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UNSTOPPABLE

Down at Port beach with the sun out, clear water and big waves, you cannot stop the waves. You can stand tall and lean into them, you can dive under, but you cannot stop the power of the wave driving towards the shore.

In the Book of Acts, we see God cannot be stopped. The book ends with Paul proclaiming Jesus at the ends of the earth in Rome.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

There we found some brothers and sisters who invited us to spend a week with them. And so we came to Rome. Acts 28:14

Throughout the book God has worked drawing people to himself from diverse backgrounds and places. There were many obstacles but God continued to drive the gospel forward. He is at work today also gathering people to Himself. God is unstoppable!

*Jason McPhail
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 God, we know that the course of this world is ordered by you and we pray that your church may joyfully serve you in all situations and circumstances; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PREGNANT MUMS: **Rebekka Lacey**

THOSE MOURNING Pray for the family of **Mary Webb** as they mourn her death last week.

IN HOSPITAL *St George Hosp Public:* **Annette Holmes** (10am).
Wollongong Hosp: **Brian Bullen** (Noeline's husband 8am) had another stroke.
Wollongong Priv: **Margaret McCauley** surgery

VILLAGES & NURSING HOMES: **Kath Hobbs, Ella Harvey, Jean Dooley, Lorna Blisset-Walker, Helen Stephens, Glenys Noort and Barbara Bannister.**

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

8AM / 2PM SERVICE: **Lyn Ryan** specialist next week and **Chris Gall**, eye surgery 16th Dec.

9.30AM SERVICE: **Ann Scandritt, Robin Braddock, Mary Johnston's husband, Michael** recovering at home. **Ron** (Pat McKay's friend) cancer undergoing treatment.

10AM SERVICE: **Elizabeth Langridge** recovering at home. **Trevor Pearce's dad, Marlene Campbell's** husband (Gary), **Ronnie Van Kempen, Janelle Southwell** (Warren's sister-in-law) all ongoing. **Bruce Jones, Andy Houghton, Michael Eames** ongoing. **Kaye Franks & Susan Starky's** cousin **Josh Day** recovering well from lung transplant, but long road to recovery. **Allen Quee**, unwell.

7PM SERVICE: **Dan Moran, Bill Harvey, Jamie Mackenzie** ongoing. **Roman** (5 month old son of Shaina-lea **Johnson**) scans on his back.

THANKYOU **Anne Scandritt** would like to send a big thankyou to all who visited her, prayed for and with her, made meals for her, sent cards and flowers and all sorts of other help, like washing for her. She is grateful for our church family who cared for her in so many ways during her recovery.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MON DEC 16 ♦ THE CAFÉ 9:00am - 2:30pm
♦ FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION CLOSED
♦ PRE SCHOOL END OF TERM ACTIVITIES

TUE DEC 17 ♦ THE CAFÉ 9:00am - 2:30pm
♦ PRE SCHOOL END OF TERM ACTIVITIES
♦ YOUTH LEADER CELEBRATION

WED DEC 18 ♦ THE CAFÉ 9:00am - 2:30pm
♦ PRE SCHOOL END OF TERM ACTIVITIES
♦ OFFICE CLOSED from 12pm
♦ STAFF CHRISTMAS LUNCH

THU DEC 19 ♦ THE CAFÉ 9:00am - 4:30pm
♦ PRE SCHOOL END OF TERM ACTIVITIES
♦ 2PM SERVICE St LUKES SERVICE

FRI DEC 20 ♦ THE CAFÉ 9:00am - 4:30pm
♦ PRE SCHOOL END OF TERM ACTIVITIES
♦ SRE TEACHERS & PLAY PATCH LEADERS CELEBRATION 12pm
♦ CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CELEBRATION 6pm
♦ EMPTY NESTERS DINNER 7pm-10pm

SAT DEC 21

SUN DEC 22 SERVICES: 8am, 9.30am, 10am, 5pm & 7pm

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS Compassion

Thank you for praying for Compassion staff in Tanzania and for the children and families they serve. Compassion Tanzania staff humbly ask that you keep the following points in your prayers this month.

