

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Emmaus Train/Days	Saturday 21 st August & 4 th September
Emmaus Gathering & Commissioning of Team	Saturday 21 st August 5.30pm
Presbytery Meeting	Saturday 21st August
Men's Breakfast	Saturday 28th August - 7.30am
Chrysalis Hoot	Saturday 28th August - 3.00pm

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 - 9.30am - 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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THE OXLEY ORACLE

8 August 2021



We are a community of God's people passionate about lifting the name of Jesus, worshipping Him and serving our community. Whether you join us in person or on line, whether you are with us every week or as it happens, you are special, unique and appreciated. Thank you for your contribution! Our prayer is that we may get to know each other deeply over time and that you may embrace Jesus' love for you always and in all ways!

TODAY'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Service	9.00am YOUTUBE - No face to face worship this morning - we will be recording a service, uploading it to YouTube around 9am.
Evening Service	6.30pm FACEBOOK - No face to face worship tonight either. Dave will share a reflection via Facebook live, which can be viewed on the Church's Facebook page.
Lectionary Readings	2 Sam 18:5-9,15,31-33; Ps 130; Eph 4:25-5:2; John 6:35,41-51

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."
Albert Einstein.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



THE BEAN HAS IT...

Now that's a strange title! But before jumping to any conclusion about my mental capacity after a lockdown and quarantine week – consider this! Well – actually, put your imagination to the test! You have an egg, a carrot and a coffee bean. What's the difference? Ok – size is a given. The bean is the smallest and the carrot is the biggest. I guess colour is another obvious response. What if I said that while there are differences, there is a difference much more significant than either of these that is worthy of our reflection this morning. What happens when we place each (separately) in boiling water for say 5 minutes? Most would agree that the egg may not look any different, but the inside transitions from soft to hard! Conversely the carrot may also look very similar, but it transitions from hard to soft particularly in the inner core. The bean totally disintegrates – at least it no longer is a bean you can see - instead it transitions into an aroma which permeates the whole room – well depending on how big the bean is and how big the room is. What happens to the coffee bean is what happens within and around us when we accept and act out the LOVE Jesus has gifted us with. "Walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma" (Eph. 5: 2 NASB). John, in 1 John 4: 7-12, says that "God's love was revealed in this way: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him". Our lives are to be lived through Jesus – being the example of the Father's Love. Are we being like the bean and releasing an aroma of the Father's love within us such that those around us are being drawn to the fragrance of His presence? Lockdown or indeed any restrictions thrust upon us does not, and ought not, restrict our capacity to love as Christ loves us!

Blessings
Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For Richard & Susan continued prayers.
- ◇ Rev Peter Taubner as he undergoes radium treatment.
- ◇ Emmaus Walk in September - Lindsay Rankin & Vicki Robinson as Lay Directors and the Board navigating training needs.
- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes, in hospital or unwell.
- ◇ For the families of those who have lost loved ones through COVID!
- ◇ For countries where COVID has run rampant – Indonesia, South Africa, India to name a few.

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)

CONNECTION

During these times of Lockdown, restrictions and feelings of isolation, it's important that we stay connected. Why not share a prayer with a fellow worshipper - share some special moments – even if it's just to say Hi – thinking of you – perhaps you could ring someone, email them, message them, zoom them, skype them whatever works for you - let's stay connected! Thank you for who you are and your commitment to Jesus and His church!

COVID – DELTA STRAIN

As you all would be aware the Delta Strain of this hideous virus has found its way into some of our schools and beginning to impact lots of families in and across our local community. Sandy and I have had to undergo a COVID test last week and self-quarantine until 6.41pm Sunday regardless of the result of the test – which was negative. A second test had to be done Friday. While it has been frustrating at times, we are still so blessed when compared to so many others. I know I am repeating the obvious – but if you are feeling sick – please do the right thing and stay home – get tested if necessary – be aware of the needs of others – and pray.

CORPORATE PRAYER



Are you interested?
Please contact Dave.



INDOOROOPILLY FOODBANK

If you or someone you know are in need of food assistance during these days we have been asked to advise that the Foodbank of Indooroopilly Uniting Church is operating on Thursdays and Saturdays. For further information check their church's website or Facebook page!

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALL SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATE COVID REQUIREMENTS AT THE TIME:

- ◆ Next Sunday Services 9am & 6.30pm
- ◆ Simon & Alison Rattray are hoping to come and share with us on 22nd Aug.
- ◆ Justin Lippiatt as he prepares to come from Caloundra to share at both the Men's Breakfast 28th Aug & our morning service on the 29th.
- ◆ Emmaus Training Days on Saturday 21st Aug and 4th Sept.

M2M

Like so many other scheduled events our first workshop had to be postponed as will be the second one. New dates for these two workshops are Sunday 14th & 28th November 2021. Same time 11am – 2.30pm. While this has been necessary there are some aspects of this process (3 at this stage) which can begin to take some shape between now and then. Please pray for CLT members as they initially begin to unpack what started in 2019 and I trust will prove to be a significant pivotal highlight for our ministry and mission going forward.