

# weekly bulletin

16 August 2020



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

## Bible readings:

Pentecost 11

Genesis 45: 1-15; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32;

Psalms 133; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

## Weekly reflection

This week I am focusing on the idea of Love. Love is a very big topic in the bible. Just in the book of John, Jesus uses the word love 57 times. Love is an important topic for St Paul who proclaims in 1 Corinthians 13:13 "Now faith, hope and love abide, these three and the greatest of these is love." Our world is desperate to find love, this is not a new phenomenon, the ancients also searched for love, the ancient Greeks had seven different words for love. In Matthew 5:43-48 Jesus gives us a very different picture of Christian love, his love is about the love of enemies, he says if you only have love for those who love you what reward do you have? The greatest demonstration of this love comes from our God who sends his only son to this world to die for us in order to show how much God loves us all. As we think about love may we be continually reminded that God calls us to show love not just to those who love us but to those who don't and in doing so we understand just how much our God loves us all.

God Bless,  
Rev. Andrew

## 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 Highfields Community Church and their Minister, Rev Marius Kruger
- 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
- Heather C and Chris who recently announced their engagement
- During National Seniors week - pray for all Seniors of our community and nation.

## Recommencing Sunday Worship - 23rd August

After the CLT emergency meeting on the 4th August it was decided delay our return to worship until **Sunday 23rd August** which will be Andrew's final service at our church. The service on 16th August will also be live-streamed with a few more people in the congregation. These will be members of the CLT and their families. This is to see how the COVID19 processes work before the 23rd. We still have some 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 16th August Live-streamed

Our worship today the 16th 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 members of the CLT and families will be participating today.

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**Service SUNDAY 23RD August 10am**  
A 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 is happening **NEXT** Sunday 23rd August. All are invited to attend. Because of government restrictions and limitations of numbers we ask that you send your intention to attend to our communications email. We will also be having a farewell picnic lunch in Cawonga Park opposite the church. Join us there even if you can't join us for church. As we cannot share food, drinks, etc. please bring your total picnic requirements including chairs, blankets, food, drinks, sun shade. We will not be having a farewell cake, but there will be a card for people to sign their well wishes. Andrew would love to see as many people as possible to say his good-byes. His ministry has left a lasting and fulfilling legacy on the congregation at our church.

## Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for July is  
\$2,453.78 Gain.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$23,582.98 Gain.

Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Russell Green.



## Contribute:

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