

# weekly bulletin

23 August 2020



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

## Bible readings:

Pentecost 12

Exodus 1: 8-2:10; Psalm 124;

Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

## Farewell Reflection

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" Ecc 3:1  
This passage reminds us that there is a beginning and end to everything. But our God always endures, preparing the way for the new season as we say farewell to the old. Today my family and I say farewell to Oxley UC as my season of ministry with you all comes to an end. For me, it is a time of putting down the tasks that have been laid upon me in this placement in preparation for the new season of ministry to which I am being called.

Like every transition, I face this with a mixture of sadness and hope. Sadness as I say goodbye to you, the people of Oxley, sadness that I didn't achieve all the hopes and aspirations that I had coming into this placement, but hope that, as my season ends, a new season will be upon you as you welcome your new minister and look to God for your future together.

As I finish I want to say a heart felt thank-you to all of you who have supported my ministry during this season at Oxley. I have appreciated everyone who became involved - members of the CLT, Worship team, youth and children's leaders, MMM team, Day Camp and Funfari team, community carols, Resources for ministry, pastoral care, mission and outreach, RI, those on the cleaning, morning tea and flower rosters, and most recently, the fabulous tech team. It takes a lot of people to run a Church. I pray that you will continue to be involved and get involved for the sake of the kingdom.

Thank you for the support and care of my family, my children who both participated in Friday night youth, Day Camp, and worship. They grew (both literally and figuratively) during their time here, and Lyndelle, who found opportunities to serve behind the scenes with preparing notice sheets, Facebook communications and, most importantly, keeping me grounded. As I go, be assured of my constant prayers for you and please uphold me in your prayers as I tackle what I am sure will be my most challenging season of ministry to date.

God Bless you all and farewell from Rev. Andrew, Lyndelle, Ellie and Ben

## 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., Stan O.
- 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 leadership of Qld Synod, the Moderator Rev David Baker and the Moderator Elect, Rev Andrew Gunton
- 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
- The outbreak of Covid 19 in Queensland

## 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.

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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 today 23rd August.

**This will be Live-streamed only**, as new Government COVID restrictions have just been introduced. Please watch as there will be a presentation to Rev Andrew and family.

We are not able to have the picnic as planned, but will have some sort of event at a later date where we will be able to say our farewells to Andrew personally.

## Oxley Worship Today Sunday 23rd August Live-streamed

Our worship today the 23rd 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.

Next week we will welcome Rev Ian Smallbone who will be our supply minister for the upcoming months.

