



WEEKLY NEWS

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THE NIGHT SKY

NATHAN GRAY (NEXT GEN MINISTER)

Earlier this week, the Melbourne night sky lit up by a meteor shower. Many people captured the amazing sight. It even made it to news stations across the globe. People have their best guesses about what was burning up in our atmosphere.

The fascination of the night sky has always been an interest to me. And maybe it has interested you. As I shared in my sermon last Sunday, our galaxy is incredibly huge, let alone the rest of the universe. So many wonderful things for us to see, such as stars, nebulae, constellations, galaxies, black holes, comets, planets, and so much more! If you are unfamiliar with nebulae, they are a nursery for new stars. A quick Google search of nebula shows the beauty of space, full of vibrant colours.

Our galaxy, the Milky Way, contains an estimated 100 billion stars (100,000,000,000). Our sun is just one of those stars. What does that all look like? Let's imagine the sun is a grain of sand 1mm in diameter. What we need is 100 billion grains of sand, we can then throw all the sand in the air and spread it out in the shape of the Milky Way. The first bit, gathering 100 billion grains of sand, is not as hard as it sounds, assuming they are all 1mm in diameter like our Sun, we would need a cube of sand with 4.6-metre sides and height.

King David looked up at the night sky and wrote a psalm of praise to the creator of the universe. He considers all this impressive data and yet holds to a marvellous truth: God pays attention to man, you show concern for him. He is in breathless praise

**what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?**

God is mindful of us. He knows you, your stresses, your wins, your heartbreak, your joy. How does David know all this? He reads his bible. He knows what Genesis 1:26-31 says. How can we know God is mindful of us? By reading the bible. As we do, we become more aware of the greatness of God and how he loved us so much he sent his Son.

Have a read of John 1:1-18 and reflect on these truths.

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Watch the Matilda's QF Match

Incredible news! The Matilda's have made it into the FIFA Women's World Cup (FWWC) quarter-finals! Australia is cheering in excitement (and we are too)! The game is at **5pm this Saturday, the 12th of August** when our Trivia Night was booked in. However, we're seizing this amazing opportunity by **rescheduling our Trivia Night to Saturday, September 2nd**. We're absolutely thrilled about the chance to gather twice within such a short span and enjoy dinner and a fantastic night together.

We'd be delighted if you could join us this Saturday. The event itself is free! **Dinner's still on the menu**, available for purchase at half-time! We are serving scrumptious chicken wraps, hot chips, and a drink for only \$8, or a family rate of \$25.

The game will be broadcasted in both the auditorium and foyer spaces, allowing you to move around as you please. Plus, we're lining up some World Cup-themed activities for the kids to enjoy alongside the match.

We are having a **best-dressed competition**, where the winner will receive dinner for free. Come dressed in your best green and gold colours!

If soccer is not your thing, please still come along. You'll be able to catch up and hang out in the Foyer space. We'll have board and card games, or you can sit and chat. You can even bring your own.

For those who have registered for Trivia, your registration will carry over to Saturday the 2nd of Sept. For those who cannot make that date let Christine know in the office, and we'll arrange a refund. For those who still need to register, there is still time. Trivia will be from 5pm on Saturday the 2nd of September.

Again, please join us to celebrate this momentous event this Saturday as the Matilda's compete in the FWWC quarter-finals against France!



Trivia Night

Fun for the Whole Family



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If you haven't registered yet, there is still time! Please consider joining us on **Saturday the 2nd of September, from 5pm**. This is an event for the whole family and includes dinner, for only \$15 per person. Children under 12 can enter for free. You can book a table of 10 or join a table on the night. Money raised will be going towards our new dishwasher and a child-safe fence out the front of the church.

Visit www.dapto.church/events/trivia to register. Come along and test your knowledge while having fun with your family and friends!



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CONFERENCE 2023

PROMISED

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST



OneLove
2023

Worthy of Trust

The God who sees us

Saturday 26 August 2023



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 4261 1001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Give your grace, O Lord our God,
to the Church of Jesus Christ in every land;
that in fulfilling its apostolic mission
it may be faithful in the preaching of the gospel,
compassionate in its concern for the suffering,
and courageous its testimony for truth and righteousness;
for the furtherance of your kingdom
and the glory of your holy name.
Amen

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

EXPECTANT PARENTS

Tara and Nathan O.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Please continue to pray for our people in Residential Care Homes: Jean W, Kath H, Phyllis D, Audrey & Alan R, Gae & Allen Q, Elsie N, Barbara L, Pamela B, Betty B, Gordon M, Beth W (Piper House, Dapto); Robyn K (Digger's Rest, Corrimal); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H, Trevor W (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Wendy C (Farmborough Uniting, Unanderra); Cheryl T (Hammond Care, Horsley); Graham S (The Links, Wollongong); Brian B (William Beach Gardens, Dapto).

8AM / WED 2PM

Please continue to pray for Deb P's son, and her brother.

10AM

Please continue to pray for Phillip P that his health will get better. Also continue to pray for Andrew W as he continues with his treatment.

6PM

Please continue to pray for Jael and Seb R, that Jael's health will improve.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Please continue to pray for Lynne N who is now home from hospital and pray that her health will continue to improve; Also, continue to pray for Lynne's brother, Stephen, that he will have positive results from his Targeted Chemo.