

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Garden Lovers Club	Thursday 26th August - 9.30am
CLT Meeting	Thursday 26th August - 7.00pm
Men's Breakfast	Saturday 28th August - 7.30am
Chrysalis Hoot	Saturday 28th August - 3.00pm
Social & Craft Group	Monday 6th Sept. - 9.30am
Emmaus Train/Days	Saturday 4 th September

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

22 August 2021



Welcome Simon & Alison as they
share with us today



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 - Simon Rattray
Evening Service	6.30pm - Simon Rattray (Live Streamed)

Lectionary Readings 1 Kgs 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Ps 84; Eph 6:10-20; Jn 6:56-69

NEXT SUNDAY 29TH AUGUST 2021

Morning Service	9.00am - Justin Lippiatt (Live Streamed)
Evening Service	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"There are three types of people in the world: those who make things happen; those who watch things happen and those who wonder – what happened?"

Unknown!

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



STAND FIRM.....

'Rock and Water' is an educational program founded in Holland some years back to assist young boys predominantly who struggled to learn in the traditional classroom setting. In recent times it has been adapted for both male and female students (and adults) and has become a world-wide educational tool. While a School Chaplain, I was introduced to its many benefits and ultimately, with the assistance of the school was trained as a Facilitator. Students are encouraged to understand various concepts to better equip them for situations that can be encountered be they at school, or elsewhere. We call them life concepts! One such concept is being 'grounded'. Grounded means to plant your feet firmly on the ground and 'feel' the ground under your feet. There is a certain immovability (strength) that comes from connecting foot to ground! Rock and Water is not a Christian program! Yet contained within its teachings are many Christian principles. Paul as he concludes his letter to the Ephesians urges us to "be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armour of God that you may be able to stand firm (*we might say be grounded*) against the schemes of the devil" (Eph. 6: 10&11). Standing firm is not an option. It is a call to be engaged in the battle that is all around us. And one of the most basic, yet most powerful, ways to ensure we are armoured is **prayer!** I think Paul knew this too, as he reminds us to "with all prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints" (Verse 18). We need to be a praying people that we might remain grounded and stand firm in the Lord for all people even in the midst of all strife, persecution and trauma.

Blessings Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ Family and friends of Jean Scott.
- ◇ For Richard & Susan continued prayers.
- ◇ Emmaus Walks in September - Lindsay Rankin & Vicki Robinson as Lay Directors.
- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes, in hospital or unwell.
- ◇ For the families of those who have lost loved ones through COVID!
- ◇ For the untenable situation in Afghanistan.
- ◇ For CLT as they begin to think through m2M and its process.
- ◇ For the ministry of Project 114 - and for Simon & Alison in their leadership.

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)

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM - meets this Thursday evening at 7.00pm. Please pray for our leaders as we gather, listen, lean into the Spirit, learn and lead.

GARDEN LOVERS CLUB - Will go ahead on Thursday 26th August at 9.30am (*subject to Covid restrictions*)

JEAN SCOTT - Many of you will know Jean. She and her husband Owen and their family have been long standing members of the church here. Jean passed away last Wednesday and we'll be celebrating her life here at the Church next **Friday 27th August 2.00pm**. Please pray for the family and close friends as they mourn their loss.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - **Saturday 28th August 7.30am**. Mr Justin Lippiatt will be our guest for the occasion and will also be preaching the following morning.



CORPORATE PRAYER -

Prayer is communication with God. It is both



listening and speaking! It is sharing our heart. It includes adoration, thanksgiving, confession, petition and intercession. And we, as Church, and as individuals, need to be living a life of prayer and worship! Corporate prayer is as important as your own prayer life. It is hoped that a weekly prayer ministry will commence soon. Stay tuned!

PROJECT PLENTY - This is a Synod initiative that emanated from various conversations across the breadth of the Church in Qld and has 4 key components: namely Discipleship, Transforming Communities, Fit for Purpose and Life Together.

Under the Transforming banner there are conversations happening now about the need for a "One Front Door" policy across the Church – i.e. Congregations, Presbyteries, Uniting Care and Wesley Mission – particularly around Mental health and wellbeing.

If you have an interest in or passionate about mental health within the church and community, Dave would love to hear from you.

POSITION VACANT - The Oxley Corridor Chaplaincy Team has launched with 5 churches involved as well as our 4 Chaplains. We need a Secretary who can be available Mondays from 2pm twice a term to assist with the recording of conversations and decisions. If this is you, please contact Dave. Thank you!

CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Church's profit/loss for July is \$281.63 Loss. The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$4,196.69 Loss. Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Russell Green.