



Newsletter #36

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St. David's Presbyterian Church, Toukley

Our vision: is by the year 2030 to transform our community with the love of our Lord Jesus

COVID-19 update from Charles Street (COVID-19 Coordinator)

We are grateful that the number of COVID cases across NSW continues to remain relatively low. As a result, we have reviewed and amended our COVID Safe Plan accordingly. Given the low case numbers, in particular around the Central Coast, we are excited to announce a few key updates below:

- P.A.T: We will be resuming the P.A.T. ministry in December, and will spend the next few weeks implementing the required controls and processes to ensure this can be conducted safely.*
- Morning Tea: We are excited to announce that morning tea will resume in a limited format starting on 6th December. To ensure we can enjoy this time of fellowship together in a safe and compliant way, it will require a different approach to what we may be used to. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.*
- Maximum numbers: While the government has lifted the maximum allowed numbers for places of worship, we still need to adhere to the social distancing requirements. As a result, we will continue to be limited by a maximum of 50 people in the Church building, and 20 people in the hall.*
- Singing: We are still not allowed to sing in Church, and so will continue with the 'small choir' approach at the front of Church.*
- Online Services: We will continue offering online services through Congregation Connect, as well as the distribution of sermon packs to those members who are not in a position to attend church in person.*

While it is great to resume a few more activities over the coming weeks, we will continue to take a more conservative and considered approach. This is to ensure the safety of our congregation, given the older demographics and the associated risks. As a result, we will continue with the following controls for face-to-face services:

- Maximum allowed numbers: We are still required to adhere to the social distancing requirements; And as a result, we can only allow 50 people in the Church building and 20 in the Hall. Therefore, we will overflow members into the hall in the event that we have more than 50 people attending.*
- Registration: To ensure we do not exceed our maximum allowed numbers; you are required to register before attending. We ask that you please reach out to Lina to register before attending on Sunday. This will help us to get an indication of expected numbers. (You do not need to register again, if you have already registered as part of attending the service on Sunday)*
- The following process will be followed when you arrive at Church:
 - While wearing face masks is not mandatory, they are encouraged in particular where social distancing cannot be maintained.*
 - Your temperature may be taken using a laser thermometer, and you will not be allowed to enter the Church if your temperature is above 37.2 degrees*
 - Your details will be registered to ensure we have a record of who attended, and so that we can contact you should there be a need*
 - You will be required to use the hand sanitiser upon entry, and follow the social distancing rules at all times**

- You will also not be allowed to attend if you show any flu, cold or COVID symptoms. Therefore, please do not attend church face-to-face if you have ANY flu, cold or COVID like symptoms.
- In the event that we reach the 50 maximum attendee number in the Church, people will be asked to overflow to the Hall.

The safety of our church family is always our first priority and we will therefore continue to monitor the situation closely each week. We will also continue to monitor and follow government and Church Office guidelines and recommendations. Therefore, all of the above will be reviewed at the next Session meeting, or as needed should the situation change.

Offerings

Your offering to support the work of our church can be deposited into the Church Bank Account: Greater Bank: BSB: 637-000 & Account: 781725919.

We are very thankful to God for the generosity of our Church Family!

Growth Group/Bible Studies

Bible study is available on-line on Tuesday at 3:30pm and Wednesday at 7pm.

There is a face to face Bible Study at Ian Douglas', on **Tuesday's at 3:30pm.**

Angel Tree Christmas Present Ministry

Our Church is once again part of the Angel Tree Ministry this year. This Ministry distributes gifts to children whose parent or parents are currently serving a prison sentence. We have received the names of 7 children, with their ages and what their interests are. If you want to buy a gift for a child please contact Lina.

We still need gifts for 3 children

Boy 15 years (Motorbikes, gloves, goggles)

Girl 9 years (Puppy dogs, books, Sydney City Roosters NRL)

Girl 12 years (Gymnastics, chocolate, clothes (size12))

Memorial Service

For people who have lost loved ones this year, we are having a **memorial service** on **Wednesday 9th December at 7pm.** Please let Lina or Paul know if you would like to attend.

Wall Panels in the Church Hall

Our Committee of Management is looking to re-cover some of the wall panels in the Church Hall. We already have the material. If there is someone that could do the sewing for us, can you please contact Lina, thank you!



Prayer Chain

If you would like to circulate a prayer on the Prayer Chain or would like to be a recipient of the prayers circulated on the Prayer Chain, please contact **Esma Marstaeller on 4390 8296**

Directory Changes

If you have any changes to your contact details for the church directory – please email **Tanya McCrea** on tanya@mccrea.id.au

Well done "good and faithful servant" – Judy Clarke

Our dear friend and sister in Christ, **Judy Clarke** (pictured right), went to be with the Lord last Tuesday. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy's family. She's safe now, in the arms of Jesus. There will be a **Thanksgiving Service for Judy on Friday 4th December at 11am**. Due to COVID restrictions and Judy's family attending, only a limited number of our church family will be able to attend. Please let Paul or Lina know if you can attend.



