

weekly bulletin

25 October 2020



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

Bible readings:

Pentecost 21

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17;

1Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34-46

Weekly reflection

In today's gospel reading from Matthew 22, Jesus is asked by a disingenuous expert in the law which of the commandments he considered the greatest. Jesus can only narrow the 613 down to two – the imperative of loving God and that of loving our neighbour stating that these commandments are similar and furthermore, that all the law and the prophets hang on these. This understanding will be fleshed out in Matthew 25 where Jesus makes the outrageous claim that in as much as we have done a favour for the least important person, we have done it for Jesus himself.

Loving God and loving our neighbour; throughout history, the church has often emphasised one of these over the other, often falling into error. Today, as we dedicate our Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes, let's consider what we need to do to get the balance right, and keep it right.

Ian Smallbone

Oxley Worship Today Sunday 25th Oct - Live-streamed

Our worship today the 25th 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Rev Andrew Gunton on his induction as Moderator of the Uniting Church, Queensland. It was a wonderful service on Thursday night seen by well over one hundred viewings. Also thank you to those members of our congregation who participated in the on-line service and also to those who made it all possible.

Please pray for:

- The Gunders family and Sharyn S on the recent passing of close relatives
- Tresona's aunt Olga at the passing of her husband - Rev Dr Noel Preston
- 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 congregation of the Nerang UC and its minister Rev Colin Batt
- The crisis situation in Victoria and New South Wales amid the ever present Covid19 virus
- Rev Ian and his wife Glenys.
- Qld Govt elections next Saturday
- 35th Synod of UCA Qld, now in session

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.

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Dedication of the Operation Christmas Child boxes

At our service today we will be dedicating the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. If you have not had time to pack a box, perhaps you might like to donate \$10 in our retiring offering, which is the cost of sending 1 box overseas.

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 Sunday evening close to Christmas. More information to follow

To all leaders of the various groups within the church. The CLT is compiling a yearly planner for 2021. Should you have any request for any dates next year please see Leona or send an email to Communications.



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