

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

<b>Shift m2M</b>	Workshops for Leaders - Saturday 23rd October
<b>Prayer Hub</b>	Friday 15 October - 7.30am
<b>CLT Meeting</b>	Thursday 21 October - 7pm
<b>OCCT</b>	Monday 18 October - 2pm
<b>Congregation Meeting</b>	Sunday 21 November

## 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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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
<b>Evening Service</b>	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed)
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Job 23: 1-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mk.10: 17-31

## NEXT SUNDAY 17 October 2021

<b>Morning Service</b>	9.00am - Gayle Rankin
<b>Evening Service</b>	6.30pm - Gayle Rankin (Café Church)

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"I am just a nobody telling everybody about somebody who can change anybody" (Adrian Rogers)

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### THE GREATER GOOD!

For several years, I was what the Uniting Church at one time called 'A Community Minister'. That's how I started my ministry journey! A community minister was an un-ordained role, a little like the then lay pastor. The difference was that it did not have to be a paid role and the intent was to allow lay people to 'step up' into ministry from within the congregation of which they were a member. I received permission to do the sacraments and in essence I did everything an ordained person did – just didn't have the 'title' – and to be honest – that never concerned me! It did however concern a few others. I remember sharing with one of my mentors at the time and he asked me some very pointed questions! "Why haven't you given yourself to God's mission for the greater good?" I had no idea what he meant – greater good? He shared with me that maybe what God was doing in my life – the ministry seemed to be growing - at that time was pointing me toward a bigger goal than the local community I was then in ministry with. And then he popped this next question, "Is ministry all about you or more about what God wants to do through you? It took a while but eventually I discovered that I was limiting God's intention for me and indeed limiting myself by closing the door to new opportunities for the greater good – God's greater good. Ordination followed!

Job knew the greater good despite being tested beyond most human's capacity and being subjected to numerous arguments suggesting he was 'bad'. He stood up to his accusers (Job 23:12) and there are times when we need to 'step up' for the greater good. Other times we need to 'let go' for the same greater good (Mark 10: 21). I pray we might be a people who strive for the greater good – God's greater good!

Blessings Dave

### Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ Prayer for CLT as it meets on Tuesday 21st October!
- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes, in hospital or unwell., particularly - Carol Armstrong , David Woodward and David Greer's brother Harold!
- ◇ For the on-going tragedy impacting so many re COVID!
- ◇ For the Nomination of Leaders process as it unfolds.
- ◇ Praise for little Samba now home and also Max after stints in Hospital.

### 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!

### CLT NOMINATIONS

Nominations for CLT during 2012 close today. Please ensure any nomination form - duly completed - is in the box in the foyer by 8pm tonight - Sunday 10th October. Please continue to pray over this process as Dave seeks to engage in conversation with those nominated and for wise discernment and hearing the voice of God pre, during and post those conversations.

### POSITIONS FILLED

Praise God! **Annette Coupland** has accepted the role of our COVID Adviser, and **Gordon Telfer** has joined OCCT - Oxley Corridor Chaplaincy Team - as our Secretary. Thank you to both for your response, in obedience to His call!

### 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!

**Prayer changes things!**

### 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!



### THIS WEEK!

Dave, in his capacity as Assistant Coach for Corinda High Basketball, and bus driver, will be away this Thursday through to Sunday as their teams battle it out at the State Championships to be held over 3 different venues . This is a 'ministry' assisting the Chaplain Jeff Thomson and some of the teaching staff as we do our best to instill through the medium of basketball, and competition generally, Christian values of honesty, fair play, and respect.