



# WEEKLY NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

## UNSETTLING WEATHER

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The weather we are enjoying is amazing. People are in shorts in July and August. You would think people would be happy – sunshine and warmth in winter. But as I chat with people, many seem unsettled by the weather.

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Is this a foretaste of a hot and dry summer – perfect conditions for bushfires like what we see overseas? How much of this global heatwave is naturally occurring, and how much is exacerbated by human activity? Are extreme weather patterns now occurring with greater frequency and intensity?

As I talk and listen to the experts, I am of the view that we are having a natural event that is intensified by human activity. You may or may not agree. But let us put this question to the side.

At a personal level, in immediate things, we can see the connection between cause and effect. If I touch something hot, I get burned. If I overeat, I gain weight. At a big-picture level, we struggle to see the connections between our actions and macro trends. I did not cause covid. The cost of living rising is not my fault. I cannot make it rain.

We tend to categorise the first as matters of personal responsibility and the latter as matters that come under the sovereignty of God. I agree.

But there is a lot of space between those two categories. Is my physical health as I age the cumulative result of many little decisions I have made or decisions others made, or is it a result of biology? And if the answer is all of the above, what is the percentage of each? We could ask the same questions about personal mental well-being, the health of our relationships, or our economic plight.

Answers to these questions are elusive. But there are two clear mistakes. One is to say it's all God's fault (or responsibility), and the other is to say it's all mine. As Augustine said: "Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you."



# Trivia Night

## Fun for the Whole Family

Trivia Night is now only one week away! Our team is beyond excited and teams are quickly being booked by congregation members of all ages.

If you haven't booked yet, please consider joining us on **Saturday the 12th of August, 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.

On the night there will be an opportunity to;

- Buy a Perfect Round
- Buy Round Multipliers
- Buy into Extra Activities for more points
- Donations
- Buy a Surprise



If you are able, please bring some spare cash. You'll have so much fun while continuing to support some great works in our church!

Visit [www.dapto.church/events/trivia](http://www.dapto.church/events/trivia) or scan the QR code to register. Come along and test your knowledge while having fun with your family and friends!



## 10am Picnic

This week, after the 10am service, we are going to be heading down to Farmgate Playground in Calderwood. We are loving going to new places and being together as a community. Why don't you join us this week? There is a giant slide, picnic benches, a basketball court and plenty of space to run around. BYO lunch!





## Empty Nesters Soup and Games Night

Come and join us on the 5th of August from 5pm for a soup and games night at the Ministry Centre! Warm your heart surrounded by friends and warm your stomach with a delicious meal! A payment of \$10 will get you soup, rolls, sweet treats and tea/coffee. RVSP to Miranda Janzen on 0402 308 290 or contact the church office on 4261 1001. Please bring your favourite board or card game to play! We can't wait!

## 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:

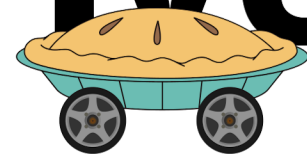
- Julie Houghton, Parish Safe Ministry Representative, by confidential email [safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au](mailto:safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au) or through our church office on 42611001
- Anglican Abuse Report line on 1800 774945



We are raising money for our Scripture Teacher at Dapto High



# Pie Drive



Grab an Order from the Connection Desk - \$10 per pie

Money and Order Due: Sunday 6th August

Pick up: Friday 11th August

# PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We thank you, Lord God, Creator of the Universe and God of order, that all the complexities of the vast universe move in harmony by your word. We praise you for creating us to be workers with you to bring order and peace in our sphere of responsibility. We thank you, Jesus, that in your torn body on the Cross and in your risen and glorious body, you brought shattered people like us back into harmony with our Creator. In our homes, church, country and world, make us your agents of harmony and messengers of your reconciling work. In Jesus our Redeemer, we pray, Amen.

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### MOURNING

Continue to pray for the family of the late Reg Barker.

### 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.); Wendye 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 Barbara H for freedom from pain and healing of her shoulder/arm. Also, please continue to pray for Deb P's son, and her brother.

### 10AM

Please continue to pray for Phillip P - some results good and some not helpful. Continue to pray for Trudi O that her arm will heal well; Give thanks with Janice S that her knees are healing; 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 the hospital. Pray for good healing for her; Also, continue to pray for Lynne's brother, Stephen, as his Targeted Chemo will need to be adjusted. Please pray for positive results.