

Please pray for:

- those who are grieving or suffering pain, who are unwell or recovering - Del A, Claire M, Lorraine I, Margaret A and their families who are supporting them
- the Qld UC Synod, and Moderator, Rev Andrew Gunton
- the family of Mararet Richards who has recently passed to be with our Lord
- the families in need of Inala Family Accommodation Support Services at this time of year
- those of our church family who cannot be with us, perhaps holidaying or spending precious time with their own family

CONGRATULATIONS

We celebrate with Amber and Rhys Carter on the birth of their son Maxwell Wesley Rhys who was born on Thursday 17th December. Brother for Elsie, first grandson for Lindsay and Gayle R, another great grandchild for Harry and Jan T and Stephanie R. May God bless the family as they enjoy Maxwell's birth along with the special birth we are remembering and celebrating at this time of year. We welcome Maxwell as the newest member of our church family

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A LETTER FROM INALA FAMILY ACCOMODATION SUPPORT SERVICES

Special wishes from all IFASS staff for a Happy Christmas and peaceful, NORMAL 2021 and we thank you for all of the support and assistance you have given us.

There are many families who have benefitted from the generosity of the Oxley-Darra Uniting Church.

Blessings to you all.

Kind regards

Helen O'Reilly

Senior Family Support Worker

Inala Family Accommodation & Support Service Inc.

OXLEY FOODWORKS

Thank you to Chris and Rebecca from Oxley Foodworks who support our endeavours in so many ways throughout the year.

This year has been quite a challenge for them in many ways and we are extremely grateful for their on-going support. If you need anything during the holidays call in to **Oxley Foodworks** for your supplies.



20 December 2020 - 17 January 2021



Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine;
worship we our Jesus:
but wherewith for sacred sign?
Love shall be our token,
love be yours and love be mine,
love to God and neighbours,
love for plea and gift and sign.

This year I've been drawn to this carol, written by Christina Rossetti in the mid to later 1800's. What particularly catches my attention is the flow of the verses. Verse one speaks of God's action in sending Jesus (love personified); verse two our response, worship, concluding with the question, "What does true worship look like?" Verse three answers: Love shall be our token (gift); love for God and neighbour.

As we sing the carols, may the message of Christmas continue to touch and transform us enabling us to love God and neighbor, to shine our light in a dark world.

Wishing you a happy and Holy Christmas.

Ian

What's on:

DECEMBER 2020

20 Sun

10.00am Worship Rev Ian Smallbone

6.00pm Carols Service Rev Ian Smallbone

25 Fri

8.30am Christmas Day Service
Rev Ian Smallbone - Please register to come

27 Sun

10.00am Worship Rev Ian Smallbone

6.30pm NO EVENING SERVICE

JANUARY 2021

3 Sun

10.00am Worship Rev Ian Smallbone - *Holy Communion*
6.30pm NO EVENING SERVICE

10 Sun

10.00am Worship
Rev Ian Smallbone
6.30pm Worship
NO EVENING SERVICE

17 Sun

10.00am Worship Rev Ian Smallbone
6.30pm Worship
NO EVENING SERVICE

24 Sun

10.00am Worship
Rev Ian Smallbone
6.30pm Worship
NO EVENING SERVICE

Bible readings:

20 December - Advent 4

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Luke 1:46b-55;
Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

24 December - Christmas Eve

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97;
Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

25 December - Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98;
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14

27 December - Christmas 1

Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148;
Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

3 January - Christmas 2

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20;
Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18

10 January - Baptism of Jesus

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

17 January - Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:
1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20;
John 1:43-51

Manse update

Over the past month the Resources for Ministry Team has been updating the manse in readiness for our new minister Rev Dave Thomas. We are very grateful for the help afforded us by the various people and businesses - **Shaws Plumbing** who upgraded the plumbing fixtures, **Ima Handyman** (Simon Park) who painted inside and out, **Russell Eyles** who enclosed the carport and repaired screens, **Air Conditioning Advisory Centre** for installing air conditioning, **Shaun Browne** for re-stretching the carpet, **Top Fit Flooring** for installing new vinyl floor, **Brisbane Glass** for new glass in the study, **Wayne Butner** gardener, and **Graham Hodgson Electrician** for many, many electrical jobs. Also many thanks to all members of our church family who assisted in so many ways. I am sure that Rev Dave and his wife, Sandy, will be very pleased with their new residence.

Church Financial Update

The Church's profit/loss for November is \$2,023.23 Gain.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$20,311.58 Gain.

Please contact Graham Coupland on 3375 4621 if you have any questions regarding the Church's finances.

Date claimers:

23-25 April 2021 Church Family Camp Bribie Island. Note the date in your diary.

FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY TO YOURS -
HAVE A SAFE & HOLY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR