

weekly bulletin

12 July 2020



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

Bible readings:

Pentecost 6

Genesis 25: 19-34; Psalm 119: 105-112;
Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Weekly reflection

How hard is it to hear God's call on our lives in this very noisy world? With so much going on in our world, so many things distracting us it's no wonder that we struggle to hear God's voice. Jesus warns us about this in the parable of the Sower which we find in Matthew 13. We need to create the good soil in our lives that allows the seed of God's call grow and take shape within us. We need to be aware of the many distractions that will cause that seedling to be strangled or even worse have no space at all to allow the seed to even germinate.

We need to be like the good gardener who tends the soil and prepares it for God's word. We need to spend time away from the competing distractions of the world, time in prayer and in the study of God's word afresh to us in order that we can hear anew the call of God on our lives.

God Bless,
Rev. Andrew

Please pray for:

- continued prayer for all who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time.
- Norma B, on the passing of her niece, Bernice - also Leona's cousin
- those who are recovering from surgery or needing more surgery or recently hospitalised - Pam G, Nerida M, Clyde L.
- 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 Beenleigh Region UC and their Minister, Rev Karen Ross.
- those people who have lost their jobs and are not eligible for the JobKeeper wage subsidy, especially migrant workers.
- The crisis situation in Victoria concerning the Covid19 restrictions
- people who are travelling, now that covid restrictions have been 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@bremerbristbane.org.au

Recommencing Sunday Worship

You may have heard that the Qld Government is allowing up to 100 people to begin physically worshipping again with the appropriate spacing. Oxley church with all partitions open could hold 74 people. 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 Today Sunday 12th July Live-streamed

We hope that our worship today the 12th July will again be live-streamed **at 10am**. This will mean that you should be able to watch the service live via our youtube channel. We are trying to work out some of the 'bugs' that were evident last week. We will record the service and will post it on our youtube channel or on our webpage later in the day and will send out a link via our communications email. 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 be present during the livestream.

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DATE CLAIMER
29TH JULY 7.30PM

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting .

Presbytery minister Glen Schweitzer has requested that the JNC wish to bring a name for a Minister to be called to the Oxley congregation for the congregations deliberations. All are welcome to attend this important meeting in relation to the future of our church. Please be aware that COVID19 restrictions will be in place.

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

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)



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