



WEEKLY NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF
DAPTO ANGLICAN CHURCH

FOLLOWING JESUS – BEING A DISCIPLE

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Jesus commands us to take up our cross and follow him as his disciple. And he says his yoke is easy, and his burden is light. Jesus tells us we must give up our life and lose it, and he tells us he has come so that we might have life to the full. Are you confused?

What does it take to be a disciple of Jesus? Our answer is often given in fractions. Jesus, you can have 10% of my income; one day in seven is yours. I'll attend a small group one night per week. But the rest is mine.

C S Lewis likens this to a good citizen paying taxes. We give what we owe, hoping we have enough left over to live off and maybe even spoil ourselves from time to time. We have paid our dues to the higher order, and now free of that obligation, we can express our inner self and flourish.

The problem is that Jesus does not ask for part of our money, time, or energy. He says I want you! All of you.

It turns out that being a disciple of Jesus is both harder and easier than we think. It is harder because we have to give everything. It is as costly as giving ten-tenths. It is more painful than pulling out established weeds or cutting off dead branches. That inner self must die.

Yet when we entrust our entire selves to Jesus, he gives us more back, and the Christian life becomes easier than we think. Jesus reshapes our values, our desires, and our motives. His Spirit works within us so we can love God with our heart, mind, soul and strength.

Do you find it hard following Jesus? If so, the problem might be that you are trying to give Jesus a fraction instead of everything.

Storytime



During August, Heather Boardman and Michelle Smith will be running a story time at Smith's Lane Dairy. Dapto Anglican, Wollongong City Council and Smith's Lane Dairy have partnered together in order to build community in the Wongawilli area. Wollongong City Council has provided us with a grant, Smith's Lane Dairy a location and DAC, the people, and the plan. The story time will run from 9:30am - 10am each Friday of August, mainly targeting families with preschool-aged children. Please support Heather and Michelle by praying for them and the families who will attend. Pray that this will be a first step in connecting to our church community and connecting DAC into the Wongawilli communities. You can also support by attending the story time with your kids to help advocate for the grace found in Jesus, as well as the community of believers that we share and love here at DAC.

Fish and Chips

There is no better lunch known for a picnic than fish and chips! This Sunday (the 7th of August), before the family's picnic, we will have fish and chips available to purchase from The Cafe.

- Family Fish and Chips - \$20 (10 piece fish w/ chips)
- Couples Fish and Chips - \$12 (6 pieces of fish w/ chips)
- Just chips - \$8 Family chips



Pop-Up Cafe



We are filled with joy each time our café opens its doors to people. Friendly faces, joyful laughs and deliciously cooked meals!

Our Pop-Up Café is happening again in just two weeks! Come on down on **Tuesday, the 16th of August**, between 10:30am and 2:00pm, for a hot cup of coffee and a muffin or a tasty Schnitzel lunch. Then finish off with a yummy Panna Cotta!

6pm Retreat

Our annual 6pm retreat is coming up! Starting on Friday the 25th of November and ending Monday the 28th, we encourage you to take that day off work if you are able to. If you haven't already, please call up 'Holiday Haven - Currarong' and book your spot (cabins will go especially fast) on 02 4429 5415. We are gearing up for an extra-long weekend of refueling and connecting!



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

We thank you, God, that we still have the opportunity to present the truth of your Word in our state schools as well as in Christian schools. We pray that the government will continue to allow us that privilege and that we will use it well to your glory. We thank you for the faithful work and witness of our Scripture teachers, and now especially for the appointment of Amy David to teach in Dapto High School. Enable all Scripture teachers, by your Spirit, to have the skills and spiritual gifts they need to present your word to young people in a way that is true and attractive. May your Holy Word challenge our young people to consider your love and your demands on their lives. Amen.

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



PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

MOURNING

Continue to pray for Allen and Gae Q following the death of Allen's sister.

HOSPITAL

Continue to pray for Rosie S who is in Wollongong Hospital and is continuing with her chemotherapy.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES

Pray for our people in Nursing Homes: Audrey & Alan R; Gae & Allen Q; Kath H; Elsie N; Barbara L; Reg B; (all in Piper House, Dapto); Robyn & Neville K (Digger's Rest, Corrimal); Helen S (Marco Polo, Unanderra); Ella H (Warrigal Care, A.P.); Graham S (Carino Care, Rockdale).

8AM

Wendy R - scheduled to have some surgery on her back on 16 th August, to relieve pressure on the nerve which is causing pain and weakness in her right knee; Ray McP - still struggling with his health and waiting for test results; Lyn R - still struggling with some health issues; Joanne, Daphne C's daughter - still needs our prayers.

10AM

Jeanette B - recovering well but still in pain; Phil P - starting to feel better.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Continue to pray for Lynne N's brother, Steven.

COVID

Continue to pray for those people from our congregations struggling with Covid.