

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Friday 6th May - 7.30am Wednesday 4th May- 5.30pm
Care Essentials Course	18 th / 25 th June – Indooroopilly UC
Synod	13th—17th May—Alex Park

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew	Every Thursday From 9.00am Oxley Café
Garden Lovers Club	4th 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

1st May 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 (Live Streamed)
Evening Service	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas
Lectionary Readings	Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) Ps 30 Rev 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

Sunday 8th May - Mother's Day

9.00am	- Alan & Leanne Purvis
6.30pm	- Alan & Leanne Purvis (Live Streamed)

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think." A.A. Milne

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



THE MAIN GAME....

Occasionally God brings across your path someone who speaks into your life in ways that you do not expect. They emerge onto the scene and although there appears little in common initially, a strange bond develops and is rarely forgotten. One such person crossed my path while in Gympie and what this person has taught me is truly mind shattering. Lyn (not her real name) is Indigenous – a tribal elder of her own people, a constant voice for the culturally diverse, the impoverished, the down and outs of society and one who possesses a determined spirit such that I had not come across before. We didn't speak that often but when we did – I knew I had better pay attention and listen, and despite the infrequency, we shared numerous moments of both triumph and trauma! I met her for coffee on one occasion and asked her a little of her story and what kept her going when she got so many knockbacks! She shared with me that she is a part of the 'Stolen Generation' – having her parents being forcibly removed from her as a young girl, having to find her own way in life as an unwanted black girl! There was lots more she shared; yet it was what she said in response to the second question that has stuck with me ever since. What keeps me going, fighting for reconciliation (she added) is simple. "You gotta know what your main game is and you gotta make sure your main game remains your main game – no matter what".

In a world where there are so many distractions that vie for our attention, our access, our money, and our time, we, as Christ followers need to know what our main game is and make sure we keep the main game – the main game! Put another way – we need to ensure that Jesus is preeminent in our lives, that He is our top priority meaning we spend time with Him, seek after Him, honour Him and love Him as He loves you! Today we are asked the question that Jesus asked Peter: "Do you love me more than these"? (John 21: 15). Shalom—Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ Praise God for answered prayer and that we may discern God's will for us as 'church'.
- ◇ For the power of the Easter story to resonate with world leaders, such that peace may prevail.
- ◇ For the ministry of "Bikers for Christ".
- ◇ For the work of both Assembly and Synod as they meet this month

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 – What a great night was shared last Thursday evening. Lots of conversations, lots of helpful advice and some practical pointers from Tammy re overcoming the mental barriers when catastrophes hit! Although sad in so many ways, it was a great way for us to be 'in community'.

THANK YOU– Thank you to all who took the time to consider how you can be involved in the life and witness of the congregation going forward by the completion of the Sign-on forms. Remember, as we find ourselves giving in whatever way, that we give to Christ not the Minister, or any person or people. May you receive His blessings over and above anything you give.

COVID-19 - Diligence still needed. Any questions at all please contact Annette Coupland.

PRESBYTERY– A brief summary: Please see Gayle Rankin or Annette Coupland for any additional or more detail!

- ◇ Annette, Gayle and I were invited to share a little about our involvement in the recent flood recovery efforts. We also heard from St Lucia and Forest Lake UC's.
- ◇ Recognition of the retirement of Rev Peter and Rev Jeanette Taubner.
- ◇ Some inspirational words from Dr Paul Jones (Trinity College) re Discernment.
- ◇ Approval of Garry Jennings to become ordained as a Minister of the Word.
- ◇ Treasurer role vacant.
- ◇ Mission role being split into two half time roles. Supply for one half being filled by Rev David Fender.
- ◇ Some reflection around the proposal going to Synod re the Mission Development Fund.

PASTORAL CARE - The Volunteers CARE Essentials Course is a basic introduction to the general scope of Christian pastoral care. It is an eight-session course (spread over two days) designed for use in congregations, faith communities or care facilities. This course is being offered at Indooroopilly Uniting Church from 9am – 5pm on each of Saturday 18th and 25th June 2022. Please contact Cath Jukes of Indooroopilly Uniting Church on [\(07\) 3878 9535](tel:0738789535) for further details if interested. It is highly recommended for anyone interested in Pastoral Care.