

# weekly bulletin

2 August 2020



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

## Bible readings:

Pentecost 9

Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 17: 1-7, 15;

Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

## Weekly reflection

In our Gospel reading today we have that very familiar story of Jesus feeding the five thousand with two fish and five small loaves. It is a story that talks about the love that Christ has for people not only their spiritual nourishing but indeed the care for peoples physical needs as well. The care for people must be for the whole person, that means that we must look at their physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing. The most remarkable part of the feeding of the five thousand was that Jesus didn't provide just a few morsels for the crowd or maybe just enough for everyone, the story tells us that there was an abundance of food that meant 12 baskets of food was left at the end. Christ is demonstrating the abundance of God's love that is far more than we could ever imagine. We are called to live out of this abundance and share it to the community to which we are called to serve.

God Bless,  
Rev. Andrew

## Contribute:

Email [communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com](mailto: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, Russell G's sister Leanne, Graham H's mum, Val
- 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 Hattonvale UC, and their Minister, Pastor Duncan Barlow.
- those people who have lost their jobs and are not eligible for the JobKeeper wage subsidy
- The crisis situation in Victoria and New South Wales amid the ever increasing Covid19 virus
- people who are travelling throughout Qld, now that covid restrictions have been lifted
- the unfolding COVID19 situation in South East Queensland

## Recommencing Sunday Worship

Due to the uncertain situation surrounding the current outbreak of Covid-19 in the Southern Suburbs of Brisbane and surrounds the CLT will have an emergency meeting on Tuesday the 4th August to look at the latest information and decide if face to face worship can recommence on Sunday the 9th August as we previously had decided. We will notify members by email once the decision has been made. We have some other hurdles to overcome including the fact that we can only have 74 people in the church building and the cleaning requirements mean that we will only have one service, so no evening service at this time. We will be asking people to register their interest to attend the service, and are requesting people to remain home if they are ill, have cold like symptoms, have compromised health conditions or other health vulnerabilities. We will be continuing to live-stream our services and provide them on DVD for those who wish to continue worship from home. Please watch out for further updates during the coming week.

## Oxley Worship Today Sunday 2nd August Live-streamed

Our worship today the 2nd August will again be live-streamed **at 10am**. This will mean that you will be able to watch the service live via our youtube channel. We will also record the service and will post it on our youtube channel later in the day. 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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## JNC RECOMMENDATION

### New Minister

At the recent Congregational meeting the JNC brought forward a name for our next minister. This nomination was unanimously accepted by those present.

We are required to keep this person's name confidential until he has had time to inform his present congregation. If you would like to know more please contact David or Leona Greer (CLT Chair).

The CLT will now negotiate with the new minister in relation to logistical matters including starting date.

## Date Claimer: SUNDAY 23RD August

Celebration service for Rev Andrew Gunton, his family, his ministry at Oxley and his future leadership in the role of Moderator for Uniting Church, Queensland. (subject to government restrictions being lifted)

## 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

