



WEEKLY NEWS

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DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH



THE COLOUR OF OUR HEARTS

REV. DAVID RIETVELD

Augustine (354-430) was the first to write a self-reflective autobiography. We often think the inward turn is modern and secular – not true.

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He tells the compelling story of how, as an 11-year-old boy, he played sports with friends and saw a pear tree on the walk home. He decided to steal some fruit – not out of need or hunger. They took more than necessary and fed most of it to pigs.

“Doing this pleased us all the more because it was forbidden. Such was my heart, O God, such was my heart—which thou didst pity even in that bottomless pit. Behold, now let my heart confess to thee what it was seeking there when I was being gratuitously wanton, having no inducement to evil but the evil itself.”

“It was foul, and I loved it. I loved my own undoing. I loved my error—not that for which I erred, but the error itself. A depraved soul, falling away from security in thee to destruction in itself, seeking nothing from the shameful deed but shame itself.”

Later in life, when at University, Augustine wrote, “Lord, give me chastity and continence, but not yet.”

We have a different view of sin today. Sins are actions that harm others or flow from living in a society – like greed or the desire to get ahead. In both cases, sin is external.

Or sins flow from deep psychological flaws, resulting in domestic violence and abuse. Offenders are evil, but so long as we do not commit these ‘sins’, and even if we make the odd mistake – we do not perceive ourselves as sinners. We see ourselves as basically good.

Augustine is sufficiently self-aware to appreciate that he delights in doing wrong. Somehow it brings excitement and vivacity to a moment. As you read this, you know it to be true.

According to Augustine, the solution is not to deny it and imagine yourself to be good, nor to whip yourself into line. It is to disavow yourself of the futile love of sin and be consumed with the life-giving love of God.

BCA Boxes



It is time once again to bring in your BCA boxes so that the money may be counted and sent off to the Bush Church Aid. During September, we encourage you to drop off your boxes at the church office so that they may be counted and sent off. A big thank you to Ron and Maureen, who volunteer their time to make this happen.

CONGRATULATIONS *Goodmans*



TWINS DUE MARCH 2024

Join us in congratulating the Goodmans and pray over them as their family grows and adjust to new routines and a bigger family.

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



8am Service



17th Septmeber till 8th October

10am Service



17th Septmeber till 15th October

6pm Service



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Listening to the Lord

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

Rick Miller

Grateful Partnership

1 Thess 1:1-10

Nathan Gray

A call to Grow Spiritually

2 Peter 1:1-11

Matt Goodman

24th Sept

Conversing with the Creator

Luke 11.1-13;

Colin Reed

Joyful Community

1 Thess 2:17-3:1-13

Matt Goodman

God still speaks through the Scriptures

2 Peter 1:12-21

Jon Cory

1st Oct

Meeting with the Master

Acts 2.36-47 & Hebrews 10. 19-25

Bob Mirrington

Inspiring Character

1 Thess 4:1-12

Sarah Doughton

Beware of False Teachers

2 Peter 2:1-22

Nathan Gray

8th Oct

Witness: Talking about the Teacher.

Matthew 28.16-20.

Rick Miller

Hopeful Patience

1 Thess 4:13:13-5:11

David Rietveld

Are your ready for Jesus' return?

2 Peter 3"1-18

Drewan Robinson

15th Oct

Next Steps Series

Faithful Disciples

1 Thess 5:12-28

Nathan Gray

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Drum Lessons

Ever wanted to learn Drums? Our Worship Pastor Mel Lieschke is booking lessons for kids, youth and adults. Email mel@daptoanglican.org.au to find out more.



St Luke's Preschool

70th Anniversary Saturday 23rd September

Celebration Service

From 1pm in the Auditorium

Celebration Activities

From 2pm on Church and Preschool Grounds

Preschool Tours

2:30pm, 3:30pm and 4:30pm

Carpark will be closed during the event



ALL AGES
PARK
PLAY



Thursday 28th Sept

From 10am, Meet us at
Stuart Park, BYO food

FAMILY
ADVENTURE
DAYS

TRAIN TO
KIAMA



Thursday 5th Oct

Catch the 9:07am Train from
Dapto or meet us in Kiama
We'll explore, play and picnic

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

A prayer reflecting on Hosea and on 2 Cor. 11:6, Rev. 21:9

We praise your, Lord God, for calling people from all the nations into your Church, your own beloved Bride. You know the ever-present pressure on your Church to run off in pursuit of the ideas and ideals of the prevailing culture, different in each place and time, and to be unfaithful to you. Forgive us, your Church, by the blood of the Saviour, cleanse your Church that it may indeed a holy Bride. Give us and all your people strength to withstand the pull of the world around us with its false gods. In the name of our Saviour Jesus we pray. Amen

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

HOSPITAL

Please pray for Darryl N (Wed 2pm), who is in hospital following a recent stroke.

EXPECTANT PARENTS

Tara and Nathan O; Lisa and Matt G.

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, 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 pray for Genie C's brother who is struggling with ill health; Please continue to pray for the daughter of Bron & Graeme E, Susan, who recently had a stroke; Also continue to pray for the family of Deb P.

10AM

Please be praying for a safe surgery, recovery and answers for Roman (Shaina J's oldest son) as he is scheduled to have surgery on his spine soon. Pray for Elizabeth L who is healing well and back at church. Please pray for a friend of Pat McK, Jan J, who is waiting for surgery. Continue to pray for Janice S as she needs surgery, but may have to wait for quite a while. Also pray for Andrew W as he continues with his treatment.

6PM

Please continue to pray that Jael's health will stabilise.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Lynne N's brother, Stephen, is having his Targeted Chemo adjusted. He has been quite unwell. Pray that they can sort out his dosage; Also, keep praying for Lynne N as she has treatment for her Crohn's disease. She will be starting on new medication soon.

SYNOD

- Safety in Travel
- Clarity for decision making for the whole Sydney Diocese Reps that our Biblical foundations are not compromised
- A unified approach from us all under God
- Being Wise in how we work in Government legislation environment that has no sympathy to Christian organisations now.