

SOME DATES TO NOTE

Day Camp Celebration Sunday 18th July - 9.00am - Oxley Uniting Church

Café Church Sunday 18th July - 6.30pm

Bible Society Thank You Gathering 28th July - 10:45am - Redbank more info later

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Garden Lovers Club 4th Thurs. of each month - 9.30am - Hall
Contact Harry Thompson.

Social & Craft Group 1st & 3rd Mondays - 9am - Hall
Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.

Friday Night Youth - (FNY) Every Friday of School Term - 7.30pm - Downstairs Hall - Contact Dave.

Other groups meet periodically including Bible Study groups
For more information - contact the office.

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THE OXLEY ORACLE

4 JULY 2021



Welcome to Worship
No face to face worship this week



Well - this is a new look for the weekly newsletter. As you can see, it also has been given a new name, and dare I say, an icon - that of the Eagle in full flight. The word 'Oracle' has several meanings in the dictionary but one of them, and the one that applies here, is 'something regarded as a reliable or sure guide.' And of course as some of you may know by now I love alliteration! The eagle is regarded as a bird with keen sight and a huge wing span, able to glide effortlessly in the wind. It also is used in Isaiah 40 urging all of God's people to 'rise up on wings like eagles...' Perhaps it may be Oxley's Icon - depicting our movement forward, relying on the Wind of the Spirit to raise us to new heights, always with a keen eye for where God is leading us. Nothing is in concrete so please feel free to offer any suggestions for improvement.

TODAY'S SERVICES

Morning Service	9.00am - Dave (Live Streamed with essential persons only)
Evening Service	6.30pm - No Service Tonight due to Covid 19 restrictions
Lectionary Readings	2 Sam 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

NEXT SUNDAY 11th July 2021

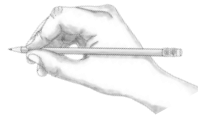
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Pastor's Ponderings!

As most would know today is American Independence Day – the day which commemorates the inauguration of the United States of America on 4th July 1776. Independent, presumably because instead of being 13 colonies all with their own policies and procedures, they united under one Constitution! Most Americans seem to celebrate this day as being special and yet I often wonder if independence is always the ideal! We encourage our kids for example to become independent, yet we don't want them becoming so independent that they ignore our counsel, or even worse, ignore our presence altogether. Yet we certainly do not want them to be dependent on us forever either. So, what is the solution.

I think Jesus gives us the answer as He sends out His disciples to go, grow other disciples. Jesus sends them with instructions that essentially says: avoid excess baggage, use time wisely and respond positively to the challenges you find (Mark 6: 7-12). What he is suggesting, I believe, is that in our going (becoming independent) we are not to run off without His counsel. He (Jesus) still knows what is best and if we take stock of His words and obey them, we will succeed. It seems to me that neither independence nor dependence is appropriate as we grow in Christ - being prepared to be sent into the world in which we live to make a difference. Interdependence – or being mutually reliant on, and committed to, each other - then must be our approach! Jesus depends on his church (that is you and me) for the ongoing spread of His message of hope, love, and transformation, and without absolute dependence on Him – we will fail in His commission for us.

Dave



Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For answered prayer - Holly securing a job with QAS!
- ◇ For one day of Kids Camp & Fun Fari!
- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes and struggling physically.
- ◇ For the pending Chrysalis Flight and Emmaus Walk.
- ◇ For all impacted by COVID-19 with recent lockdowns.

Tithes and Offerings by Bank Transfer:

Commonwealth Bank BSB: 064 011 Account: 10032190

(Please identify your bank transaction as either 'Tithe' or 'Offering', Thank you)

NAIDOC WEEK

Starts today and continues all week. We continue to pray for effective reconciliation between our Indigenous friends and ourselves.

COFFEE CHAT & CHEW - with Dave!

Every Thursday morning at 9.30am - Oxley Café - Cook Street. Commences 8th July (subject to Covid restrictions).

DAY CAMP / FUN FARI

Sad to only have one day out of the scheduled 4, but a huge thank you to all who assisted in any way to give some 90 kids a wonderful day. Despite the short duration - we will still be sharing in a special day camp service at 9am on **18th July**. You won't want to miss this! Come and taste just a little of the joy and enthusiasm with song, dance and fun!

INTERESTED IN PASTORAL CARE?

South Moreton Presbytery are hosting Lab 1 - a Pastoral Care course which will improve your listening skills and enhance your connection with people. It is being held at Living Faith UC over the 3 weekends of 7/8, 21/22 & 28/29 August - Saturdays from 9-5pm / Sundays from 1-5pm. Cost - \$100 if registered before 16 July. **Please see Dave if interested!** It comes highly recommended for anyone engaged or desiring to become engaged in Pastoral Ministry.

Rick Warren

"True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less."

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Keen to explore the re-commencement of a Corporate Prayer time. Thinking of Fridays from 4 -5pm or part thereof. If you might be interested in this, please contact Dave.