

weekly bulletin

24 January 2021



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

Bible readings:

Epiphany 3,
Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Psalm 62: 5-12;
1 Corinthians 7: 29-31; Mark 1: 14-20

Weekly reflection

In the past couple of weeks we've looked at the 'call' stories of Samuel and Jonah and John's account of the disciple's responding to Jesus' invitation to 'come and see'. We have seen responses that vary markedly; the confusion of Samuel, the whole heartedness of Andrew (who immediately went and told his brother, Simon) and his companion, the spontaneity of Philip and his prompting to share the good news with Nathanael whose initial response was lukewarm to say the least. This week we'll be looking at the reluctant Jonah and Mark's account of the calling of the first disciples. As we do this, let's reflect on our own calling to follow and who were the Andrews and Nathanaels God used to encourage us to follow Jesus.

Blessings and best wishes, Ian.

Lenten Studies 2021. Rob Duncan, one of our church family members, has compiled a study series for the upcoming Lenten season. This study is a guided program of bible readings which can be used as a personal reflection or in small groups. On Ash Wednesday 17th February open your bibles and join with us in hearing what God is saying to you.

Rev Ian would like as many of our congregation as possible to send him a photograph of yourself and family (either individual or group) so that he may put together a photo book with our names for Rev Dave Thomas. Rev Ian will take photos of those who attend the service on Sunday. If you are not able to attend please send a photo to Rev Ian - igsmallbone@icloud.com

Contribute:

Email communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

Please pray for:

- members of our church family who have doctor's appointments this week.
- members of our community in nursing homes and their families who feel further isolated from them at this time - Del A, Claire M, Lorraine I, Margaret A, Joyce H, Stan O, Pam G.
- Students and teachers as they begin returning to school
- Celebrating all citizens of this great country on Australia Day
- Rev Dave and his wife Sandy as they settle into their new life at Oxley and the manse
- Rev Ian and his wife Glenys as they face the final couple of weeks with us.

Date for your diary - Church Family Camp - Bribie Island weekend of 23-25 April 2021

Church Financial Update:

The Church recorded a surplus for 2020 of \$21,133.42.

This is a remarkable result given the substantial investment in our worship capabilities (sound desk and live streaming) and overdue maintenance and improvements at the Manse.

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

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Induction of Rev Dave Thomas

Rev Dave Thomas will be inducted as minister of the word for Oxley Darra Parish at a Service to be held at **2pm on Sunday 7th February**. All welcome to come and join in the service and meet our new minister.

Upcoming Date Claimers

Sunday 31.1.21 10am - final service for Rev Ian Smallbone

Thursday 4.2.21 7pm - CLT meeting at the church

Sunday 7.2.21 10am - Morning service. Rev Dave Thomas 1st service

2pm - Rev Dave Thomas' Induction service. All welcome

Sunday 14.2.21 6.30pm possible return of the evening service. More info to be forthcoming.

Wednesday 17.2.21 - Ash Wednesday - Lenten studies start

Thursday 18.2.21 7pm - Resources for Ministry meeting

