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## WHAT IS KEY TO THE GOSPEL?

When you grow up doing things a certain way or holding to certain beliefs, it can be hard to have those ideas challenged. Even as Christians there are many cultural expectations and beliefs we hold to dearly, as if they are part of the gospel. Maybe it's expectations about what a Christian should wear, watch, listen to, how they should speak and act etc. The problem is, by holding to these, we run the risk of excluding people that God wants us to welcome.

Sometimes our dearly held convictions must be challenged. In Acts 10 we see God himself challenge the Apostle Peter's deeply held convictions. Peter believed strongly that believers in Jesus must follow the kosher laws, this excluded many gentiles from the faith. God challenged him in a vision to not exclude the gentiles. Peter obeyed but as we see from Paul's letter to the Galatians, he still struggled with his convictions years later.

Jesus invites everyone to come to him. As Christians we are challenged by this passage to reflect on what is central to the gospel and what beliefs and practices have we added. As Christians we should strive to be welcoming and inclusive and sometimes the barriers we put up to faith must come down. Like with Peter, it won't be easy and we may wrestle these issues, but we must wrestle with them for the sake of the gospel.

Lachlan Davis  
Assistant Minister

## WELCOME!

Here for the first time? We're glad you came! We trust you'll get to know us and our Lord Jesus better.

Please stay around after the service and grab a cup of tea or coffee. If you wish, you may like to meet and chat with the service leader or the speaker. We'd love to get to know you!

*Bishop Peter Tasker  
Acting Rector*



# PRAYER REQUESTS

**PRAYER FOR TODAY** **Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look on our weaknesses; and in all our dangers and needs stretch out your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**STUDENTS SITTING HSC EXAMS** Lord Jesus, we bring before you all those studying, especially those known to us, and those who know you. Grant that they may readily remember all that they have honestly learned, and give a true account of their ability; so that whatever may depend upon the results of their study, they may willingly give their future to your disposing. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PREGNANT MUMS:** **Rebekka Lacey**

**IN HOSPITAL** *W'gong Hosp Public:* **Annette Holmes** (10am) *Wollongong Private:* **Kath Hobbs** (10am) *Shellharbour Private:* **Barbara Bannister** (2pm) *Bulli Hosp:* **Lyn Cheetham's Dad**

**VILLAGES, HOSTEL & NURSING HOMES:** **Elizabeth Wann, Ella Harvey, Marjorie Hall, Jean Dooley, Lorna Blisset-Walker, Helen Stephens, Glenys Noort, Mary Webb** (unwell).

**CAFÉ CHURCH & OP SHOP** **Jacques Koch** (Veronique Hill's father) chemo, pray for healing and comfort. **Will McGinn**, recovering.

**8AM / 2PM SERVICE:** **Shirley Steele, Mavis Booth, and Noelene Bullen's** husband, **Brian**, all home recovering. **Shirley Masters, Lyn Ryan** and **Gladys Averill** ongoing. **Chris Gall**, eye surgeries scheduled in Dec.

**9.30AM SERVICE:** **Reg Barker, Judy Woodward, Robin Braddock** and **Julia Legassick** all recovering at home.

**10AM SERVICE:** **Kristy Ford** struggling with back injury, **June Cunningham**, unwell. **Trevor Pearce's dad, Marlene Campbell's** husband (Gary), **Hilda Shuttleworth, Ronnie Van Kempen** and **Janelle Southwell** (Warren's sister-in-law), **Sarah Doughton's** brother Matt (bowel cancer), all ongoing. **Tommy McCauley, Carol Jane, Bruce Jones, Andy Houghton, Kelly Jo Steinhauer, Genie Cox**, all recovering at home.

**7PM SERVICE:** **Darian Griffith, Dan Moran, Bill Harvey, Michael Fletcher, Jamie Mackenzie** ongoing.

# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**MON OCT 21** ♦ THE CAFÉ 9:00am - 2:30pm  
♦ FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION CLOSED  
♦ SYNOD

**TUE OCT 22** ♦ THE CAFÉ 9:00am - 2:30pm  
♦ SRE Hayes Park & Dapto Primary  
♦ CONNECT KOONAWARRA  
♦ PIANO LESSONS Auditorium 3pm-6pm  
♦ SYNOD

**WED OCT 23** ♦ THE CAFÉ 9:00am - 2:30pm  
♦ BREAKFAST CLUB Dapto & Kanahooka High  
♦ SRE Mt Brown Primary  
♦ EPIC Dapto & Kanahooka High  
♦ PIANO LESSONS Auditorium 3-6pm

**THU OCT 24** ♦ THE CAFÉ 9:00am - 4:30pm  
♦ PLAYPATCH 9:30am  
♦ SRE Koonawarra & Lakelands Primary  
♦ 2PM SERVICE St LUKES SERVICE  
♦ CONNECT GUYS & GIRLS 4:30-6pm

**FRI OCT 25** ♦ THE CAFÉ 9:00am - 4:30pm  
♦ CREATIVE CONNECTION 10am-2pm Main Hall, Café Foyer, Conf Rm 1  
♦ CONNECT FRIDAYS 4pm-5:30pm  
♦ YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH 7pm-9:00pm

**SAT OCT 26** ♦ EMPTY NESTER PICNIC 11am Hindamarsh Park, Kiama

**SUN OCT 27** ♦ SERVICES: 8am, 9.30am, 10am, 5pm & 7pm

## MISSION PRAYER FOCUS CMS - MICHAEL AND JO CHARLES

Michael and Jo are headed back to Chile early February 2020. They returns to Australia 2 years ago after 15 years service in Chile. Please join us in praying for them as they prepare to return.

