

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 3 December - 7.30am
Resources	Thursday 2 December - 7pm
CLT	Thursday 9 December - 7pm
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.

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THE OXLEY ORACLE

28 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

Morning Service	9.00am - Dr Rachel Krohn
Evening Service	6.30pm - Dr Rachel Krohn (Live Streamed)
Lectionary Readings	Jer. 33: 14-16 ; Ps. 25: 1- 10; 1 Thess. 3: 9 - 13; Luke.21: 25- 36

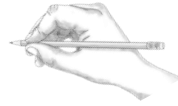
NEXT SUNDAY 5 December 2021

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Breaking out from the tyranny of spiritual lethargy, whatever the cost, should be the number one priority of every Christian." A. W. Tozer

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



HOLY HOPE..!

Have you a favorite super-hero? I know most kids do – and I suspect a few of us ‘more mature’ folk may have the odd fantasy or two about one or more of those fictional yet somewhat intriguing characters! My hero growing up was always Superman. My sister, however, loved Batman. And yes, there was the occasional dispute as to whose ‘hero’ was better! One thing I remember with some disdain, if I am brutally honest, was the TV series of Batman. Every time Batman hit one of his arch rivals there across the screen came the words ‘bam’ or something equally as dumb. But that wasn’t all! His sidekick “Robin” was always exclaiming with monotonous regularity – “Holy something”. A few I still recall - Holy Bat Trap; Holy Cliffhanger; Holy Hallelujah. For Robin it seemed that everything was holy! And that last one even had Christian overtones!

I know it’s all fantasy. Yet as Christians we ought to be living a Holy Hope! The concise Oxford Dictionary defines holy as “morally and spiritually perfect”. Ponder on those words for a moment! God, through His Son Jesus, and in the power of His Spirit, calls us to Himself seeing us as Holy. What a picture? What a gift from the God of the Universe to bring us to Himself and despite all our flaws, weaknesses and failures, offer us forgiveness, a new life filled with hope. A holy hope!

Paul prays that God might open a way for him to go back and visit the Thessalonians, enable them to love one another to overflowing, and grant them ultimate and eternal safety (1 Thess. 3: 11-13). Earlier, he tells them that they are his ‘crown’ giving him hope for when they all stand before Jesus on his return (1 Thess. 2:19). Paul prays that “He (God) may establish their hearts blameless in holiness...” (verse 13). A blameless heart is our future hope. It’s a holy hope! And it’s available as a free gift?

Blessings Dave.

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes, in hospital, unwell or struggling, particularly David Woodward, Clyde Logan, Stan O’Brien & Ruth Telfer.
- ◇ For the safety of all people as borders are opened over the coming weeks.
- ◇ For the newly elected CLT members.
- ◇ For those whose CLT membership is coming to a close.
- ◇ The ministry of Trinity Theological College!

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)

OUR GUEST TODAY!

We welcome Dr Rachel Krohn amongst us today as she comes bringing us God’s message on the theme of Hope—the first of the four Advent gifts we explore leading up to Christmas. As mentioned last week, Rachel is the lecturer in Old Testament and Hebrew at Trinity College and has recently been awarded her Doctorate and come to us from Canada. She and her family are worshipping at Chapel Hill UC. I know you will make her and her family feel very welcome and loved!

CHRISTMAS BOWL

This week the focus is Indonesia. Central Sulawesi was hit by a large earthquake and Tsunami in 2018. Farms providing basic food for survival have been hit by floods and drought and of course the impact of COVID. Your gifts this week will go towards ensuring greater stability for this community while assisting their coping capacity during subsequent catastrophes.!

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. What could you do to help? For more information, contact Sam.

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! 3rd Dec.

GOLD 4 GOOD

Last Day Today!

Just a reminder to place any old or unwanted jewellery in the receptacle in the foyer and help bless our younger generation through Scripture Union.

CLT / BUDGET

For those who may have missed the Congregation meeting last Sunday, the following were elected as CLT members going forward. John Gunders, Vicki Robinson, June Balfour, Harry and Jan Thompson, Graham Hodgson, Alison Holcroft, Annette Coupland, Heather Ohnsorge, and Stephanie Rankin. I know they will value your prayers and support as they step into this significant servant leadership role. The Executive - made up of the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of CLT along with the Minister will be advised following our first meeting. A special service of commissioning will take place early next year. The 6 month budget ending June 2022 was also approved.

COVID UPDATE

See separate attachment / page