina's son, Roman - waiting for more scans

## CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lynne N's father and brother still need our prayers.

# PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord our God, you have given us as our example the life of Jesus in his home: grant that all Christian families may be so bound together in love and service that we may rejoice together in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**