

WEEKLY NEWS

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FROM RIGHTS TO SACRIFICE

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We live in a time, in a place, in history, where we have more rights, more freedoms, more opportunities than few ever had before. Take a moment to think about that. Take a moment to realise and grow in appreciation of all you have. All of us far too quickly move to think of what we don't have, that job, that relationship, that youthfulness or mobility – and to quickly forget all the blessings our good father has given us.

Jesus says that our good father denies us not one thing we need, and yet we are also given far more than is necessary, far more than most who came before us. Yet we are not to feel guilty for this but thankful. And that thankfulness is to drive us to us and forego our 'rights' and freedoms for the service of others. For we are the recipients of a God who gave up his privilege and freedoms for us. In the gospel, we see a God like no other. A God who would willingly embrace oppression, sorrow, and suffering. That we the guilty might go free.

So let us say with Paul, 'Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.' Jamie Mackenzie Assistant Minister

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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

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN

Ainsley R. (7pm), Mel F. (7pm) and Erin K. (7pm).

THOSE IN HOSPITAL

Gordon M (8am). Brendan L. (37) son of Bonnie and Aaron L had a stroke, is in Royal Melbourne Hospital.

THOSE IN MOURNING

Jason R (10am) following the death of his mother.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

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

8AM/2PM

Diane L. recovering and waiting for results. Mavis B. waiting for an operation. Pat W's son, Antony - ongoing treatment, Antony's fiancé, Sue K - ongoing chemo.

10AM

Ronnie VK., unwell, Genie C., Michael E., Janelle S. (Warren's sister) all ongoing conditions and treatment. Georgia-Lousie W., recovering from fall. June C. struggling with ill health Georgia-Louise W. is back at school but still in pain.

7PM

Shaina J. son, Roman, waiting for appointment. Pray for good health while waiting.

PRAY FOR TODAY

Lord we pray that your grace may always uphold and encourage us, and make us continually desire to complete all the good works prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





PRAYER IN WINTER

Heavenly Father

We thank you for the seasons of the year and the variety of weather it brings. We are blessed to live in such a beautiful country, and particularly in Dapto between the tranquil lake and rolling escarpment. Help us to stop in our days to take in our surrounds and the blessings we have.

As the weather turns colder and the days shorten, we ask for the provisions needed to keep warm. Show us where we can be generous with our resources, to help those who do not have what they need to get through the winter.

We ask for protection over the vulnerable and elderly who might find winter difficult. We ask for strength and good health, and for reassurance of the hope we have in you. You are with us in each season, ever-present, nurturing and guiding us. Thank you for your faithfulness, help us to cling for you, continuing to learn more and more of you each day.

Amen

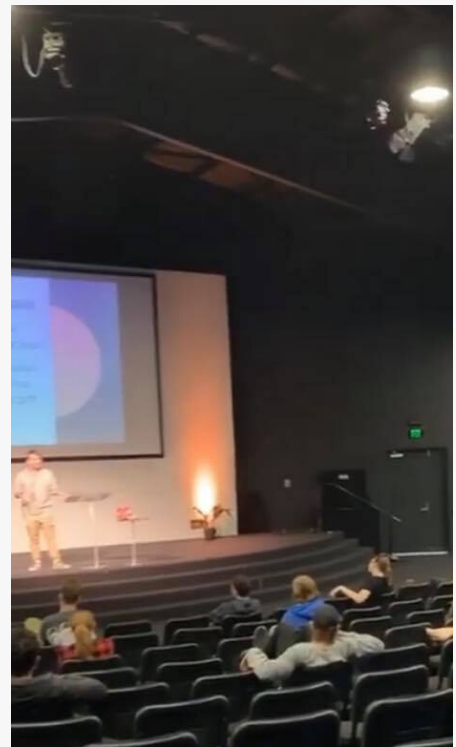
RETURNING TO RISE

RISE will return next week, Wednesday 17th of June and will be 7pm-8pm. The program will look a little different due to social distancing restrictions, but we are keen to be meeting again.

5PM CHURCH IS BACK!

Last Sunday saw the first in a series of Services return to meeting in person. The 5pm Youth Service returned and with it great joy, celebration and many smiling faces at being able to see each other, being able to play games and have fun with one another. It was such a great pleasure to have 35 young people again back in the same room, listening to the same God, encouraging one another, and sharing stories. A massive thank you to all the parents and volunteers who have made this possible and for the Café for putting on dinner so the young people could continue fellowship and laughter even after the service.

Last Sunday was a sweet reminder of what it means to be the people of God, and the beauty that happens when those people are able to meet together. I am filled with great excitement and anticipation at being able to continue to meet in the weeks and months ahead.



CONNECT KIDS RETURNS

Connect Kids returns face-to-face next Thursday and Friday from 4.30pm - 6.00pm at the Ministry Centre.

Connect Kids will look a little different as it is not a return of Connect Guys / Girls or Connect Friday. We will return with a revised program - this program will be exactly the same over the 2 days. This will help parents to pick the 1 day that best suits their family. The Connect Kids program will include Bible talks, games/activities, and afternoon tea (individual packets).

You will need to register your child - therefore, please let us know your child's name and the day you would like them to attend via SMS (0404832185) or email (connectkids@daptoanglican.org.au).

We are thankful to God that He has allowed for us to yet again meet face to face and we are thankful for the Connect Leadership team for the time and effort they give to make this program run.