

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Special CLT Meeting	Tonight 20 Feb - 7pm. Church.
Prayer Hub	Friday 25th Feb - 7.30am Cawonga Park
World Day of Prayer	Friday 4 March - 10am. Church.
m2M Workshop	Tuesday 22nd Feb - 7pm.
CLT Training	Thursdays 24th Feb & 3rd Mar. - 7pm - Zoom

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

20 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)
Face to Face worship resumes this morning

NO Evening Service

Lectionary Readings Gen. 45: 3-11; Psalm 37: 1-11; 1 Cor 15:35-50 ; Luke 6: 27-38

Sunday 27th February

9.00am - Rev Dave Thomas

6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Instead of worrying about what you cannot control;
shift your energy to what you can create" Roy T Bennett

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



SOMETHING BIGGER

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) has as one of its tag lines - 'be a part of something bigger'. MAF is a Christian Aviation Company that specializes in - among other things - transporting their staff into remote parts of the world that would otherwise be extremely difficult to get to in order to share God's blessings both physically and spiritually. Being a part of something bigger for them means that should you donate to their cause you are enabling them to continue their ministry and as it is beyond most of our grasp - it's bigger than we are.

Jesus calls us to 'something bigger' than ourselves - bigger than we can even dream or imagine - and we are asked to follow Him into uncharted territory fearlessly. He challenges us to turn from our ways and seek after and be obedient to His ways - to operate in His Kingdom - to raise our sights - and not be consumed by the mediocrity or scarcity mindset that so many are accustomed to. "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies and do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you and pray for those who mistreat you" (Luke 6: 27 & 28). Wow - let's be honest! For the majority of us - certainly for me - that's a call to something way bigger than me. And yet the response from our Lord to those who follow is the promise that as we give so it will be given unto us - but in good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over (verse 38). I wonder if we underestimate or even deny our call to be a part of something bigger? Today we meet a man who teaches us what its like to be a part of something much bigger than himself. A favoured son who found himself a forgotten boy before becoming a fruitful mission mover! Will 2022 be our year to become part of something bigger? Shalom - Dave.

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the threat of unrest and war between Russia and Ukraine
- ◇ For our schools - teachers and kids - many of whom return this week.
- ◇ For CLT and its responsibilities to lead in a plethora of ministries.
- ◇ For FNY - for our 4 key leaders / for Holly as she steers the ship / for the new plan for 2022 and for more young people to join.

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 met last Thursday night and have resolved to commence face to face worship this Sunday morning. There are still restrictions that apply like mask wearing, keeping safe distance and the usual cleaning etc - but we are gathering. We hope you can join us! Sunday evening services will resume also face to face from Sunday 27th February.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 4 March at 10am. This is an ecumenical service that has been prepared by Christians in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. This year we are hosting it and it would be great to see a reasonable 'home' contingent. Morning Tea will follow and a plate to assist in satisfying the inner hunger pangs would be appreciated. All are welcome. For any questions or to find out more contact Jan Thompson.

PRAYER - We are back! Meeting at 7.30am every Friday morning. We will resume in the Church prayer room next week. We will pray, be inspired from a word of Scripture and share Communion together. **Would love to see more join. Prayer changes things!**

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. A workshop with Rob Duncan is this 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 - If you haven't yet completed the on line form and you would prefer a paper copy they will be available this Sunday morning. We ask that should this be your desired method of completion you remain for a few minutes after the service to complete it. If you are keen to fill it out on line and haven't done so, please action this promptly. 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.