

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Emmaus Walks	Under way now.
Shift m2M	Workshops for Leaders - Sat. 16th October
Prayer Hub	Friday 1 October - 7.30am
Craft Group	Monday 4th October - 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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THE OXLEY ORACLE

26 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

Morning Service	9.00am - Simon Rattray
Evening Service	NO EVENING SERVICE
Lectionary Readings	Esther 7: 1-10; Psalm 124; James 5: 13-20; Mk. 9:38-50

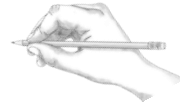
NEXT SUNDAY 3 October 2021

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results". (Willie Nelson)

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



RESPONSE – ABILITY!

I cried because I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet! Birdie, Birdie in the sky – dropped its cargo in my eye. As I wiped it from my eye – I thanked the Lord that cows can't fly! Interesting comments aren't they? What do they have in common? I guess both in different ways remind us that despite how bad things may get for us at times, things could be worse! I sat with a lady some time back who had huge ulcers on both her legs – they were ugly, weeping sores which made walking almost impossible. Yet – when I visited her – she was all smiles, seemingly oblivious to the smell and mess all over her lower legs and feet. I remember vividly she telling me, "I can't complain – they're ugly but I still got them unlike so many others." The next time I visited her she told me that doctors had confirmed she would lose both legs from just above the knee. "Oh well", she said, "I'll still be alive won't I – its only my legs – not my life." About a month later now in a Blue Care facility – I called in to see her again. Still smiling. She was so proud of what she called her stumps. "Done a great job didn't they?" A month later she died! And I can imagine her saying something like – oh well – it's just my body – not my spirit! That woman taught me so much about prayer and praise! She found incredible strength in both. She would spend hours praying for her family and friends – for the church and for the salvation of all those who treated her. She spoke to everyone about Jesus and the love He had for her – and them! And, she would praise God (seriously) for what God had done in her life! WOW! Such inspiration! James says that our response in life is to pray when we suffer and praise when we're happy (James 5: 13). I take that to mean that no matter what happens to us or around us - we need to seize the **ability to respond** to God. That, friends, is our RESPONSE-ABILITY! In prayer and praise we need to be confident and constant. I love the quote from War Room – it's a movie we all need to watch – "Victory doesn't come by accident." Blessings Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ Emmaus Walks happening now. Pray for both the team & pilgrims.
- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes, in hospital or unwell., particularly this week -
- ◇ Trevor and Carol Armstrong & David Woodward!
- ◇ For the on-going tragedy impacting so many re COVID!
- ◇ For the Ministries of Project 114 and Operation Christmas Child!
- ◇ 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)

SIMON RATTRAY

We welcome Simon (Church of Christ Pastor and good friend) to our worship this morning as he brings God's word and shares his passion for those persecuted for their faith.

NO SERVICE TONIGHT

For those who are a part of the Emmaus family, you are invited to come to the closing at 3.30pm (be there by 3.15pm) at Brookfield Conference Centre .

CLT NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms are available today. A copy is enclosed with this edition of the Oracle and there are hard copies available on the front desk in the Church foyer. We ask that you continue to pray over this process and seek God's leading as you consider who to approach re Leadership or your response should you be asked. Congregational meeting 21 November . Please keep that date free.

CAROLS 2021

Initial planning has begun. Lots yet to organize and there are some 'people' holes to fill. For now - mark this date - Sunday 19th December. Time and venue along with other information will be shared as more details become clear. Next week you will receive some detail of the people skills needed and it is hoped that Sam Gunders - our Carols Event organizer this year - will be sharing the dream at both services.

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!

See you on the 1st October. What better way to start a new month!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoe boxes need to be filled by 17 October. Have you got yours? They are still 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!



COVID ADVISER

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

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.