



WEEKLY NEWS

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RULES AND EXCEPTIONS

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King David broke a rule. In 1 Samuel 21, we read he entered the temple and ate consecrated bread, reserved for the priests. How disobeyed the law, and profaned the temple. Even Jesus admits this behaviour was 'unlawful' (Matt 12:4). Before this incident, David lies, and afterwards, he is involved in further deception.

Jesus cites the actions of David as evidence that sometimes it's OK to break the rules. At times there are exceptions.

Some of us are inclined to follow the rules. We enjoy finding biblical principles, rehearsing orthodox truths. We find safety and certainty in the known and familiar.

And then something happens that is unexpected. Or an idea emerges that does not fit our paradigm. We can be unsettled, and disorientated by this. This may in turn lead to disappointment with God, or to a lack of energy to do anything, or cynicism.

Others of us are wired differently. We find normal to be boring, and rules constraining. We love to push the boundaries. We enjoy exploring the edgy controversial doctrines of our faith or have an inclination towards risky strategies to get the job done.

Such an approach to life invites another set of vulnerabilities. In looking for exceptions and not patterns, life can become haphazard, and lack structure and direction. In seeking to understand or experience the exceptional, we lose the scaffolding of the normal, and the value of the important.

Disciples have habits. Practices that are regularly rehearsed, creeds that are reaffirmed, and that stand you in good stead. Sure, life throws us all curveballs, and at times we need to step away from routine, and the known. We need to look at, think about, and do things differently. This may last for a season.

But then it is time to affirm timeless truths, and practice core habits.



OP SHOP

The Opshop has a new phone number, 0493 410 458! You can call them Monday to Friday, 10am till 4pm, and Saturday 9:30am till 2pm. Or you can drop in to browse at the Dandaloo Shop.

If you'd like to make donations, please drop them in on Mondays, between 9am and 11am at 36 Hamilton St.



Connect Men

Gathering by the Creek

4pm, Saturday 19th February
William Beach Reserve, Prince Edward Dr

For more info chat with
Warren Southwell

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



A Time to Listen A Time to Re-launch

Feedback → Review → Re-align

God is good. His Word does not change. His faithfulness endures forever. We, however, do need to continually think about how we might best convey His goodness, how we might most clearly communicate His Word and how we might speak of His faithfulness to a lost and broken world.

The platform through which we are seeking to do this is what we have called 'A Time to Listen'. Over the next year we will be listening, reflecting and re-aligning over each of our ministries here at DAC. The first two will be Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry. On the **Thursday the 24th of Feb**, we will be holding an open forum for Children's Ministry, asking what are the ways in which we have seen God at work and how we might better align with what we believe God is doing in Dapto. Youth Ministry will hold its open forum on **Thursday the 10th of March**. If you are involved, whether a parent, an attendee, or a leader in either of these ministries we would love you to attend and would value your input and observations. If you are unable to make the forum you are able to fill out the survey's attached, for Children's Ministry click [Here](#), for Youth Ministry Survey click [Here](#).

If you are not an attendee within the ministry, we would value your prayers as we listen, reflect and re-align.



We'd like to thank those who have filled out the survey last week. For those who didn't get a chance to, please scan this link to complete it. Please use the Church Code: ANS74302. The first and last two pages are advertisements. Please scroll to the bottom and press the button each time to get to the final page. When you reach the final page there will be an option to fill in details to receive correspondence from NCLS. You do not need to fill this in, but once you see that page, the survey is complete and submitted.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

THOSE MOURNING

Continue to pray for the family of Arthur S, who died last week.

PREGNANT COUPLES

Lisa and Michael S; Mel and Michael F; Erin and Simon S; Katy and Mark McG (baby due in a couple of weeks)

HOSPITAL

Continue to pray for Tarj as he has a long road of rehab and recovery following his accident.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Please pray for our people in Nursing Homes: Kath H, Elsie N, Diana M, Barbara L, Reg B (all in Piper House, Dapto); Gae and Alan Q (Castle Hill and moving to Piper House next Monday); Robyn and Neville K (Diggers Rest, Corrimal); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Graham S (Carino Care, Rockdale).

8AM

Wendy R had been in hospital after having another fall. Has 9 stitches to a gash in her head, and has badly bruised her knee; Ray McP is recovering, with help, after having a fall at home; Audrey R - still needs the boot on her leg and will be having rehab shortly; Lyn R - still struggling with her health; David H - recovering well following knee surgery.

10AM

Elizabeth L - waiting for more appointments; Vince A - recovering well; Sue B - coping with her condition; Mary J's husband, Michael needs a check up on his kidneys.

6PM

Seb R - being well looked after and recovering from hand injury; Shaina J's son, Roman - awaiting results.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lynne N's brother still having treatment and doing well.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Grant us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we who cannot do anything that is good without you, may in your strength be able to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.