



WEEKLY NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

THE VOICE

REV. DAVID RIETVELD

Next weekend, Australia votes on the referendum to constitutionally mandate a process of Indigenous consultation as part of enacting relevant legislation. According to the polls, the 'NO' vote may prevail.

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Whichever way the vote goes, I think a couple of comments can be made. First, there is a gap between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous rates of health, mortality, various forms of abuse, DV, education, and other factors. It would be good to close this gap. Successive governments have tried, with diverse consultation processes, but the gap remains. Efforts must continue.

Second, whatever the intentions, some of the outcomes of the process to date have increased incidents of racism, anxiety among the indigenous peoples, and divisions within Australia as a whole. It is a shame when politics divides, rather than serves the people.



The Diocesan Synod had the opportunity to listen to three Indigenous Christians, including two members of our Synod, along with Neville Naden, the National Indigenous Officer for BCA. A report on this discussion can be found here by scanning the QR code.

However the vote falls next weekend, the Anglican Diocese of Sydney is committed to ministry and supporting gospel work among the Indigenous peoples of Australia. Within the Diocese, multiple specific ministries are led by and targeted towards the First Peoples of this land.

You are invited to support this ministry by donating to Macarthur, Mount Druitt & Shoalhaven Indigenous Ministries with the Anglican Church Property Trust.

Account Name: Sydney Diocesan Services
BSB: 032-008
Account Number: 880096
Reference: "C/F 0378" + "Indigenous Church Name"
(to ensure it is diverted to that church ministry)

Quilt, Craft and Art Show

The Quilt, Craft and Art Show is coming up **this weekend**, the 6th and 7th of October! Our Creative Connection team have been working extremely hard and can't wait to show you what they have been working on! Join us to see a marvellous display of creativity from 10am till 3pm (\$6 entry). Not to mention our Coffee Crew will be firing up the coffee machine, fryers and toasters, for some delicious food and drinks! You don't want to miss it!

Please pray in thankfulness for the gifts that God has given each of our members, for the many volunteers, for Wendy and Lynne as they have faithfully lead the group and also pray that the event will be enjoyable for all who come!



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



CONNECT FRIDAYS

4:00pm - 5:30pm
\$5.00 per child
Max \$10 Family

Preschoolers starting Kindergarten can join Connect Fridays this term.

TERM 4



FRIDAY YOUTH

Juniors - 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Seniors - 7:00pm till 9:30pm
\$5.00 per child

Year 5 are welcome to join Juniors from the 24th of November.

PRAY WITH US

HSC 2023

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
9th October		10th October		11th October		12th October		13th October	
				English Paper 1 (am)		English Paper 2 (am)		Music 1 (pm)	
				Phoebe Kimmy Wes Tom	Kyah Jovi Nathan James	Phoebe Kimmy Wes Tom	Kyah Jovi Nathan James	Phoebe	Kyah Jovi Nathan James
16 October		17 October		18 October		19 October		20 October	
Maths Advanced (am)		Maths Extension 2 (pm)		Visual Arts (pm)		Society and Culture (pm)		Ancient History (am)	
Kyah Nathan James		Wes		Phoebe Tom		Kyah Kimmy		Phoebe Jovi Tom	
Maths Standard 1 (am)								Maths Extension 1 (pm)	
Phoebe								Nathan Wes	
Maths Standard 2 (am)									
Jovi Tom									
23 October		24 October		25 October		26 October		27 October	
Biology (am)		Business Studies (am)		History Extension (am)				Chemistry (am)	
Kyah		Jovi Nathan		James				Wes James	
								Multimedia (pm)	
								Tom	
30 October		31 October		1 November		2 November		3 November	
		Community and Family Studies (am)		Geography (am)		Physics (am)			
		Kimmy		James		Nathan Wes			

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Make us always thankful, our heavenly Father,
for your most precious gift of health;
for our sight, our speech, our hearing;
for all the powers of body and mind
which enables us to enjoy life to the full.
Teach us to safeguard the health that is ours;
deepen our compassion for those who suffer illness;
and help us to use the days of our strength
in your service and for your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

HOSPITAL

Please pray for Trish G (10am), who is recovering from a broken hip.

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 healing for Wal S following recent surgery. Continue to pray for Mavis B who has been struggling with Pneumonia. Please continue to pray for Genie C's brother, who has cancer and his condition has deteriorated. Continue to pray for Darryl N recovering at home.

10AM

Please be praying for a safe surgery, recovery and answers for Roman (Shaina J's eldest son), as he is scheduled to have surgery on his spine soon. Please continue to pray for Pat McK's friend, Jan J, who is to have radiotherapy and chemo. Also, pray for Andrew W as he continues with his treatment. Also continue to pray for Phillip P as he struggles with his health. Continue to pray for Janice S as she waits to have surgery.

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.

Please pray for our Seniors, as they go on Tuesday to Oberon on their Coach Trip. Pray for safety, good health, and a good time.