



WEEKLY NEWS

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GLASGOW: CRITICAL EVENT OR SIDESHOW?

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The COP26 conference at Glasgow, starting October 31st, has received much publicity. Here, it has been influenced by the release of our national roadmap to address the pressing impacts of climate change.

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As a sustainability consultant and chemical engineer, this is dear to my heart. Sustainability is about fairness globally and between generations, from environmental, social and economic viewpoints. Climate change is the crisis that brought these issues into sharper focus.

What does this mean to us as Christians?

From the beginning, Adam was “put ... in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it” (Gen. 2:15). As God’s children, we have been given a stewardship responsibility – a mandate to care for the earth. We are to value God’s creation as good and to protect and preserve it. To treat this precious resource with selfishness, greed or carelessness appears contrary to God’s intended provision for his people.

The scientific evidence is irrefutable that climate change is happening, and that as humans, we have strongly contributed to that impact. It is like a snowball rolling down a hill, picking up more momentum and size as it goes. Increasing greenhouse gases now have created a similar momentum of change, which is just as hard to stop.

Glasgow’s COP26 seeks to come together as humanity, to strive to slow the effects of climate change for the good of all, both today and tomorrow. It is not founded on a specifically Christian premise. However, it supports our God-given responsibility to care for the earth, and for each other.

Please join me in praying that God would direct participants in Glasgow to protect and preserve his creation and to care for all people and that he would teach us to play our part in shaping the future too, large or small, as he has planned for us.



Bringing Ministries Back

The staff and key volunteers are working very hard to bring ministries back. Please be patient with us. This is a short overview of where our key ministries are up to.

Sunday Services

- 8 am and 10 am have returned.
- 5 and 7 pm have combined to create a new 6 pm service.
- Live music with singing recommences Sunday 5 Dec.
- Cafe Church will return next Wednesday the 3rd of November, at 9:30 am.
- St Luke's Wed 2 pm service will resume Feb 2022, as will regular services in nursing homes.
- The final service of celebration at St Aidan's will happen in March 2022.
- We will commence a midweek service at St Luke's village when the construction of the new community room is complete.

Children and Youth

- Connect Thursdays (children's ministry) recommences this week. As does Connect Sundays, Youth Ministry, and Oxygen.
- SRE will return in 2022.
- Playpatch returns Thursday the 4th of November.

Men's and Women's Ministry

- Creative connections will recommence February 2022.
- Men's ministry recommences 2022.
- Women's ministry will have one pre-Christmas event, as will Mother Union.
- Rise will recommence on Wednesday the 3rd November.
- Senior's Lunch will be held on December 15th.

Op Shop

- The sorting room is now open. Op shop open for business Monday 1 November.

The Cafe

- Cafe will return to the fuller menu from 1 Nov. Mid week community dinners will continue for some weeks, but will end on if not before 1 Dec.



Communion

This Sunday, the 31st of October, we will have communion in each of our services, 8 am, 10 am and 6 pm. For those attending onsite, we will have the elements for you. For those watching at home make sure to gather your bread and wine/juice as your tune in to the Livestream on YouTube.

Community Dinner

With the easing of restrictions, we have some more changes in The Cafe. Open from 9:30 am till 2 pm, Tuesday to Friday.

The Lunch Menu is also expanding to include hot food items such as Fish and Chips and Smashed Avo. This lunch menu will be available from 11:30 am.

Wednesday 3rd November

- \$12 a serve of Meatballs w/Mash and Veg

To order shoot an email to: thecafe@daptoanglican.org.au. 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.

Next Steps

This dinner is an opportunity for us to gather, share a meal, and hear from Rev David Rietveld and DAC Staff about our Next Steps as a Church and how you can partner with church and grow God's kingdom.

We will host 110 people onsite, for those who would like to buy a ticket and attend. Gather your friends, your Growth Group or DNA Group and book a table of 10, or book a single ticket. (Please note single tickets will be placed randomly.) Tickets are \$100 for a table or \$10 per seat.

The church will open from 5:30 pm, for you to bring your own nibbles and snacks and catch up. Dinner will be served at 6 pm, which will lead us into the Next Steps presentation in the auditorium at 7 pm, which will be live-streamed on YouTube. Dessert will follow back at your table.

We will have childminding available for those families who require it. There will be a child's meal for \$5.

To book your Table or Seat the button below.

We look forward to seeing you and taking these Next Steps with you.



PRAYER FOR TODAY

Merciful God, it is by your gift alone that your faithful people offer you true and acceptable service; grant that we may so faithfully serve you in this life that we will always hold fast to your heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

HOSPITAL

Graham S in Coledale Hospital.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Elsie N, Diana M, Kath H, Barbara L, Reg B (all in St Luke's Village); Robyn K, Neville K (Diggers Rest, Corrimal), Gae & Allen Q. ('Donington Court', Castle Hill); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, AP).

8AM

Lyn R - Please pray for the doctors to have wisdom regarding Lyn's health; Gail R - at home and being cared for by John; Shirley S - improving; Pat W and sons, David and Antony - continue to pray for the family; Wendy R - continue to pray for good healing in her back and leg; Arthur S - pray for freedom from pain; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia; Daphne C's daughter, Joanne - hopefully have surgery on 15th November.

10AM

Elizabeth L home from hospital, Keith is caring for her. Jeanette B - recovering well; Paul B - health being monitored; Sue B - will have more tests; Phil P - pray for peace for decisions to be made; Joan D - pray for healing; Mary J - pray that blood pressure problems will be sorted out.

6PM

Shaina J's son, Roman - still waiting to have scans; Gary M - ongoing health issues.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lynne N's father is out of hospital. Pray for healing and relief from pain; Pray also for Lynne N's brother, Steve, as he has his treatment; Please continue to pray for peace for Janelle and Ken M:

SAFE MINISTRY



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