

weekly bulletin

28 June 2020



Growing in Christ | Showing Christ | Going Christ's Way

Bible readings:

Pentacost 4

Genesis 22: 1-14; Psalm 13;

Romans 6: 12-23; Matthew 10: 40-42

Weekly reflection

Our psalm for this Sunday is psalm 13. A heart felt cry by the psalmist who is obviously in distress and feeling that God has abandoned him. In our current crisis we might have had similar thoughts to the psalmist, thoughts of despair, loneliness and abandonment from our God. But our God does not abandon us in our distress, no it is in our weakest times that we can truly appreciate the lengths that God went to when God sent us Jesus to die for us on the cross. A sacrifice of immeasurable love so that we need not fear that we are alone in this life. God continues to be with us always, God's love for us is so deep that He sends his only son to live our life, to die our death in order that we might truly live in relationship with our God. I pray this week that you might know the love of the Father and that you would know that you are never alone.

God Bless,
Rev. Andrew

Contribute:

Email communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

Please pray for:

- Prayer for the families of Grace W and Rita H with their passing in the previous weeks.
- continued prayer for all who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time.
- those who are recovering from surgery or needing more surgery - Pam G, David W.
- Peace and understanding to all people throughout this great land.
- members of our community in nursing homes and their families who feel further isolated from them at this time - Del A, Claire M, Margaret R, Lorraine I, Margaret A, Joyce H.
- the congregation of Bald Hills UC and their Minister, Rev Louis van Laar.
- those people who have lost their jobs and are not eligible for the JobKeeper wage subsidy, especially migrant workers.
- The Jarvis family on their impending move to Emerald

DATE CLAIMER SUNDAY 23RD August - Celebration service for Rev Andrew Gunton, his ministry at Oxley and his future leadership in the role of Moderator for Uniting Church, Queensland. (subject to government restrictions being lifted)

Safe ministry for children

For those people who have completed the Safe Ministry for Children workshop 2 years ago, you are now able to update it online. For further details please send an email to Melloney at the Presbytery office - office@bremerbrisbane.org.au

Recommencing Sunday Worship

You may have heard that the Qld Government is allowing up to 20 people to begin physically worshipping again. There are many restrictions still in place around cleaning, workplace health and safety and vulnerable persons. The Oxley CLT has agreed **not to recommence** face-to-face worship until we have clear guidelines from the Queensland Synod. Everyone will be advised when normal services recommence, possibly the first Sunday of August at the earliest

Oxley Worship Sunday 5th July Live-streamed

Our worship on Sunday the 5th July will be live-streamed **at 10am**. This will mean that you will be able to watch live via our youtube channel. If however you can't get to the computer at 10am you can watch it any time after the service via our youtube channel or on our webpage. DVD's of the service will be available after the service for those without internet access. Unfortunately only those taking part in the service will be able to present during the livestream.

Project Plenty - Qld Synod Five year strategic plan.

The Qld Synod of the Uniting Church has released its draft plan for the next five years called "Shared life. Flourishing communities". You are invited to a virtual workshop run by the Bremer Brisbane Presbytery on **Wednesday the 8th July at 7pm**. (Zoom details available next week). You can read the report and find other information on the website . ucaqld.com.au/projectplenty contact Rev. Andrew for more details

Giving in a time of Isolation

Giving of our resources for the work of God in our world is an ongoing covenant we make with God. Please consider giving via direct debit, even if it is only during this current crisis. The details for our bank are as follows.

Account Name: Oxley-Darra UCA Parish Offerings Account

BSB: 064 011 (Commonwealth Bank)

Account Number: 1003 2190

Oxley Day Camp & Fun Fari

Unfortunately due to the ongoing restrictions placed on us because of the Corona Virus we have **cancelled** the Day Camp and Fun Fari for this year. Please continue to pray for all involved in this important ministry.

Rev Andrew Gunton
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