

weekly bulletin

30 May 2021



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

Bible readings:

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 29;
Romans 8: 12-17; John 3: 1-17.

Weekly reflection

DIVINE PERSPECTIVE?

Why else would God decide to send His Spirit after Jesus ministry had been fulfilled, other than to give us all a divine perspective on living? Without such a perspective - or we might say lens - we are of little use to God's mission or ours. Yet should we choose to embrace all of God - Father, Son and Spirit - we can do the impossible and see the impossible become reality. I call this extra-ordinary life one of *balance*. I am sure we have all heard of and maybe even been told that *balance* is good. I know from my past life in investments that a *balanced* portfolio is seen (Unless you are very close to retirement) as the most lucrative over the long term. We are reminded often by medical folk as well as Gym instructors etc. that a *balance* between food and exercise is paramount. And I am sure there are other examples. The point is simple! If we listen to these 'instructors' and seek to obey and bring *balance* into our physical and emotional life, why is it that we often struggle to hear the 'instruction' from God to bring *balance* into our Spiritual life - which is far more important? Paul reminds us that what happened at Pentecost (our celebration last week) gave us the 'Spirit of Adoption' such that our spirits align with His Spirit, making us heirs of both Father and Son (Romans 8: 15). Just as the triune God does not and cannot operate independently from each other, nor should we try and operate independent of the three persons of God - now at our disposal! Later, Paul writes that we have been blessed with every good spiritual gift that we might honour the Father and give glory to the Son (Eph. 1: 3-6). The balanced life is our inheritance - as children of God - and one we can live in now yet also guarantees us a fantastic future for eternity. Let's embrace ALL of His gifts and live balanced - the divine perspective!

Be Blessed

Dave

Contribute:

Email communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin. New Editor - Sandy Thomas

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 - David W, Graham K.
- 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 Ashmore UC and their minister Rev Dr Faye Talatou
- The people of Melbourne during this uncertain time of Covid crisis
- Gayle Rankin as she preaches at today's services
- 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.

From your Presbytery Reps, Annette Coupland and Gayle Rankin.

- Oxley UC is part of the Bremer Brisbane Presbytery (BBP), alongside 28 other churches and 4 faith communities.
- BBP has a website and FaceBook page. See <http://bremerbrisbane.org.au/>

BB Connex and BB Events e-newsletters keep you up to date with Presbytery information and opportunities. We encourage you to subscribe at <https://bremerbrisbane.org.au/stay-informed/>.

Upcoming Date Claimers

Sunday 30.5.21 - Trinity Sunday -

9am - Morning Service

6.30pm - Evening Service

Sunday 6.6.21 -

9am - Morning Service

6.30pm - Evening Service

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.

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. See Sharyn for further information.

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