- Pray for all the children who recently completed primary school. May God be with them as they wait to be selected to join secondary school. Pray that they will be encouraged and supported in their education.
- Thank God for His healing for Nasma, a Compassion assisted girl who was suffering from severe back pain. Doctors have prescribed medication and she has been able to return to school while she continues her treatment. Pray for her long-term health, that she will make a full recovery and be pain-free.
- Pray for new survival projects that are opening soon in Mwanza, in the Lake Victoria region. Pray for new project workers as they undergo training and prepare to begin registering mums and babies. Pray that this will be a powerful ministry for local churches to help the most vulnerable in their communities.
- And please pray for the regions and communities that have been flooded recently, particularly in the nation's northeast. Pray for local churches as they support and stand with hundreds of families who have lost their homes and livelihoods. Pray for strength, resilience and God's grace as they rebuild.



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

SOCKS FOR SEAFARERS

Mission to Seafarers are asking us to partner with them and donate men's **new woollen work socks** wrapped in Christmas wrap, that they will give as gifts to visiting Seafarers.

Drop them to the Church Office or to **Ron Sinfield** at the **8am Service**.



With Christmas mail coming in, don't forget to keep the postage stamps. Tear about 1cm around them and bring them to the office when you have a bundle.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

For those who would like to join them, **Jamie and Amy Mackenzie** would like to invite you to their Christmas Lunch. If you are interested and would like more information have a chat with Jamie or Amy today, or contact the office for their details.



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.*

RATHA'S PLACE

84 Central Ave, Oak Flats, are looking for people in need to bless with Christmas Lunch. They can pick up people or deliver lunch to them. All meals prepaid by members of the community.



If you know anyone who is in need this Christmas call Ratha's on 0414 975 627.

SUPER SUNDAY

Sunday 22nd December, 10am at the Ministry Centre, Moombara St. Bring your friends and family along to our exciting **Super Sunday Service** with celebration afterwards.



Help us to celebrate how God has worked through **Matt and Amanda Bailey** after the service.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

11PM - CHRISTMAS EVE
HOLY COMMUNION AT ST LUKE'S

8AM - CHRISTMAS DAY
HOLY COMMUNION AT ST LUKE'S

9AM - CHRISTMAS DAY
ALL IN FAMILY SERVICE AT THE MINISTRY CENTRE

9:30AM - CHRISTMAS DAY
HOLY COMMUNION AT ST AIDAN'S



SENIOR'S DAY DISCOUNT

10% DISCOUNT
ON MONDAYS

Acts 28:14-31

¹⁴There we found some brothers and sisters who invited us to spend a week with them. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵The brothers and sisters there had heard that we were coming, and they travelled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these people Paul thanked God and was encouraged. ¹⁶When we got to Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with a soldier to guard him.

¹⁷Three days later he called together the local Jewish leaders. When they had assembled, Paul said to them: "My brothers, although I have done nothing against our people or against the customs of our ancestors, I was arrested in Jerusalem and handed over to the Romans. ¹⁸They examined me and wanted to release me, because I was not guilty of any crime deserving death. ¹⁹The Jews objected, so I was compelled to make an appeal to Caesar. I certainly did not intend to bring any charge against my own people. ²⁰For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this chain."

²¹They replied, "We have not received any letters from Judea concerning you, and none of our people who have come from there has reported or said anything bad about you. ²²But we want to hear what your views are, for we know that people everywhere are talking against this sect."

²³They arranged to meet Paul on a certain day, and came in even larger numbers to the place where he was staying. He witnessed to them from morning till evening, explaining about the kingdom of God, and from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets he tried to persuade them about Jesus. ²⁴Some were convinced by what he said, but others would not believe. ²⁵They disagreed among themselves and began to leave after Paul had made this final statement: "The Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your ancestors when he said through Isaiah the prophet:

²⁶"Go to this people and say,
"You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never

perceiving."

²⁷For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.'

²⁸"Therefore I want you to know that God's salvation has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will listen!" ^[29]

³⁰For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. ³¹He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!

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

PSALM 30:8-12

⁸To you, LORD, I called;
to the Lord I cried for mercy:

⁹"What is gained if I am silenced,
if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it proclaim your faithfulness?"

¹⁰Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me;
LORD, be my help."

¹¹You turned my wailing into dancing;
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me
with joy,

¹²that my heart may sing your praises and not
be silent.

LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

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