

weekly bulletin

16 May 2021



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

Bible readings:

Easter 7

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5: 9-13; John 17: 6-19.

Weekly reflection

PROMISE TO PROSPER!

"I do this to help people understand that no matter what happens, they are never alone". These were, and are, the words of a girl – maybe 13 – I don't really know, but she was young, yet so mature for her age. She was teased for being bald at school by teachers and students alike – that is until it was discovered that she shaved her own head to identify with her younger sister who had developed cancer and, through treatment, lost one of the most precious things she had – her long flowing golden locks. She wanted to let her sister know that she was not alone. She suffered, as a result, yet it made a difference not only in the life of her sister and family – but ultimately in the lives of many! As far as I know she continues to volunteer in the Cancer ward of the local Children's hospital – continues to be bald – and continues to live out her passion – that 'you are not alone'. What a witness! We are challenged to declare and live out the same reality. That because of the promise of the Spirit – we are never alone – no matter what! And that Holy Spirit equips and empowers us to be not only survive – but thrive! The word "**prosper**" is so often related to money or wealth. Material success is seen as 'prospering'. And maybe that's one form of prospering, but the biblical understanding comes from the Greek and literally means "to help on the road" or "succeed in reaching." It is clear from this **definition** that prosperity is more than money and the accumulation of wealth, but rather an ongoing state of success that touches every area of our lives. What a blessing (Acts 1: 8) we have as Jesus followers to be armed with such a Promise that enables us to witness our 'prospering'.

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 Armitage UC and their minister Rev Prof James Haire
- the people of India during the COVID pandemic crisis
- end of the Conflict in the Middle East
- the Presbyterian church
- 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.

Name Badges

New name badges will be ordered shortly. If you would like to buy one please place your name on the list in the foyer. There are 2 types to choose from - one with a pin or one with a magnetic backing.

Rev Dave Thomas

Minister

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Upcoming Date Claimers

Sunday 16.5.21 - 9am -

Morning Service

6.30pm - Evening Service - Cafe Church

Monday 17.5.21 - Social & Craft morning

Thursday 20.5.21 - 7pm - CLT

Sunday 23.5.21 - Pentecost Sunday -

9am - Morning Service

6.30pm - Evening Service

Thursday 27.5.21 9.30am -

Possible return of the Graden Club, more info to follow

DAY CAMP & FUN FARI 2021 !!!

Leader & children registrations, through ticketing, 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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