

weekly bulletin

13 September 2020



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

Bible readings:

Pentecost 15

Exodus 14: 19-31; Psalm 114;

Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35

Weekly reflection

Welcome to all wherever you are. It's great to have the opportunity of meeting face to face, something I confess I've taken for granted for more than 60 years.

The Message paraphrase of today's reading from Romans is entitled "Cultivating Good Relationships". It reads in part:

"Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently."

Gentleness and respect need to be the hallmark of our conversation and behaviour if we are to be any sort of effective witness in an often cynical community. May the words from Romans 14 help us to become the kind of community that is known for its welcome, a place where gentleness and respect are second nature and unmistakable signs of God's presence.

Ian Smallbone

Oxley Worship Today Sunday 13th Sept - Live-streamed

Our worship today the 13th September will again be live-streamed **at 10am**. This will mean for those who can't make the service in person that you will be able to watch it 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 for those without internet

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.
- those who are still recovering from surgery or needing more surgery or recently hospitalised - Pam G, Nerida M, Clyde L., David W
- 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 Indooroopilly UC, and their Minister, Rev Lyn Burden
- The crisis situation in Victoria and New South Wales amid the ever increasing Covid19 virus
- Our local community during the contact transfers of the virus
- Rev Ian and his wife Glenys.
- Carol N as she waits for finalisation on her new house

Gift for Andrew and Lyndell

As you would have seen, at the Celebration Service for Andrew we presented him with a farewell gift (Leather satchel, travelling bag and wallet containing some money) and presented Lyndelle with a nice bunch of flowers. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of these, please send a direct debit to our church account with reference 'Gift'. BSB-064011, account number 10032190, Account name - Oxley-Darra UCA

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Recommencing Sunday Worship - this Week - 13th September

The CLT Executive decided to delay our return to worship until **today Sunday 13th September at 10am**. This is because of the on-going COVID19 situation that has occurred in and around our local community and to ensure the safety of our church members. This service will also be live-streamed. 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 are requesting people to remain home if they are ill, have cold like symptoms, have compromised health conditions or other health vulnerabilities. Members who come to the services from then on will need to sign in to ensure that we are remaining compliant with Government restrictions. 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. Please wear a mask if you feel the need to.

Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for August is \$3,575.14 Loss.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$20,007.84 Gain.

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

