



# WEEKLY NEWS

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## LONGING FOR REST

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If you're anything like me, you've been itching for a holiday – and I'm not talking about school holidays with the kids being stuck at home, simply trying to make sure everyone is alive at the end of the day. I'm meaning a break, a real holiday, a getaway and a rest, a change of space and pace. This week the government announced exactly how close that day is. The time that we can go away for holidays is not far off!

During this time, while I have been longing for a holiday, I've been reflecting just on how that is such a prominent theme all through the Bible. The rest that was established and the beginning, the rest that is looked forward to by Israelites in the wilderness, then after establishing themselves in the promised land – a realisation that the great rest was not yet found, and finally the promises of a Nazarene carpenter, who would turn the world on its head with his promises of the rest that is to come in, through and by Him.

Because the truth is that while we long for that holiday, that break, that refuel, that rest...The problem is that holidays never really hit the mark. They never fully scratch the itch. C. S. Lewis said,

The longings which arise in us when we first fall in love, or first think of some foreign country, or first take up some subject that excites us, are longings which no marriage, no travel, no learning, can really satisfy. I am not now speaking of what would be ordinarily called unsuccessful marriages, or holidays, or learned careers. I am speaking of the best possible ones...

That our longing is truly for a greater rest to come, a greater holiday. One where our minds and hearts will no longer ache or worry. Where fear and worry will be scattered as dust is to the wind. As we long for a holiday – to be reconnected – to relax – let us enjoy them for what they are – eat well, laugh hard, drink good wine. But may too remember the rest to come. When all shall be made right. And let us not seek for the shadow to do what only the real thing can – and will.

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# IT'S A SPRING Thing



It's been a great 2 weeks packed with lots of new things to try. It's a Spring Thing workshops were dreamed up as a free lockdown alternative to Summer Nights which we kicked off last summer. These workshops have been filled with laughs, advice, trials, practice, and connection. I certainly enjoyed learning new skills in pottery and interior design while chatting and engaging with people I haven't seen for months.



We've seen delicious bread baked from scratch, Japanese calligraphy, bucket drumming, crochet, face mask sewing, hairstyles, and so much more.

A massive thank you to our hosts for volunteering your time and skills.

It's a Spring Thing has spurred me on to look forward to Summer Nights coming back IN PERSON January 2022.

Linda Thomson



## JANELLE JANSEN Baking Workshop

*I had so much fun running the baking workshops for 'It's a Spring Thing'. In both of my workshops, I had 3 participants, and we baked Coconut Raspberry Loaf and Crunchy Lemon Muffins. The ladies who joined me enjoyed creating something new. Some of the muffins were consumed and enjoyed by the cooks and their family members even before we signed off! (It's a great recipe - I've been told I'm a good cook, but I'm really just an average cook who collects fabulous recipes!)*

*It was so good to catch up with some people who I know well and to meet 2 new lovely ladies. I chose simple recipes to share so we had plenty of time to chat and connect. On Thursday morning, we had 2 sisters from different LGAs who were able to share in the activity together. The only downside to simultaneously baking 2 recipes is the enormous mess it makes! Wendy had the solution though - she told John he would have to earn his morning tea by doing the washing up!*





# Community Dinner

## **Meals this week:**

### **Wednesday 6th October**

*\$12 a serve of Roast Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Sweet Potato, Peas, Carrot, Cauliflower w/gravy.*

### **Friday 8th October**

*\$12 a serve of Glazed Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Carrots & Beans.*

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

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*You might notice that the number has changed. 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.*



## Roadmap

### Return to Church

Phases 1, 2 and 3

This Sunday, the 3rd of October, we will begin to outline the Roadmap to Return to Church for the coming months.

Tune in from 10am and find out more. We will also send an email out after the service.



# PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God, creator of all things and giver of every good and perfect gift, hear with favour the prayers of your people, that we who are justly punished for our offences may mercifully be delivered by your goodness, for the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### HOSPITAL

Elizabeth L - in St. George Private Hospital (has had surgery to drain infection area and maybe change some screws in her back.) Please pray for healing and peace for Elizabeth; Graham S - has been transferred to Coledale Hospital; Neville K - at Coledale Hospital.

### VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Elsie N - has moved into the Care Home at St. Lukes Village; Diana M, Kath H, Barbara L, Reg B (all in St. Lukes Village, Dapto.); Robyn K (Diggers Rest, Corrimal) Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Jean D (Farm Grove, Unanderra).

### 8AM

Gail R is now home from hospital and they plan to see if Gail and John can cope with this situation; Shirley S - is improving; Pat W - please continue to pray for Pat and her sons, Antony and David; Wendy R - pray for patience and freedom from pain; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia; Daphne C's daughter, Joanna, has a provisional date of 15th November for surgery; Lyn R - recovery from problems caused by Coeliac Disease.

### 10AM

Please pray for Gae and Allen Q as they pack up and move into care at Castle Hill. This is the only Care Home that has two places available. They will be leaving the Village on Monday, 11th October and will go to Castle Hill until the new Care Home at St. Luke's Village is completed; Pray for ongoing healing and God's peace for Merrilyn and Leigh R; Phil P - recovering well; Gwyn and Ruby D - coping with Gwyn's health; Sue B - coping after her treatment; Paul B - home dialysis; 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.

## SAFE MINISTRY



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