

weekly bulletin

19 July 2020



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

Bible readings:

Pentecost 7

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24;
Romans 8: 18-25; Matthew 12:15-21

Weekly reflection

This week I was taken by Paul's letter to the Romans and his emphasis on Hope. Paul uses the term hope over 35 times in his writings and calls the followers of Christ to be a people of hope. The first readers of Paul's letters were often heavily persecuted for their beliefs and new about adversity and tragedy. The hope of the gospel and the promises of God in Christ Jesus were often all they had to cling to. As we continue to hear the devastating news of the Corona Virus Pandemic as it sweeps around the world and even in our own country we need to hold onto the Hope of the gospel now more than ever. The hope is that salvation is not up to us, it is assured through Christ Jesus who has placed His hope in us. That no matter what our journey through this life may throw at us nothing can take away this eternal joy that Christ comes to give to all. May we continue to live as people of hope to the great glory of God.

God Bless,
Rev. Andrew

Contribute:

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

Please pray for:

- continued prayer for all who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time.
- John G's sister, Margaret who is starting Chemotherapy
- those who are recovering from surgery or needing more surgery or recently hospitalised - Pam G, Nerida M, Clyde L.
- 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, Stan O.
- the congregation of St James UC, Bowen and their Minister, Rev Christy Allen.
- those people who have lost their jobs and are not eligible for the JobKeeper wage subsidy, especially migrant workers.
- The crisis situation in Victoria and New South Wales amid the ever increasing the Covid19 virus
- people who are travelling throughout Qld, now that covid restrictions have been lifted
- Members of the JNC as they bring a name forward for our next Minister of the Word

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 19th July Live-streamed

We hope that our worship today the 19th 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.

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)

Rev Andrew Gunton

Minister

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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

Giving in a time of Isolation

Giving of our resources for the work of God in our world is on 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

Treasurer's Mid-year Update.

Despite the extraordinary circumstances, the bank finances are in good shape.

Naturally offerings have decreased because of no Sunday services but we have been blessed with some generous donations. Solar panels have also generated some handy credit. Surplus for 1st 6months is \$21,129.20 for which we are truly thankful. Any questions please phone Russell Green

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