

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 4th March - 7.30am
FNY	Friday 25th March - 7.00pm
World Day of Prayer	Friday 4 March - 10am. Church.
CLT Training	Thursday 3rd March - 7pm - Zoom
Amplify Conference	Sat. 5th Mar. 8.30am St Peters Indooroopilly

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)	Meeting Monthly this year! Contact Holly or Dave.

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

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THE OXLEY ORACLE

27 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
Evening Service	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed)
Lectionary Readings	Ex 34: 29-35 Ps 99 2 Cor 3:12 - 4:2 Lk 9:28-36, (37-43a)

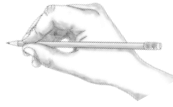
Sunday 6th March

9.00am -	Rev Dave Thomas (Communion / Live Streamed)
6.30pm -	Rev Dave Thomas (Communion)

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"A dream you don't have to fight for isn't a dream - it's a nap! One changes your afternoon. The other changes your world! Keep fighting!" Jon Acuff

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



LEAN, LEARN AND LEAD!

One of the real joys I had as a Chaplain to a large Primary School was that I got to go on almost every school camp or excursion from walking around the park (Preps and Grade 1) to being away for a week at an adventure camp for Grades 6 & 7 (back then) to bussing it to Canberra and back over 10 days. One of the real challenges I had as a Chaplain to a Primary School was that the senior kids expected the Chaplain to do everything we asked them to do - including those kind of way out scary things - like on one occasion conquering the high ropes course. So there I was all suited up and showing no fear (externally) climbed the tree secured myself by a rope and carabiner to a rope above (just in case) and began to walk across this rather small piece of wire - about 20 feet above the ground. Kids are screaming from below and I thought—ok I can do this its not as bad as I thought - so I started to go a bit quicker and then it happened. My foot slipped off the wire, and instinctively I let go of the rope above and grabbed the rope attached to me - bad move! The kids screamed - they thought I had done it on purpose and they were just laughing and watching! What's next? I tried to hide my fear but I was not too sure of my next move. I had to get my feet back on the wire but I couldn't do that without hanging on to the bigger rope above. It was then I remembered the words above that I had learnt at a leadership development workshop. I figured if I could get one foot onto the wire and push out it would make the wire tighter and should enable me to get re-attached properly. It worked - but not before some adrenalin rush as I leaned to full extension between the wire and rope glaring at the ground below me. I learnt a lot that day about me and what not to do when one loses ones footing. The next day I was asked to lead another group doing the same thing and I felt equipped from the day before. Lean, learn and lead. I wonder , as church, if we are not like Peter (Luke 9:33) and lean into the spectacular, learn from it and stay there instead of leading others to the same experience? Shalom - Dave.

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the growing tension between Russia and Ukraine!
- ◇ For those struggling with significant health and/ or emotional issues .
- ◇ For CLT and its responsibilities to lead and model m2M processes.
- ◇ 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 - We're back! Last Sunday morning was great! Sunday evenings starts tonight! **We are streaming the evening service this week - not the morning! Please note this if you one of our regular 'viewers'.**

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.

NCLS - paper copies will be available again this Sunday morning and evening. This Sunday though is the last day you have. If you have not completed a form either on line or on paper - please do so today! Any questions - please contact Harry Thompson.

CCP - CONGREGATION CARE PLAN - Just another acronym! It is important that we fulfil our responsibility as a church to each of you in respect to the level of care needed under our current covid related guidelines. If you haven't completed the form Annette Coupland has sent you please do so as soon as you can. Any questions please contact Annette, Vicki or Dave. Thank you!

PRAYER - For some time a small but dedicated group have been meeting every Friday morning at 7.30am for prayer - specifically about the Church and its direction and strategic relevance to our community. I am conscious thought that this time and/or day doesn't suit everyone so I am launching a second weekly opportunity and am testing the waters by suggesting Wednesdays at 5.30pm, commencing Wednesday 9th March! The Friday morning group will continue. **Prayer changes things!**

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