Prayers

- ❖ Pray for the **family of Rev Sue Ballard** as they grieve the loss of dear, Sue.
- ❖ Pray for the **family of Judy Clarke** as they grieve the loss of dear, Judy.
- ❖ Pray for **Rob & Chris Smillie's granddaughter, Haley**, as she continues to have further tests as an outpatient; praise God she is home from hospital.
- ❖ Pray for **Pam Charlesworth**, awaiting further surgery following recent biopsies.
- ❖ Pray for **Rosemary Gough** waiting to have treatment for an oesophagus problem.
- ❖ Pray for **Jade Nocera's father, Mick**, having cancer treatment & immunotherapy.
- ❖ Pray for **Joy Millican's sister** who is unwell at this time.
- ❖ Pray for **Lorraine Griffiths** waiting to have treatment for an oesophagus problem and for **her husband, Ray**, recovering from recent shoulder surgery.
- ❖ Pray for **Rev Peter Dunstan** undergoing further tests for liver condition.
- ❖ Pray for **Ian Douglas** recovering well from spinal surgery.
- ❖ Pray for **Jan Dhu** requiring kidney dialysis and pray for **Jan** as she cares for her husband, **Dudley**.
- ❖ Pray for **Wendy Crysell**, recovering from fractured arm and shoulder dislocation.
- ❖ Pray for **Terry Wilson**, recovering well from knee surgery.
- ❖ Pray for **Judith McCrea**, undergoing further tests after several blood transfusions.
- ❖ Pray for **Toni & Andy Quennell's friend, Shane**, battling stage 4 cancer.
- ❖ Pray for **Betty Duddle** currently in hospital with pneumonia.
- ❖ Pray for **Judy Roberts** having laser eye surgery this week.

Christmas Puddings

Lorraine Griffiths is baking Christmas puddings again this year. All proceeds to go to Missions. Please could you bring in bags of dried fruit; these can be left in the foyer where she will pick them up.



The Street Family

Charles, Louise, Kathleen, Tahlia and Charles (Junior) Street will be relocating to Perth to be closer to Charles' family. We have been greatly blessed to have Charles and Louise and their beautiful family as part of our church family. Charles has done an awesome job as our COVID coordinator and serving as an elder. They will be greatly missed. **Their last Sunday with us will be Sunday 6th December**. Please be praying for them as they prepare to make this big move.

Membership

If you would like to make St. David's your permanent spiritual home and become a member of our Church Family; we will be running **membership classes** in a few weeks' time; **please contact Rev Paul on 0418 812 166**; if you would like to attend.

Good News and Gratitude Box

Please contact Lina if you have something to put in our box. It can be the smallest little flower that brightened up your day or a big answer to prayer, a call from a grandchild or a smile from a stranger. Let us praise God for our blessings.

When I had my fall and injured my arm, I was transported between Wyong and Gosford Hospitals. I was heavily sedated at this point and don't remember much of it. After I was discharged and got home, I realized that I was missing my wedding ring, earrings, and a few other pieces of jewellery, I was wearing at the time of the fall. None of it very valuable in terms of money but it had sentimental value. Not sure of exactly what I did with it, I did not want to say anything and made peace that I had probably lost it. Today I got a call from Gosford Hospital informing me that they had found my jewellery in the ward when cleaning. Praise God for the kind people at Gosford Hospital making the effort to find out who's possessions they found!

(submitted by Wendy Crysell)



Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever.

(Psalm 136:26)

Who am I? (Can you guess who this member of our Church Family is)

- Born in Sydney moved to Kiama as a teenager
- Represented my school in captain ball, swimming and hockey
- My swimming coach was Don Talbot
- I had ballet lessons and danced with the Borovansky Ballet School
- My husband had his Uni presentation in Wollongong and on the same night I had mine in Sydney
- I jumped in the blowhole at Kiama Lighthouse under strict supervision

(Answer at the bottom of the Newsletter)

A Bit of Fun

A little girl complains to her mum about the Kindergarten teacher. The mum says: "Don't worry about what the teacher says, she's been in kindergarten for 15 years!"

Question: What do you call people who look after chickens? Answer: Chicken Tenders!

From God's Word – Hebrews 1:8 – Jesus is a Forever King

But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom"

A fellow servant of our Lord Jesus, Rev Paul

