

weekly bulletin

18 October 2020



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

Bible readings:

Pentecost 20

Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99;

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22

Weekly reflection

How many sets of three can you think of in the bible? Try to complete these:

The Holy Trinity: Father, Son and (2 Cor 13)

Three disciples of Jesus at the Transfiguration: Peter, James and (Matthew 17)

Noah's sons: Shem, Ham and (Gen 10)

The languages on the inscription on Jesus' cross: Hebrew, Latin, (Jn 19)

St Paul's three that remain: Faith, hope and (1 Cor 13)

The co-writers of 1 Thess 1: Paul, Silas and

Today we will be considering a possibly less familiar trio than some of those above. It is what Paul and his co-writers of 1 Thessalonians credited with the fruitfulness of the church at Thessalonica: faith, love and hope. Only the order is different from that in 1 Corinthians so these are important and notable themes for the disciples then and now. These are surely the types of qualities that we read about in Philippians 4 last week, that Paul says are excellent and worthy of praise that we should let our minds dwell upon; that's what we'll be trying to do today.

Ian Smallbone

Oxley Worship Today Sunday 18th Oct - Live-streamed

Our worship today the 18th October 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 by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

CLT UPDATE At the recent CLT meeting it was decided that this year there would be NO Christmas Carols held in the Oxley State School oval. As well there would be NO carolling in peoples' houses. Instead we will be holding a Christmas Carol service one evening close to Christmas. More information to follow

The Moderator-elect Rev **Andrew Gunton** has the pleasure of inviting you to join him for his Celebration service and induction as Moderator of the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod on **Thursday 22 October 2020** from 6.40pm with the celebration service and induction to commence at 7pm.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there are limited numbers of people who will be able to attend the service in person. Accordingly, you are invited to join the event via livestream through the Queensland Synod website ucaqlld.com.au

Please pray for:

- The Gunders family on the recent passing of John's sister, Margaret
- those who are still recovering from surgery or needing more surgery or recently hospitalised - 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, Pam G.
- the new moderator of the Uniting Church, Qld, Rev Andrew Gunton, his family, and his induction this Thursday evening
- The crisis situation in Victoria and New South Wales amid the ever present Covid19 virus
- Rev Ian and his wife Glenys.
- All Politicians in Qld as they prepare for the upcoming elections

Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for September is \$9,988.84 Gain.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$29,996.68 Gain.

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

There will be a retiring offering this week and next for Operation Christmas Child

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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

Sunday 25th October - Dedication of the Operation Christmas Child boxes at our service.

