

weekly bulletin

28 March 2021



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

Bible readings:

Palm Sunday,
isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29;
Phillipians 2: 5-11; John 12: 12-16

Weekly reflection

Mobilising Mission (2)

Today we enter – at least in our minds – the gates of Jerusalem. We are near the end of our Lenten journey. Palm Sunday – the beginning of what might be called the worst week in human history! And yet now we are in the crowd singing and shouting Hallelujah, as we watch Jesus ride a donkey / colt down the street. Imagine for a moment that you are the colt? What a mission? You're minding your own business – probably a little bored being tied up to a fence but happy enough. Then along comes these guys who untie you with words something like: "Come on – have we got a job for you!" So, you're led to Jesus who wants to ride you into Jerusalem. You get to be the carrier of none other than Jesus. And then those feelings of joy as you get bombarded with palm leaves and clothes to tread upon. You don't know what's coming! And you are totally unaware that once inside those gates, you will be forgotten. For now, though, you are intent on giving this 'rider' the best ride possible. It's better than being tied to a fence!

God needs us to be a mission mobiliser of His mission for Him. He comes into our life, unties us from the fence of our normal routines and gives us the chance to carry His message into uncharted places. Often His mission takes us where we've never been, to do what we've never done. And the good news is that He shows us how to embrace that chance / challenge. As Paul urges, "have this attitude in yourselves, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2: 5). That attitude is one of humble obedience. Are we prepared to be the Colt for Jesus? To carry His message – not thinking of ourselves and what we can gain but what it can be and do for others around us?
Be Blessed

Dave

Safe Ministry for Children - It is important that members of the congregation who participate in Children's ministry (including Day Camp/Funfari) are up to date with the training every 2 years. The next training sessions are - **Saturday 5 June** 2pm - 5pm at Bremer Brisbane Presbytery Office, Goodna TBC. See Holly for registrations.

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 been recently hospitalised or have doctor's appointments or are feeling unwell, anxious or stressed - Graham K, June B, Dan G, Carol A, Matthew S
- 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, Desley F.
- the congregation of Alpha UC
- the Congregational AGM to be held later today
- Rev Dave and his wife Sandy

Today at 10.30 am, our **Congregational AGM** will take place in the Church Auditorium. One set of agenda and reports papers per family is available today. During the meeting a proposal will put forward, for discussion, that our name be changed from Oxley-Darra Uniting Church to Oxley Uniting Church.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Saturday 17.4.21. Please sign up for your service on the roster in the foyer

Church Camp 23-25.4.21 - Bribie Island. Information and enrolment forms now available in the foyer. Please see David or Leona Greer, Vicki Robinson, Rev Dave Thomas for more information.

Rev Dave Thomas
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Upcoming Date Claimers
Sunday 28.3.21 9.00am - Palm Sunday morning service -
10.30am Congregational AGM
6.30pm - Evening service
Thursday 1.4.21 - Maundy Thursday
Friday 2.4.21 9am - Good Friday Service
Sunday 4.4.21 - 6am Dawn Service - 9am - Easter Sunday Service
Saturday 17.4.21 - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Weekend 23-25.4.21 - Church Family Camp, Bribie Island

Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for February is \$2,887.12 Loss.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$5,520.25 Loss.

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

