

weekly bulletin

9 May 2021



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

Bible readings:

Easter 6

Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17.

Weekly reflection

REFRESH & RELEASE!

It's Mother's Day! A day of celebration for sure – but also a day of reflection and even sadness for some. It's a day that, for the majority, we pause for a moment and remember our Mum's, thanking them for the sacrifices they made for us. Mother's give so much of themselves with no thought of reward or gain but simply to provide the best they can for those they have carried, fed, nurtured, loved, disciplined, - their sons and daughters. That's just what Mum's do. Their choices, while often bearing personal cost, only brings praise and gratitude for who their son or daughter becomes. Paul recognizes the value in generational insight and teaching from our Mums, Grandmas and Great Grandmas (2 Timothy 1: 5). What a blessing! What a gift - in presence, in solidarity, in advice, in affirmation, in praise, in encouragement – with intention, with passion, with purpose, with anticipation, with hope, and by a force that is often beyond themselves! In the words of a colleague of mine some years back, "Mothers just do what they need to do, go where they need to go, be who they need to be, and give what they need to give just for the benefit of their children".

Nevertheless, it's not always easy! There is both triumphs and tension with motherhood! And, while we celebrate and pray for our Mum's today, as we should, we also remember and pray for those who struggle to become Mums, those who don't know their Mums, those who have lost their Mums. Those Mums who have lost children – because today, for them, brings mixed emotions. Today, we honour you all. Our prayer is that we all may know the refreshing waters of a God who cares, who gives abundantly more than we could ask or imagine, who loves us right in the middle of our present situation and that through His refreshing, we might be released to know Him and make Him known!

Be Blessed

Dave

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
- 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 Arcadia Valley UC
- the people of India during the COVID pandemic crisis
- Mothers everywhere
- Rev Dave and his wife Sandy

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. For those who haven't completed the training before, the next training session is - **Wednesday 16 June 6pm – 9pm** at Bremer Brisbane Presbytery Office, Goodna. See Holly for registrations.

Change of Name

Presbytery has approved our change of name from Oxley-Darra UC to Oxley UC. This is to take effect from 14th April. All of our correspondence headers, logos, accounts, website, emails, etc. will reflect this in the near future.

Rev Dave Thomas

Minister

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Upcoming Date Claimers

Sunday 9.5.21 - Mother's Day -
9am - Morning Service
6.30pm - Evening Service
Thursday 13.5.21 - 7pm -
Resources for Ministry Meeting
Sunday 16.5.21 - 9am -
Morning Service
6.30pm - Evening Service - Cafe Church
Monday 17.5.21 - Social & Craft morning

DAY CAMP & FUN FARI 2021 !!!

Tickets are available at www.oxleydarrauc.org.au

follow the links and get in quick as our numbers are limited! Any Questions see Holly Jewell.

Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for April is \$1,255.96 Gain.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$3,883.15 Loss

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



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