

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Social & Craft Group Monday 6th September - 9.30am
Oxley Corridor Chaplaincy
Team Monday 6th September - 2.00pm
Emmaus Training Day Saturday 4th 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

29 August 2021



Welcome Justin Lippiatt as he
shares with us this morning



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

Lectionary Readings Song 2:8-13; Ps 45:1-2,6-9; Jas 1:17-27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

NEXT SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"If you have a strong purpose in life, you don't have to be pushed. Your passion will drive you there."

Roy T Bennett.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



LIVING IN THE LIGHT.....

Michael Goheen writes a book entitled "Light to the Nations". Essentially it describes the reality that God's mission has never changed from His Creation. He is light and gives light. He casts out darkness and has commissioned His Church to partner Him in His light-giving mission. Some years back now, on a return trip from Birdsville, we had to make a long detour – some 800kms along some of the worst dirt roads I have ever experienced. Deep washed-out creek beds (some still with water in them), huge pot-holes, sides of the road caved in – you get the picture! There was a convoy of 4WD's and for some unexplainable reason I was asked to be the lead car. Good news and bad news! The bad news was that I had never travelled this road before and had no clue what was around each corner or over the rise etc. – not good for a leader! The good news was that I created the dust for those following to swallow instead of me swallowing their dust! I had an aluminum ladder on my roof rack and the sun hit it as we were moving along, and that light reflection was the only way the car behind me knew we were still in front and how far behind they were! There was too much dust to see too far the usual way! What a blessing the light was! It was a good thing! James reminds us that *"every good thing and every perfect gift comes from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation nor shifting shadow"* (James 1:17). Do you sometimes feel like you're in the shadows? Life isn't as clear or as bright as you would like! There's too much 'dust' in front of you! What's the remedy? Receive the Word of God implanted within you (v. 21). Receiving means not just hearing the Word – we have to obey it – do it! We will only experience His light into our shadow type experiences – we will only be led by His light – we will only live in His light - when we surrender fully to Jesus and use His light to take care of the dust.

Blessings Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ Family and friends of Jean Scott following funeral last Friday. Watch Jean Scott Funeral by Video House on [livestream.com](http://livestream.com/videohouse/events/9813828) <http://livestream.com/videohouse/events/9813828>
- ◇ 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 continuing trauma in Afghanistan.
- ◇ For CLT as they begin to think through m2M and its process.

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)

PRESBYTERY NEWS

Presbytery met via Zoom last Saturday morning. Moggil and Karana Downs congregations have now merged and become Brisbane West Uniting Church.

- Brassall, Trinity Ipswich, Glebe Rd and Ipswich City congregations have become one congregation worshipping in 4 places.
- Rev Harlee Cooper will be inducted into Indooroopilly UC – date TBC.
- Missional conversations are happening with Sherwood and Graceville congregations.
- Next Meeting will be a Saturday meeting on 27th November at Glebe Rd.
- Connect 100 is a new project of Uniting Care. Scott Guyatt is pioneering this new adventure and its aim is to connect congregations and agencies in a more focussed and missional way.
- Reports were received from various Synod personnel about the MDF and Sensitive Matters.

If you have any questions chat with Gayle or Annette – your Presbytery reps – or see Dave.

PROJECT PLENTY - 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 - COVID WARDEN

If you are interested in becoming our congregation's Covid Warden we need you! For information re responsibilities please contact Dave.

PRAYER - Prayer needs to become a priority much more than a possibility! Two ways you can help change our prayer culture. 1. Facebook! We have a Facebook prayer chain operational. Search for Oxley Uniting Church Prayer Group - add your prayer/praise point. Just be mindful of any confidentiality. 2. Join our new prayer hub each Friday Morning at 7.30am (45 mins) at the Church upstairs. Starting 10th September.

SOCIAL & CRAFT GROUP - Monday 6th September at 9.30am (*subject to Covid restrictions*)

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.