

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Friday 29th April - 7.30am Wednesday 27th April - 5.30pm
Flood Recovery Forum	Thursday 28 th April – 5.30pm
Presbytery	Tuesday 26 th April – 6pm. Glebe Rd UC
Resources Meeting	Thursday 28 th April – 7pm

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew	Every Thursday 9.30am Oxley Café
Garden Lovers Club	Fourth Thursday of each month - 9.30am Contact Harry Thompson.
Social & Craft Group	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays) Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.
Friday Night Youth	Meeting Monthly this year! Contact Holly or Dave.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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THE OXLEY ORACLE

24th April 2022



Prayer times: Wednesdays 5.30pm

Fridays 7.30am

Venue for both - Downstairs Hall



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	Acts 5:27-32 Ps 118:14-29 Rev 1:4-8 Jn 20:19-31

Sunday 1st May

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." - Pope John Paul 11

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



'I'M BACK'....

What do Arnold Schwarzenegger and Easter have in common? For those who may not be movie buffs this guy was a relatively famous actor starring in numerous movies, including 'The Terminator' series. In the third movie in the sequence these two words are spoken in a somewhat tense moment bringing a sense of angst to his opponents and relief to his allies. "I'm back". I saw a cartoon caption the other day that depicted Jesus staring into the horizon (complete with nail holes in his wrists) with the same words, "I'm back". And indeed, He is. He was raised from death, conquering its stigma for all who would choose to follow Him. And his 'appearing' following his resurrection received mixed responses. Perhaps understandably! I wonder what ours might have been?

The disciples (well most of them) were huddled in that upper room (John 20: 19ff) uncertain of their future now that their Master and Messiah had been taken from them. Peter is perhaps still reeling internally from his denial, blaming himself for Jesus' death. John – perhaps reliving Jesus' words to him from the cross about Mary becoming his mother: what's that mean? The rest perhaps in some form of shock. And then Jesus appears! He shares 'Peace' with them and leaves. Then he comes back – this time with Thomas – and I can imagine him using those same two words, "I'm back". Jesus plants within each of them a desire (we might call it a mission) to move forward from that moment in His resurrection power and equips them a little later with His Spirit to enable such a mission to unfold.

His 'mission' has not changed. What's changed is that we are now the doers – His Church! Ready?

Shalom - Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ Praise God for answered prayer!
- ◇ For the Flood Forum next Thursday night at Riverlife Church.
- ◇ For the power of the Easter story to resonate with world leaders, such that peace may prevail.
- ◇ For Presbytery as it meets next Tuesday evening!

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)

FLOOD RECOVERY FORUM – Thursday 28th April – from 5.30pm hosted by Riverlife Church – Seventeen Miles Rocks Rd. Another community opportunity to offer support in practical ways to those impacted by the floods. An expo featuring Government funding, Insurance providers, Support Services, health and well-being services will be a highlight. Dr Tammy White, a Clinical Psychologist will be sharing in relation to mental health issues and how to recover from such atrocities as floods etc.

SIGN-ON FORMS– Urgent! We know that it has been a busy time with Easter and floods etc but it is important that we get as many sign-on forms back completed by this Sunday. Thank you to those few who have completed theirs but we really do need many more returns than the ones we have. Please endeavour to fill them out confirming where you may be able to see yourself assisting the life of the church and place paper copies in the foyer Offering Box **by the close of the evening service this Sunday**. Electronic versions can be emailed to communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com or direct to Harry Thompson – htho2023@bigpond.net.au and they will be added to the paper ones – **again by Sunday evening at the latest**. Thank you!

COVID-19 - Although some community COVID restrictions were lifted just before Easter, Covid is still prevalent, and our church procedures are largely unchanged. We no longer have number limits in our building, but still need to prioritise hand hygiene, cleaning after activities, physical distancing as practical, and limiting personal contact (hugs, handshakes). Please offer to help with cleaning after services and morning tea.

If you test positive for COVID 19, please let Rev Dave Thomas or Annette Coupland know. If you have attended the church in the previous 2-3 days of testing positive, we will advise any other attendees to monitor for symptoms. If you are a close contact of a positive case you will need to quarantine at home for 7 full days. Both diagnosed cases and close contacts must wear a face mask for a further 7 days after they leave isolation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Annette.

GARDEN LOVERS – A reminder to all really that on the production of a Paid Rate Notice for the current financial year to a Brisbane City Council Library – you can claim 2 free plant vouchers. These vouchers are then redeemable from Oxley Nursery – 174 Dowding St – and for Garden Lover members that opportunity presents itself next Thursday during your visit there.