Pray for provision of a place to live in the centre of the city to enable Michael and Jo to spend more time with their students.

Pray for their family. Michael and Jo head back this time without their children. Pray for comfort and reassurance at the separation. Give thanks for the past 2 years they have been able to spend together. Also pray for Michael and Jo's parents, the tension felt from being overseas.

Pray for the province of Chile. That God will be guiding the leadership and they will be seeking to build God's kingdom in Chile. Strengthen the leaders and raise up more leaders in Chile and in the surrounding provinces. Give thanks that the surrounding provinces are taking notice of the great training taking place and beginning to recognise the need for quality training.



# 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

## MU MEETING, PLANNING & HIGH TEA

**Tuesday 22nd October 10.30am**  
**St Luke's Brownsville**

Planning 2020 High Tea and hear from people who will share their walk with Jesus.

## CHURCH RETREATS

**Tabourie Retreat 1st - 3rd November**

*Lake Tabourie Tourist Park* Call: 1300 559 966 to book cabins

**7pm Retreat 29th - 31st November**

*Curarong Beachside Holiday Park*

Call: 1300 555 515 to book your cabin or campsite

## EMPTY NESTERS PICNIC

Please note change of date

**Saturday 26th October 11am**

**Hindmarsh Park, Kiama**

**BYO picnic, chair/blanket**

**Travel by train or car**

Enquiries: Heather 0408 612 878

## CONNECT MEN'S DINNER

*Save the date* - More details to follow!

**Saturday 23rd November**

6.30pm in The Café

## RESTOCKING ANGLICARE'S PANTRY

**Condiments; Peanut Butter, Jam, Vegemite etc, Tinned tuna/salmon, Pasta/Noodles, Pasta**. Drop them into your service's Anglicare basket on Sunday. *Thank you.*

## FREEZER BANK

Thank you all so very much for helping to restock our Freezer Bank. You have been so generous and it is wonderful to be able to help those in need.

We still need some packs of frozen vegetables. Drop your donations in to the office in office hours.

Home made goodies—don't forget to add an ingredient list on the lid.



## SENIOR'S DAY DISCOUNT

10% DISCOUNT  
ON MONDAYS

DAC WOMEN invite you to

## CREATIVE CHRISTMAS CLASSES

**Saturday 23rd November, 2pm till 5pm**

Prices include afternoon tea.



**Gingerbread House**

\$40 per person

(inc. lollies)

40 places available



**Card Marking**

\$30 per person

(mks 8 cards)

12 places available



**Fabric Bon Bon Gifts**

\$25 large size

\$15 small size

20 places available



**Wreath Making**

\$35 per person

(byo flower shears)

30 places available

## SYNOD MEETING

**Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd OCT**

SYNOD is our Diocese governing body, the members gather together each year in October. Please pray for our Representatives, Dom Stevenson and Jonathan Miller with Bishop Peter Tasker, as they attend.

*God our Father, You judge your people with wisdom and rule us with love. Give a spirit of understanding to the SYNOD of this diocese, that it may make wise decisions that will give glory to You and be a blessing to your people. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Acts 10:1-48

<sup>1</sup>At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. <sup>2</sup>He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. <sup>3</sup>One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!"

<sup>4</sup>Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked.

The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. <sup>5</sup>Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. <sup>6</sup>He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."

<sup>7</sup>When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. <sup>8</sup>He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

<sup>9</sup>About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup>He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup>He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. <sup>12</sup>It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles and birds. <sup>13</sup>Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

<sup>14</sup>"Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

<sup>15</sup>The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

<sup>16</sup>This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

<sup>17</sup>While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate.

<sup>18</sup>They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

<sup>19</sup>While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. <sup>20</sup>So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

<sup>21</sup>Peter went down and said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?"

<sup>22</sup>The men replied, "We have come from Cornelius the centurion. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, who is respected by all the Jewish people. A holy angel told him to ask you to come to his house so that he could hear what you have to say." <sup>23</sup>Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests.

The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. <sup>24</sup>The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. <sup>25</sup>As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. <sup>26</sup>

But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself."

<sup>27</sup>While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. <sup>28</sup>He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. <sup>29</sup>So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?"

<sup>30</sup>Cornelius answered: "Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me <sup>31</sup>and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. <sup>32</sup>Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' <sup>33</sup>So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us."

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup>You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup>"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup>He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." <sup>48</sup>So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

This is the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**