

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 18th Feb - 7.30am Cawonga Park
CLT	Thursday 17th Feb - 7pm.
m2M Workshop	Tuesday 22nd Feb - 7pm.
CLT Training	Thursdays 24th Feb & 3rd Mar. - 7pm - Zoom
Amplify Conference	Saturday 5th March - From 8.30am

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew	Every Thursday 9.30am Oxley Café
Garden Lovers Club	Recommences 24 March 2022 (subject to covid) Contact Harry Thompson.
Social & Craft Group	Recommences 7 March 2022 (subject to covid) Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.
Friday Night Youth (FNY)	Revamped for 2022! Contact Holly or Dave.

Other groups meet periodically including Bible Study groups  
For more information - contact Dave.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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# THE OXLEY ORACLE

13 February 2022



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 (Live Streamed)  
No Face to Face worship today

**Lectionary Readings** Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Cor 15:12-20 ; Luke 6: 17-26

## Sunday 20th February

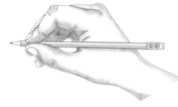
9.00am - Rev Dave Thomas

CLT will be reviewing whether we are back face to face this week on Thursday night.

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"The truth may be cruel; but it can be loved, and it makes free those who have loved it, and are loving it" George Santayana

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### THRIVING NOT SURVIVING

"It's not what happens to you: It's what you do about it." That's a quote on the front cover of a book and that quote captivated my interest and imagination. I remember then casting eyes to the title of the book - 'The man who would not be defeated'. I am not what I call an avid reader like some but do enjoy a good biography or even better an autobiography. I bought this book on the strength of its cover and while the old saying: 'you can't judge a book by its cover' is quite often true in this case it was very wrong. Here's a quick summary which can never do justice to the whole but it may help illustrate my point in sharing this - and that is - the desire Jesus has for us to thrive in life no matter what happens.

Bill Mitchell was in a horrific motorbike / truck collision in which gas exploded burning 65% of his body. His fingers burnt so bad they were lost, his face was permanently scarred - you get the picture. Four years later he was in an airplane disaster where he lost the use of both legs and became a paraplegic. Two accidents, any one of them, almost surely would be the end of quality living for most of us. Yet Bill somehow didn't let such obstacles get in the way of his ambitions. His drive to thrive in life. It's a fascinating read! Subsequent to both accidents he was elected Mayor of his region in the States, shares his story with thousands around the world and has had a huge impact into countless lives.

The book is silent regarding any experience with God. I don't know of Bill's spiritual background or if he is a Christian. Yet his message resonates deep with so many Christian spiritual truths - that the power of He who is within us is stronger than the power of the world that is around us. Mark Wall, lead singer with Casting Crowns, says to thrive today we need to dig deep and reach out. That's the message of Jeremiah 17 and Psalm 1. Are we happy to be mere survivors - just existing or are we ready to thrive and live the abundance Jesus wants for us?

Shalom - Dave.

#### Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the Tongan Church & Community in the wake of the Tsunami!
- ◇ For our schools - teachers and kids - many of whom return this week.
- ◇ For our people that they know how much they are loved despite not meeting.
- ◇ For those who struggle with floods (NQ), fires (WA) and other natural disasters
- ◇ For Godly wisdom to arise from our Government and Church Leaders.

#### 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)*

**THE OXLEY ORACLE** - Help needed! If any would like to - and feel called to - be our Oracle Author please have a chat to Dave. You would need to have Publisher on your system and be reasonably familiar with its workings. If you were able to do it from the church office on a Friday that would be the ideal!

**SERVICES** - CLT are meeting next Thursday night to consider our ongoing response to the current Covid situation. We will notify all via the email list we have regarding any decision re future services.

**PRAYER** - We are back! Meeting at 7.30am every Friday morning. Currently meeting in the shelter in Cawonga Park for about 30 - 35 mins. We will pray, be inspired from a word of Scripture and share Communion together. **Would love to see more join. Prayer changes things!**

**NO FAMILY CAMP in 2022** - After much reflection and conversation, it has been decided to cancel this year's family camp! We are still working out options for next year and these will be communicated as soon as they are known.

**AMPLIFY CONFERENCE** - This one day conference is for anyone ministering with or for young children, and or youth. Our Youth leaders, parents of young children. A day of inspiration, learning and challenge awaits any who go! Saturday 5th March and this year you can attend from the privacy of your home if you wish. For more details and costings etc visit [amplifyconference.com.au](http://amplifyconference.com.au)

**SHIFT M2m** - Jesus requires us to be disciples who make disciples. Our focus on prayer, reviewing our values, and beginning to change our language and culture are some of the processes that will engage us over coming weeks. We have had to change the date for the follow-up workshop by Rob Duncan—given that a number could not make it on the Saturday. This workshop will now be Tuesday evening 22 Feb starting at 7pm - for 2 hours. If you have received an email re this we hope you can be there!

**NCLS** - National Church Life Survey forms are available. Please see the separate instructions. We ask that you complete the on line survey as soon as possible. Instructions were part of the email. If you would prefer to complete a paper copy this will be available during one of the services at the end of the month. Any questions - please contact Harry Thompson.

**CLT TRAINING** - Rev Nigel Rogers is facilitating a short course on Church Council (CLT) responsibilities, team development and more. Over 2 Thursday nights 24/2; 3/3 from 7 - 9pm via Zoom. CLT members are urged to register.