

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Shift m2M	Workshops for Leaders - Saturday 23rd October
Prayer Hub	Friday 8 October - 7.30am
Craft Group	Monday 4th October - 9.30am
Congregation Meeting	Sunday 21 November
Community Carols	Sunday 19th December

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

3 October 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 - Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed)
Evening Service	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas
Lectionary Readings	Job 1: 1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2: 5-12; Mk.10: 2-16

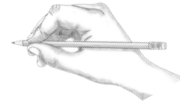
NEXT SUNDAY 10 October 2021

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Life can be better understood backwards - but it has to be lived forwards (Soren Kierkegaard)"

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



EXAM TIME!

"Remember next week its exam time!" I cringe when I think of those words even now. It was a lot worse though back when I, like so many others, had to confront such things. I really struggled with exams - where I was supposed to commit to memory things in a text -book or what was taught by the teacher or both? I tried all the tricks – like trying to create acronyms for key concepts – numbers to represent different things – you name it I tried it. I remember in my first and only music exam I ever sat – I committed to memory the well-known "Every Good Boy Deserves Fruit" for the five lines on the treble clef. I was so chuffed that I got it! I got to the exam and yes that was one of the questions. At least I would get one right! I answered that question confidently. Problem was I didn't remember if the "E" was at the bottom or the top? Where does the acronym start? So, I did what I often did in exams – guessed – and I got it wrong. EXAMS – not for me! Well at least not those written sort!

Jesus calls us to examine ourselves constantly to assess how we are going with living in His Kingdom! We might call it an examination of conscience – a term that will be very familiar with any who have been involved in Emmaus or Chrysalis over the years – but a discipline we should all be familiar with given the biblical imperative to 'seek first the Kingdom of God' (Matthew 6:33) and follow Jesus as the One who is above all and in all (Hebrews 1:3) – who died for us and offers us salvation and grants to us a priceless inheritance for eternity. I pray that we all may embark on such exams with regularity such that we might pray with David in saying, "Declare me innocent O Lord for I have acted with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord without wavering" (Psalm 26:1).

Blessings Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ Praise God for His touch through the Walk To Emmaus Ministries!
- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes, in hospital or unwell, particularly this week -
- ◇ Carol Armstrong & David Woodward!
- ◇ For the on-going tragedy impacting so many re COVID!
- ◇ For the Nomination of Leaders process as it unfolds.

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

Some have asked what this is or at least to know a little more about it! Shift m2M (ministries to movements) is a process not a program. With the Great Commission in mind, the process equips congregations to become better disciple makers. It also aids in reviewing such things as our Core values, what we believe, and who we are desirous of becoming! The 4 "I" words given to you earlier this year is embedded within it - namely Intentional, identity, invitational and intimate! Our leaders will be engaging (actually re-acquainting themselves) with the process later this month (now Saturday 23rd October) before it being rolled out across the congregation over coming months. Exciting times ahead!

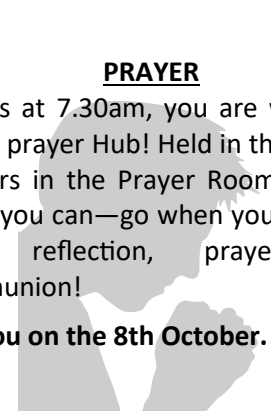
CLT NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms are now available. Please note that duly completed forms need to be lodged with Dave no later than **Sunday 10th October - NEXT SUNDAY**. If you haven't got access to a form and would like one please see Dave. Copies are available 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 21st November. Please keep that date free.

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 8th October.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoe boxes need to be filled by 17th October. There's still time to grab a box and fill it. Instructions detailing the sorts of things to purchase are on the table just inside the door to the Hall. Please see Jan Thompson for any enquiries. This is an awesome ministry and I heartily endorse it. Please support it if you can!



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. Information pertaining to key roles is a separate attachment and printed copies are available in the Foyer. Sam Gunders - our Carols Event organizer this year - will be sharing the dream at both services to get us all enthused.