

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 19 November - 7.30am
Congregation Meeting	Sunday 21 November - 10.30am
Resources	Thursday 2 December - 7pm
CLT	Thursday 9 December - 7pm
Carols Under The Stars	Sunday 19 December

## 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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# THE OXLEY ORACLE

14 November 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

<b>Morning Service</b>	9.00am - SU Chaplains
<b>Evening Service</b>	6.30pm - SU Chaplains
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	1 Sam. 1: 4-20 ; 1 Sam. 2: 1- 10; Heb. 10: 11 – 25; Mk.13: 1– 8

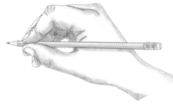
## NEXT SUNDAY 21 November 2021

<b>Morning Service</b>	9.00am - Rev Dave Thomas
<b>Evening Service</b>	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas ( Café Church)

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is better in prayer to have heart with no words than words with no heart." Mahatma Gandhi

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### LEADING FROM THE END..

Now that may seem a bit like an oxymoron! Or perhaps even a little crazy! But before you write this off and don't read any further, consider this? A few years back I was asked to officiate at a wedding of one of the school teachers who I had befriended during my time as Chaplain. It was only a month or two after agreeing that I was informed that a 'minor detail' about the wedding plans had not been communicated to me. The wedding was in Bali! I had never been overseas before and I was not relishing the thought of all the stuff associated with travel to another country – needles, customs, foreign language and customs – not to mention the cost! A 6 hour plane flight was not my idea of fun! They were tiny seats (for a big fella) no leg room and nowhere to go! Eeeek! Yet I remember thinking the whole time on that plane – it'll be worth it to see these two young people come together! The end justified the pain and discomfort. I was able to rise above the stress and tension of those hours as long as I stay focused on the end picture!

Mark records Jesus sharing some insight into the end of the world (Mark 13: 1 -10) It is what's known theologically as apocalyptic literature. In very vivid terms it describes the last days of planet earth. Some people get a chill just thinking of the possibility of the end of the world or the Rapture or the Second Coming. Yet, the reality is that at some point Jesus will return. It's not if – but when! And while we may balk at the descriptive text, our focus ought to be on the glory of that day! Whenever that day comes, it will be the end of what we know. We will begin to enjoy a new experience for eternity. It is that hope of a future with Jesus that should be our focus – a focus that will enable us to rise above the stresses and strains of the journey!

Blessings Dave.

### Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes, in hospital or unwell., particularly - Carol Armstrong , David Woodward, Clyde Logan, & Ruth Telfer.
- ◇ For the safety of all people as borders are opened over the coming weeks.
- ◇ For Graham and Annette as they return home this week!
- ◇ For the Congregation meeting and the election of a new CLT and other business
- ◇ For the ministry of Scripture Union and our School Chaplains!

### 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)***

## SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

We welcome Jeff, Hedy, and Chloe to our morning service and Jeff and Mia to our evening service this Sunday. These are our chaplains at Corinda State High, Corinda Primary, Darra Primary and Oxley Primary Schools and it is a real joy to have them all here to share a part of their story. I know they will be welcomed and loved.

### SHIFT m2M

Jesus requires us to be disciples who make disciples. Because we need more people to assist in the worship and witness of this, our home. Our focus on prayer, reviewing our values, and beginning to change our language and culture are some of the processes that will ensure we keep the momentum. I pray that when given the opportunity to be a part of this you will jump at the opportunity.

### CONGREGATION MEETING!

Next week 10.30am! Please make this meeting a priority. The Budget for the next 6 months needs to be considered and of course we will be voting (if you are a member) on the CLT for 2022. There are 11 nominees and we need to elect 10. Profiles of each nominee are available in the foyer to assist you in this process. Please be involved by your attendance and participation in that meeting. Please see Harry or Dave for any questions.

## LOVE OFFERING

To bless the ministry of our school Chaplains there will be a love offering at each of our services this Sunday. While the Gov't grants funds towards costs for a Chaplain, it is insufficient to fund the full amount for even 2 days per week. Any support will be appreciated!

### 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! 19th Nov.**

### CAROLS UNDER THE STARS

Not far away! 19th December! Sam Gunders is still needing support in a variety of tasks to ensure this years Carols event is the best we can make it for our Community. We have our local civic leaders at all three levels of Government promoting this for us . What could you do to help? For more information, contact Sam.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE:

October recorded a profit of \$1,746.58, giving a year-to-date loss of \$3,928.61.

Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Russell Green.