



*He said to them,
"Go into all the world
and preach the gospel
to all creation..."*

Mark 16:15



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CELEBRATING GOD'S WORK

One of the greatest things about following Jesus is that we don't follow Him alone. However, this is also sometimes one of the things that makes it difficult as well. Over the past number of years, we have had the privilege of serving Jesus, our church and our community alongside Matthew and Amanda Bailey. Both working tirelessly, Matt in children's ministry and Amanda in our schools and youth ministry.

Amanda was raised at DAC, coming through our children's and youth, ministering to her friends and family as she grew in her knowledge and relationship with Jesus. Matt came to our church in his early teens through his friends inviting him to youth and began his faith journey in Year 10. It has been a privilege to journey with them both into adulthood with Jesus as their Lord and saviour.

Today is a day when we stop and give thanks to God for them, for the work He has done through them in our Church and how He has used them to shape us more and more like His Son. It is also a day that we, with mixed emotions, send them to South Wagga Anglican Church under Scott Goode. (Their last Sunday will be the 5th of January).

We feel both sadness at their leaving and joy at sending workers into the harvest. We look forward to the day when there will no longer be any goodbyes, and together, we will stand before our great and glorious Lord and sing praises for endless days.

*Jamie Mackenzie
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 We beseech you, Lord, to pour your grace into our hearts; so that, as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ through your word, we may be brought to understand the reason for the suffering and death of your one and only Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THOSE MOURNING Pray for the family of **Troy Peacock** as they grieve his death this week. Pray for his wife **Slav**, his parents **Audry** and **Ken** Bryan and family and friends. Pray also for the family of the late **Jacques Koch**, his daughter **Veronique Hill** attends Café Church.

PREGNANT MUMS: **Rebekka Lacey**

IN HOSPITAL *Wollongong Hosp:* **Brian Bullen** (Noeline's husband 8am) had another stroke.

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

CAFÉ CHURCH & OP SHOP

8AM / 2PM SERVICE: **Lyn Ryan** to see specialist. **Ross Dooley** and **Chris Gall** both home recovering from eye surgery.

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

10AM SERVICE: **Margaret and Tom McCauley** and **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. **Annette Holmes** home recovering after long stint in hosp.

7PM SERVICE: **Dan Moran, Bill Harvey, Jamie Mackenzie** ongoing. **Roman** (5 month old son of **Shaina-lea Johnson**) awaiting test results and further test in to be completed in the new year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY **Audrey Rowntree** celebrated her 90th birthday this week. Happy Birthday Audrey.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MON DEC 23 ♦ **THE CAFÉ** *CLOSED*
♦ **FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION** *CLOSED*

TUE DEC 24 ♦ **THE CAFÉ** *CLOSED*
♦ **FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION** *CLOSED*
♦ **CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE** 11PM *ST LUKES CHURCH*

WED DEC 25 ♦ **THE CAFÉ** *CLOSED*
♦ **FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION** *CLOSED*
♦ **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES** 8am, St Lukes, 9am Ministry Centre, 9.30am St Aiders

THU DEC 26 ♦ **THE CAFÉ** *CLOSED*
♦ **FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION** *CLOSED*

FRI DEC 27 ♦ **THE CAFÉ** *CLOSED*
♦ **FRONT OFFICE RECEPTION** *CLOSED*

SAT DEC 28

SUN DEC 29 **SERVICES:** 8am, 9.30am, 10am, 5pm & 7pm

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS Ruth House

Ruth House is still in full swing with accepting new pregnant homeless mums to be. There has been 6 babies born in the last month. Please pray for Adira, Naomi, Galatia, Ivana, Tamara and Jevin that they will grow strong and healthy as newborns. Pray that they will receive the necessary medical treatment that they may need according to their level of health. Thankfully they were all born at a relatively healthy weight, so this is a good start for them. Please pray now for their mothers who are doing everything they can to reconcile with their families to be allowed to go home again. Also pray for these new mums who are mostly Muslim, that they will know and see the Lord's goodness to them in Jesus. Please pray that they will know that Jesus died for them in their place to deal with their sin and that they need to trust in Him for their salvation.

- Please pray for the ongoing overflowing in capacity at Ruth House. There are still many more people than there is beds, and many more babies than is sustainable for a much longer period of time. They are finding it hard too to communicate with Dapto Anglican due to their overstretched responsibilities. Please pray that God will give them all they need to bless these babies and their mums.
- Praise God for the sponsors of the babies here at our church. Their contribution helps these babies and toddlers directly with medical and living expenses.



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**.

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.



With Christmas mail is 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.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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

8AM - CHRISTMAS DAY
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9AM - CHRISTMAS DAY
ALL IN FAMILY SERVICE AT THE MINISTRY CENTRE

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



HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS

CLOSED
From 21st Dec
to 12th Jan

FIRST DAY OF TRADE 2020
Monday 13th Jan
Open 9:30am - 2:30pm

Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has

happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

This is the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

PSALM 31:1-8

¹In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

²Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.

³Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

⁴Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.

⁶I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
as for me, I trust in the LORD.

⁷I will be glad and rejoice in your love,
for you saw my affliction
and knew the anguish of my soul.

⁸You have not given me into the hands of the enemy
but have set my feet in a spacious place.

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