

### EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

<b>Emmaus Walks</b>	<b>Next Weekend</b> - 23rd – 26th September 2021
<b>Shift m2M</b>	Workshops for Leaders - Sat. 16th October.
<b>Prayer Hub</b>	Friday 1 October - 7.30am
<b>Garden Lovers</b>	Thursday 23rd September - 9.30am

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

<b>Coffee Chat &amp; Chew</b>	Every Thursday 9.30am Oxley Café
<b>Garden Lovers Club</b>	4th Thurs. of each month - 9.30am - Hall Contact Harry Thompson.
<b>Social &amp; Craft Group</b>	1st & 3rd Mondays - 9.30am - Hall Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.
<b>Friday Night Youth (FNY)</b>	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

19 September 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

<b>Morning Service</b>	9.00am - Rev Dave Thomas + BFC Members
<b>Evening Service</b>	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas (Café Church)
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Prov. 31: 10-31; Psalm 1; James 3: 13 - 4:3; Mk. 9:30-37

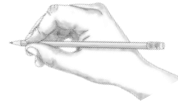
### NEXT SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2021

<b>Morning Service</b>	9.00am - Simon Rattray
<b>Evening Service</b>	<b>NO Evening Service tonight</b>

### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"God's providence is always one step ahead of us". (Pope Francis)

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### TRANSFORMED not TRANFIXED!

A week and a bit ago, I was asked to facilitate a funeral out at Centenary Gardens Crematorium for a woman – not from here or indeed with no connection to this church family – of Scottish origin who experienced a life of incredible highs and lows but who endured with courage. She came to Australia when she was young but stayed true to her Scottish heritage to her dying day. And it was this part of her story that intrigued me! Throughout her school years here in Brisbane and into her adult life she had many a challenge to leave her origin behind and become “a legitimate Aussie” as was often told to her! She loved her Scottish dancing and never missed watching – and often participating in - the Edinburgh Tattoo. Many were the friends and colleagues who tried to get her to conform to a different mindset – a different way – but she resisted the temptation to let go of her birthplace. Yes, she was a naturalized Australian but when asked she was Scottish first before anything else. That got me thinking! Are we true to our Spiritual birth? Or do we allow ourselves to conform to the world’s way – a very different mindset. James reminds us to ‘resist the devil and he will flee from you’ (James 4:7). You see, in the Spiritual realm, we are birthed ‘again’ – remember Nicodemus (John 3) - by Jesus for Jesus and with Jesus. And we need to resist the temptation to leave that ‘birthplace’ just to conform to another adopted birthplace – namely the secular community who frankly think we Christians ‘have lost it’! We need to resist any desire that would take us away from God’s commission and God’s command – ie. make disciples, teach His lessons, and love Him, others, and ourselves in that order. Let’s hold fast to our Spiritual heritage and be proud of it. Let’s be transformers of His Gospel and not allow ourselves to become transfixed by some other worldview!

Blessings Dave

#### Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ Emmaus Walks next weekend - Lindsay Rankin & Vicki Robinson as Lay Directors.
- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes, in hospital or unwell.
- ◇ For the on-going tragedy impacting so many re COVID!
- ◇ For the Ministries of BFC , Project 114 and Operation Christmas Child!

#### 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)***

## BFC - BIKERS FOR CHRIST

We welcome members of BFC this morning. As the name may suggest, BFC is a Christian Motor-bike Ministry - a community of folk who love bikes but love Jesus more! A somewhat motley crew who come from all sort of different backgrounds with a passion to make a difference - and committed to not just going to church but being church! And is a ministry to which I belong.

### SUNDAY 26TH

There will be no Evening service next Sunday 26th September! Many of us will be involved at the Emmaus Closing service!  
Simon Rattray will be here in the morning.

### CLT NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms will be available from next week! Please note the changes to the make up for CLT going into next year. All current members will stand down as at the AGM in November and a team of 10 will need to be nominated and elected based on the process outlined. Please pray for the process and for those who are called to help lead us into the next chapter of our life together!

### COVID ADVISER

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

## 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! We had a wonderful time at our inaugural gathering last week.

**Please note there is no Prayer Hub next Friday 24th Sept. as Dave and a number of others will be at Emmaus.**

### 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.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE:

August recorded a profit of \$780.43. The Church’s profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$3,416.26 Loss. Should you have any questions regarding the Church’s finances please contact Russell Green.

### GARDEN LOVERS CLUB

Garden Lovers Club meets Thursday 23rd September for a Train Tour to Roma Street Parklands to see Spring Flower Display.

Depart Oxley Rail Station on 9.25 am train.