

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 29 October - 7.30am
OCCT	Monday 25th October - 2pm
Garden Club	Thursday 28 October - 9.30am
Congregation Meeting	Sunday 21 November - 10.30am
Carols Under The Stars	Sunday 19 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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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 (Communion)
Evening Service	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed)
Lectionary Readings	Job 42: 1-6, 10 -17; Ps. 34:1-8, 19-22; Heb. 7::23-26; Mk.10: 46-52

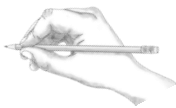
NEXT SUNDAY 31 October 2021

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"What matters in life is not what happens to you but what is happening within you" (Gabriel Garcia Marquez)

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



CONNECTING THE DOTS.....!

Am I the only one who remembers these pages with numbered dots all over them? The ones that challenged little minds to grab a pencil and join them all up? One had to follow the numbers and if one did it correctly – behold – a picture would emerge. I remember, as a young boy, being handed these ‘puzzles’ from Mum (probably to quieten me) and attempting to connect the dots to see the ‘prize’ when completed. And at that young age if one gave up in disgust because it was all too hard or the next number surely wasn’t there – the picture prize wasn’t to be discovered! Completion was the key! Of course, as we get older those sorts of simple attention grabbers lose their appeal and become boring. However, it is as we get older and more mature that we need to learn to connect some different dots in our quest to live under God’s reign.

The encounter between Jesus and Bartimaeus (Mark 10: 46-52) is interesting. ‘Bart’ is blind and hears of Jesus and immediately starts yelling to get Jesus’ attention. In his mind he begins to connect some dots! If only I can get to Jesus – I’ve heard about Him! Enter opposition! A blind beggar – why would Jesus be interested in him? The disciples shunned him! But he was persistent. He kept yelling and ultimately his final dots were connected, and his eyes were opened. As we will hear this morning, Job had dots to be connected and he too – eventually – saw the God picture revealed. I pray that as we embark on our journey together as God’s people, we might not quit when things get tough – and that our focus might be forever on the ‘God picture’ awaiting each of us. Blessings Dave .

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes, in hospital or unwell, particularly - Carol Armstrong , David Woodward, and Clyde Logan.
- ◇ For the safety of all people as borders are opened over the coming weeks.
- ◇ For Graham and Annette as they travel out west!
- ◇ For the CLT & Resources folk as they meet on 4th November to consider the budget
- ◇ 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)

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 met yesterday with Rob Duncan to begin this process for our life and witness here to be strengthened. This process of discipling and moving us towards a ‘movement’ of God’s people will be rolled out across the whole congregation over coming months..

FAREWELL & GOD BLESS

It is with a touch of sadness that we say farewell to Russell and Gayle Green who are relocating to the Gold Coast this week. Russell has been our Treasurer and his services in this and other areas will be missed. Many will also hold fond memories of Gayle assisting in a variety of ministries over the years. Thank you both for your faithfulness and commitment to Jesus and we pray God’s favour be upon you as you continue to serve Him in the future.

GARDEN LOVERS CLUB

Meets this Thursday at 9.30am in the Hall. Special guest - Mr. Phil Ryan of Phil’s Organics

VISITOR - SUNDAY NIGHT

Christian Le and his wife Loi from Darra UC will be with us Sunday night. Christian is undertaking a POD .

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! 29th Oct.

SCRIPTURE UNION GOLD 4 GOOD

A different initiative! Transform any unwanted or broken jewellery into hope for a young generation. Scripture Union have embarked on this venture to raise much needed funds to support children, young people and their families through ministries like School Chaplaincy, life-changing camps, at-risk programs and more. If you have any such jewellery and would like to help - a receptacle is in the foyer .

SIGN MESSENGER NEEDED

Would you like to regularly send a loving message to our community? Our church sign is a way of both informing and challenging passers-by every day. If you’d be interested in this role, please contact Rev Dave.

CAMBODIA

This is the link to the newsletter from Alan and Leanne re their pending trip to Cambodia with WEC. The link is <https://mailchi.mp/efc89e9a1937/reachingcambodia-2021-october>, which can also be reached at www.reachingcambodia.info where there is a newsletter section.....