

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Friday 27th May - 7.30am Wednesday 25th May - 5.30pm
Women's Morning Tea	Saturday 28 th May – 10am.
Trinity Open Evening	Monday 23 rd May – 7pm.
AGM	29 th May – 10.30am
Care Essentials	Indooroopilly UC – 18 & 25 June!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew	Every Thursday 9.30am Oxley Café
Garden Lovers Club	Last 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

22nd 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
Evening Service	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed)

Lectionary Readings Acts 16:9-15 Ps 67 Rev 21:10,22 Jn 14:23-29

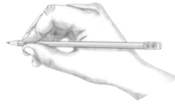
Sunday 29th May

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Nothing changes if nothing changes." Albert Einstein

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



BELIEVING LEAVING....!

Jess was in Grade 7 back when Grade 7 was a part of Primary School! She was quite a bright student academically but struggled in the sporting arena and indeed most outdoor activities as she only had one arm. Her right arm was amputated just below the shoulder when she was in Grade 3 or 4 (not real sure) and so she had to train herself to write left-handed – amongst all the other things she had to conquer. The things she didn't do were mostly those things she was not allowed to do – and I wonder whether that was more to do with the fear factor from the School and indeed at times from her parents? She came with us on a school camp and she was assigned to me to look after her and make sure she was not picked on or bullied because of her limitations. All went well and we bonded quite strongly over the first 3 days of camp – she came on the hike – was helped to pitch her tent etc but generally she managed well. Then came day 4! Boulderling – or climbing up a man-made wall outside with just those little pegs to hang onto as you ascend. I suggested to Jess that she would need to sit this out! Not likely! She was so determined. I knew she would be harnessed in appropriately and so even if she missed one of the pegs (which to me seemed an obvious outcome) she would be safe enough – apart from her damaged pride maybe. So, she started! Remember only one arm, one hand! In order to navigate the climb she had to literally release her good hand and using her legs jump to the next peg and cling to it with her left hand. And then again and again... What a sight? I'll never forget my amazement and sense of pride as she conquered that wall. "Had you done that before?" I asked after she was safely down. "Never", she replied. Gobsmailed, I stuttered, "How?" "Well, she said, to move forward (meaning up) I knew I had to leave behind the security of clinging and believe that where I was heading was better than where I was."

It's never easy leaving our comforts and securities – what we know and are used to – to move forward to greater heights, new opportunities, new vision, new insights! Yet that is exactly what Jesus calls us to do! "Get up", He says, and walk – to the man crippled for some 38 years (John 5), Believe that what is ahead is better than what you are leaving. Believing leaving is not for the faint hearted – but it is for God's disciples!

Shalom - Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For Rev Bruce Moore - Moderator Elect!
- ◇ For the new Government —those elected as well as those not!
- ◇ For all Ukrainians and others in conflict as they continue to struggle.
- ◇ For Uniting Care and Wesley Mission - our caring agencies!

Tithes and Offerings by Bank Transfer: CBA: BSB: 064 011 Acct: 10032190
(Please identify your bank transaction as either 'Tithe' or 'Offering', Thank you)

WOMEN'S MORNING TEA -Saturday 28th May – 10am until 11.30am.

Guest Speaker – Tracey Blackburn.. RSVP – Leona Greer –
pie023@bigpond.com

COVID-19 — Diligence still needed. Contact: Annette Coupland.

TREASURER – Could this be a role for you? The bulk of our finances are capably being managed by both Graham Coupland and Grant Ericksen but neither see themselves as the Treasurer. Both are happy to assist which makes the role of Treasurer a little less daunting than it might otherwise be! You, ideally, would know how to read a financial statement and interpret it for both the Resources meeting and CLT. You don't need to be an accountant! If you are interested – please contact Dave!

TRINITY OPEN EVENING - Monday, May 23rd - 7pm - 9pm. 60 Bayliss St, Auchenflower. Cost: FREE! Just register via the below link and you will get a free ticket to attend in-person or a link to attend online via Zoom. The feature of the night will be four, seven-minute mini lectures asking some thought provoking questions:

Should Christians be aiming for happiness? Assoc. Prof. Neil Pembroke

Is lament really necessary? Dr Rachel Krohn

Are you match-fit for mission? Rev Dr Helen Dick

Should we Flip when in Rome? How Questions Lead to Answers in Romans 3.
Dr John Frederick

Here's where to register for the Open Evening:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/open-evening-at-trinity-college-queensland-registration-310843901477>

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – The AGM of the Congregation will be held following the morning service on Sunday 29th May, commencing at 10.30am. The annual report should be available on the 22nd for you to peruse before the meeting. This is an important meeting in the life of the church and we ask that as many as possible be in attendance.

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) and 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. It is highly recommended if interested in Pastoral Care.

And while on the subject of Pastoral Care – we are about to roll out a new model for PC locally. More next week! But should you get a phone call in the interim, please prayerfully consider your willingness to be involved!