

# weekly bulletin

27 September 2020



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

## Bible readings:

Pentecost 17

Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16;

Phil 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

## Weekly reflection

In 2003 as preparations were underway for the desert storm invasion of Iraq to clear out the much vaunted weapons of mass destruction, I had a conversation with one of the senior members of our church at Laidley, a successful farmer, a man active in the church, agri-politics and well connected with the then National Party. I asked him what he thought about the coming invasion of Iraq. His answer surprised me. He said he'd like to ask George Bush, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" It's interesting to speculate what George W's response might have been.

Tellingly just a few years later in 2006, a National Intelligence Estimate (a consensus report of the heads of 16 U.S. intelligence agencies) asserted that the Iraq war had increased Islamic radicalism and worsened the terror threat. "Whose authority ....?" would have been a good question for the president.

Today we will consider the matter of Godly authority, informed by Jesus' response to the chief priests and elders who asked him, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

Ian Smallbone

## Oxley Worship Today Sunday 27th Sept - Live-streamed

Our worship today the 27th September will again be live-streamed **at 10am**. This will mean for those who can't make the service in person, 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 access.

## Contribute:

Email [communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com](mailto:communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com) by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

## 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.

## 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, Peter P
- 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 Mudgeeraba UC, and their Minister, Rev Leo Newell
- 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.
- Discernment for nominations for CLT vacancies

## 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

## Sunday Worship - this Week - 27th September

Following the successful commencement of our church services, we will be continuing with the 10am timeslot for our Sunday services. These services will also be live-streamed. We still have the 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 now on will need to **register beforehand** and 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.

## DISCERNMENT OF CLT NOMINATIONS

There are three vacancies to be filled on the Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for 22nd November 2020. Please prayerfully consider any person you may wish to nominate for these positions. Nomination forms are available in the foyer now.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes and items to put in them are available now in the foyer. Please see Jan T for further details



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