

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Emmaus Walks	23rd – 26th September 2021
Shift m2M	Workshops for Leaders - Sat. 16th October.
Prayer Hub	Friday – 17th September - 7.30am
Garden Lovers	Thursday 23rd September - 9.30am

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

Lectionary Readings Prov. 1: 20-33; Psalm 19; James 3: 1-12; Mk. 8:27-38

NEXT SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2021

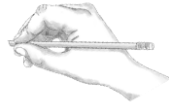
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QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost."

Arthur Ash.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



CONTROLLED OUTPUT!

Not sure if everyone is aware but for those who may not be, Dad underwent surgery on Wednesday 1st September for a broken hip following a nasty fall. It was a very different 65-year anniversary on the same day but as he said – well what will be will be – that is after his almost infamous declaration – Oh Joy! A week and a bit on, he has started the long and somewhat painful journey of rehabilitation and last Monday met two of the Physiotherapists who will be working with him. The doctor had just finished telling him words that I am sure he will already know and probably agree with. “These people will be your best friend and your worst enemy all at the same time”. They are the same people, yet they are perceived as both friend and foe. Friend because they are the ones who will help Dad regain his strength and go home and foe because they are the same ones who will dish out quite intense pain – at least for a time. The input (pain) is uncontrolled by Dad while the output is all under his control and capacity to persevere. I was thinking about that and how so much in life is based around what control we have or don't have! James reminds us of a similar control phenomenon when referring to our tongue! He says that with the tongue we bless the Lord and Father, and with the same tongue we curse those who are made in the likeness of God” (James 3: 9). OUCH! I don't know about you, but these are strong comments and while we don't like hearing them, we know they are so very true. It is the same tongue that can build up and pull down, can bless and curse, and its output – is under our absolute control. In one breath, Peter declares Jesus as “The Messiah” yet in the next he rebukes Jesus (Mark 8: 29-32). Same person, same tongue – one comment yields praise the other a harsh response – “Get behind me, Satan! For you have set your mind not on divine things but on human things (v. 33). Let's be people who choose to control our output and be Kingdom Builders!

Blessings Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ 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, Haiti etc.

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)

SHIFT m2M

Keeping all informed! The workshops to be facilitated by Rob Duncan had to be moved as COVID restrictions prevented us from holding these on the original dates proposed. CLT and a few others are hoping now to get together on Saturday 16th October for both sessions. Stay tuned - you will hear more over the coming months.

EMMAUS

Both men's and women's walks are almost upon us. Just 2 weeks away. Vicki and Lindsay would love to have more pilgrims join them and others to experience a measure of God's love and grace. Do you know anyone who may be interested in attending -Thursday evening 23rd - Sunday evening 25th September. Talk with Vicki, Lindsay or the Hodgsons.

POSITIONS VACANT

COVID ADVISER

If you are interested in becoming our congregation's Covid Adviser we need you! See Dave or any CLT member!

SECRETARY

Maybe you have some spare time and are reasonably comfortable with the computer - our newly formed Chaplaincy Team needs you? Please contact Dave.

PRAYER

Fridays at 7.30am, you are welcome to our prayer Hub! Held in the church upstairs in the Prayer Room. Come when you can—go when you must! A brief reflection, prayer and Communion!

And don't forget our Facebook prayer page.

There is also a SMS and / or email prayer chain. Please contact Sharyn S if you wish to join either.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoe boxes are available for any who would like to assist with this wonderful outreach to children from struggling communities. Or you might prefer to drop in gifts to the church for inclusion in boxes. Please see Jan Thompson for any enquiries re what to buy or indeed for any information. This is an awesome ministry and I heartily endorse it. Please support it if you can!

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

Redcliffe Uniting Church recently hosted a Community Forum to discuss the legislation about to be put to the QLD State Government.

A fascinating discussion held very professionally and respectfully. You can view the video [here](#).