



# WEEKLY NEWS

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DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

## AMAZING GRACE

JAMIE MACKENZIE

*"My memory is nearly gone. But I remember two things: that I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Saviour."*

Final words whispered from a dying man's lips to a dear friend before his breath failed him. That man was John Newton.

Once a captain and investor of slavery ships from Africa. Dealing in the auctioning of black men, women, and children throughout England. Newton would go on to write one of the most famous Christian hymns – Amazing Grace. Newton awoke to find his ship caught in a severe storm off the coast of Ireland and about to sink. In response, Newton began praying for God's mercy, after which the storm began to die down. As a result, he opened up the Bible, read in the New Testament about the value of human life, the horror of sin and the offer of grace for the guilty. It would be a moment that would change his life and many others.

Years later, he would pen the words,  
*Amazing grace How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me...  
My chains are gone  
I've been set free  
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me*

The gospel drives us not to self-pity or self-loathing. Rather humble-confidence.

In the work of Christ, I find myself a great sinner and find a great Saviour. Who speaks a greater word over me than that of my sin.

Finished.

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# Community Grant

This last week we received confirmation that we will be receiving a grant from the NSW Government to help us upgrade our meeting rooms at the Ministry Centre. The Grant is part of the NSW Government's 2021 Community Building Partnership program which is aimed at supporting projects which deliver benefits for the wider local community.

We are thankful to the NSW Government for their support which will allow us to improve our facilities which can then, in turn, be used to support a number of community initiatives. We are particularly thankful to Mary-Anne Fleeton from Anglicare Family Mental Health Support Services who provided support for our application. The grant money will be used to replace the carpets, install a new kitchenette, repaint and generally upgrade the safety and feel of these spaces which will make them a better place for ourselves and other community groups which use the rooms.

*David Langley  
Business Manager*

# Community Dinner

Community Dinners have finished with a thankful heart! 120 orders of Turkey and Ham with delicious desserts went out yesterday!

Well done to Jill and her team! Throughout this year, through Lockdown you have kept us connected, and well fed with more than 32 nights of meals!

We are grateful for the meals, the chats, the smiles and the opportunity to share this experience with you.



# Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Carols with Lisa Speelman

Wednesday 15th December, 12 noon  
Ministry Centre - Main Hall

**\$20 for Lunch**

Please let the office know if you would like to attend



## Jill's Farewell

Jill will be finishing up in her position of Café Manager on 31st December, 2021. To celebrate and thank Jill we will be holding extended morning tea on **Sunday 12th December at 11:30am** (after the 10am Service).

As an expression of thankfulness for the time Jill has been on staff, if you would like to contribute towards a gift for Jill please pop it in the offering in a clearly marked envelope or transfer money to Dapto Anglican Church, BSB 032-686, ACC 120002 with the description JILLGIFT. We will also be putting together a card, if you would like to write on it please email your messages to [office@daptoanglican.org.au](mailto:office@daptoanglican.org.au).

## PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may shun the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, that on the last day, when Jesus comes again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever Amen.

# PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## HOSPITAL

Pray for Tarj B, a youth, in hospital after accident. Also pray for his family.

## VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

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

## 8AM

Daphne C's daughter, Joanna - operation was successful, but she has caught the flu and is now in isolation. Still being weaned off heart machine. Thanks to everyone for your prayers; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia; Lyn R - still struggling and will see Surgeon on 17 December; Frances C - recovering slowly after a fall and fracture in shoulder. Can't drive for a while; Mavis V - recovering after an operation on her shoulder; Shirley S - recovering slowly; Gail R - at home and being cared for by John; Wendy R - thankful that her back has improved, still waiting for knee to improve; Arthur S - pray for freedom from pain; Pat W - thanks everyone for their prayers for her and for her sons.

## 10AM

Denise N - recovering after a short stay in hospital; Vince A - will have double knee replacement on 6th December; Elizabeth L - recovering slowly and waiting for more visits to Specialists at the end of the month; Sue B - coping with her condition; Phil P - please pray for peace and to feel better while waiting for more treatment.

## 6PM

Shaina J's son, Roman, will see the Neurosurgeon very shortly. Gary M - ongoing recovery of health issues.

## CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Pray for Lynne N's father as he is trying to get his pain medication sorted out, and for her brother, whose treatment is going well; continue to pray for Janelle and Ken M.

# SAFE MINISTRY



Dapto Anglican Church is committed to Safe Ministry Practices. If you have a question or concern, we are here to help.

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- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945