

SOME DATES TO NOTE

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

Café Church Sunday 18th July - 6.30pm

Social & Craft Group Monday 19th July - 9am

Garden Lovers Club Thursday 22nd July 9.30am

Bible Society Thank You Gathering Wednesday 28th July -10:45am

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew Every Thursday 9.30am Oxley Café

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 Holly or Dave.

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

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Notices for the Oxley Oracle - deadline midday Thursdays

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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.

"Go forward in life with a twinkle in your eye and a smile on your face, but with great purpose in heart."

Gordon B. Hinckley

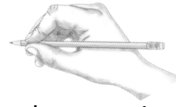
TODAY'S SERVICES

Morning Service	9.00am - Dave (Live Streamed with essential persons only)
Evening Service	6.30pm - No Service Tonight
Lectionary Readings	2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

NEXT SUNDAY 18th July 2021

Morning Service	9.00am - Dave (stay tuned for Covid update)
Evening Service - Café Church	6.30pm - Dave (stay tuned for Covid update)

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



PREVAILING PRESENCE!

Aunty Lillian is one of the tribal elders of the Gubbi Gubbi people – passionate leader and persistent advocate to Government and community of her people's customs, culture and of the need to become much more intentional with - what she calls - 'absolute reconciliation'. Over 3 decades of lobbying finally heralded recently widespread recognition of the Indigenous folk who gave their all, alongside many Anglo Australians, in the defense of this great land. Chatting about that 'wait', she said "I think they just got sick of me – I think my presence makes 'em shudder now". Interesting statement! 'Presence' demands a relationship and where the relationship is soured, presence can become a real threat. Yet, the converse is also true. Where presence is valued and affirmed, relationships can be empowering and valuable. 2 Samuel 6 seems to validate this. The Ark of the Covenant was symbolic of both God's covenant relationship with His chosen people and His Presence right there as they journeyed. The chapter paints the issues that arose when the Ark was mistreated (alienation and death) and respected (praise and power).

Does Jesus' presence prevail in our life? Do we embrace His power and rejoice in the relationship His presence demands?

Blessings
Dave

NAIDOC

During NAIDOC week we contemplate what it means to "Heal Country", and we acknowledge that we must also heal relationships, heal people, and heal ourselves. They are one and the same - place and people. *(Extract from an article written by Kym Korbe, Goa, Gunggari, Wakka Wakka woman, and Co-Leader of the Synod Covenanting Priority Action Group.)*

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For Richard & Susan - Susan has been diagnosed with rare malignant Melanoma
- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes and struggling physically.
- ◇ For the pending Chrysalis Flight and Emmaus Walk.
- ◇ For all impacted by continuing COVID-19 issues.

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)

INTERESTED IN PASTORAL CARE?

The *Volunteers Care Essentials Course* is another wonderful Pastoral Care course – not quite as intense as Lab 1 – advertised last week but still very worthwhile. The course being offered at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital commencing on Tuesday 20th July and continuing for the next 8 consecutive weeks from 1 – 3pm by Uniting Care. Please contact Dave if you are interested in finding out more!

PRESBYTERY RETREAT

Dave will be away from 27th – 29th July at Alex Park on the Sunshine Coast (subject to Covid) participating in the Presbytery retreat. This year Bremer is joining with Moreton Rivers as we explore faith together. Retreat Leader is Rev Graham Keech a UC Minister now with Wesley Mission. Please pray for this time of being together.

BIBLE SOCIETY THANK YOU FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

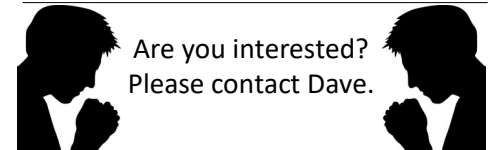
An invitation has been extended to Oxley UC as a valued supporter of Bible Society to hear about the impact of the work they have been able to do - Wednesday 28th July 10.45am for 11am start at Kruger Parade Baptist Church, 2 Henderson Street, Redbank. To RSVP call Rhiannon on 0417 467 076 or email thankyou@biblesociety.org.au by 12th July 2021.

REV RON POTTER

I am sure some of you will know Ron. He was a much loved and esteemed Methodist and Uniting Church minister. Ron has left this earthly life and is now with His Lord! A memorial service was held last Friday and we join with others in expressing our heart felt condolences and our prayers for his wife, immediate family and extended family & friends.



CORPORATE PRAYER



NCLS

We will be participating in the 5-yearly National Church Life Survey later this year, likely to be over a weekend in October / November 2021. If you have any questions please chat with Harry Thompson in the first instance!

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Church's profit/loss for June is \$445.50 Loss.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$3,915.06 Loss.

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