

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Shift m2M	Workshops for Leaders - Sat. 23rd October
Prayer Hub	Friday 22 October - 7.30am
CLT Meeting	Thursday 21 October - 7pm.
OCCT	Monday 25th October - 2pm
Congregation Meeting	Sunday 21 November

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

17 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 - Gayle Rankin (Live Streamed)
Evening Service	6.30pm - Gayle Rankin (Café Church)
Lectionary Readings	Job 38: 1-7, 34 - 41; Ps. 104:1-9, 24; Heb. 5::1-10; Mk.10: 35-45

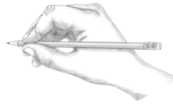
NEXT SUNDAY 24 October 2021

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



WINNING IS.....!

I am sure we have all heard the saying, 'winning is everything'! And maybe for some it is. Certainly, there is a better feel when one wins compared to when one loses. Given the choice I am reasonably confident that we would all say that we prefer to win. I have two stories about tennis – yes the game! First is a personal one and one that frankly I am not proud of, yet one that taught me a very valuable lesson. I was a member of the local Tennis Club while living at Sarina in North Queensland. I was chosen to represent our Club in my age group in a competition against several other clubs across the Mackay Region. I was confident that I would win and approached the game accordingly. I lost every game I played that weekend but that wasn't the issue. The issue was that I was a very bad loser and remember to this day crying my way off the court after smashing the ball over the court fences into the adjacent bush. It took a long time but eventually I learnt that winning was not everything after all – how you played the game was just as important!

The second is less personal but more profound. I still enjoy playing tennis – although haven't touched a racket in a long time – and love watching the majors. I have discovered that if playing singles if you never lose a point while serving – you will never lose a set let-alone a match (assuming of course there is not some abstract rule that we don't know about). When you start losing your serving prowess is when you run the risk of losing.

Jesus reminds us of the same principle only about life not sport. He says, "the path to prominence comes by having the heart of a bond-slave who serves everyone" (Mark 10:44 Passion). **Winning is Serving!**

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, Clyde Logan and Bill Curnow!
- ◇ For the on-going tragedy impacting so many re COVID!
- ◇ For the Nomination of Leaders process as it unfolds.
- ◇ For the families of Joyce Hanson and Harold Greer following their recent death.

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)

COMMUNION

We would normally be sharing in Communion today at our morning service but as Dave is away it has been decided to instead share in this - our Lord's Meal next Sunday 24th in the morning. Thanks for your understanding

JOYCE HANSON

Joyce - a long term member of the church family and much loved woman of God has gone to be with her Lord . Joyce's life and witness will be celebrated here at the Church tomorrow (Monday 18th October) at 3pm. There will be light refreshments in the hall following the service and you are all invited to come and share in this special time. Please remember Joyce's family in your prayers as they grieve their loss.

SHIFT m2M

Shift m2M (ministries to movements) is a process not a program. The process equips congregations to become better disciple makers. CLT and other leaders are gathering next Saturday - please pray for the outworking of this ministry.

CAROLS UNDER THE STARS

Venue looks like being Oxley State School. 19th December! Stay tuned for more info as it becomes known! Don't forget the roles needed?

PRAYER

Fridays at 7.30am, you are welcome to our prayer Hub! Held in the church upstairs in the Prayer Room. Brief reflection, prayer and Communion!

Prayer changes things! 22nd Oct.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A huge thank you to all who have packed boxes, dropped in various material for boxes or helped in any

TRINITY UNPLUGGED

For those not on CLT you may be interested in tuning in and watching what I am sure will be a fascinating conversation around the topic of 'Revive us Again' . Mandy Smith (St Lucia) and Simon Gomersall (Graceville) will be igniting the chat. Tune in to the live stream - trinity.qld.edu/event/trinity-unplugged-revive-us-again It will cost you \$5.00 per household.

CLT NOMINATIONS

Nominations have closed. Dave will be seeking conversations with each nominee before profiles are made available for ultimate election.

CAMBODIA

[.https://mailchi.mp/efc89e9a1937/reachingcambodia-2021-october](https://mailchi.mp/efc89e9a1937/reachingcambodia-2021-october)

This is the link to the newsletter from Alan and Leanne re their pending trip to Cambodia with WEC.