

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Wednesday 8 June - 5.30pm Friday 10th June - 7.30am
Working Bee	Saturday 18th June – From 8am
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

5th June 2022



PENTECOST SUNDAY
Happy Birthday Church!



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 2:1-21 Ps 104:24- Rom 8:14-17 Jn 14:8-17, (25-27)

Sunday 12th June 2022

9.00am	-	Mr Jesse Caulfield (VOM)
6.30pm	-	Mr Jesse Caulfield (Live Streamed)

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." George Bernard Shaw

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



RAISING THE BAR!

When I saw a guy alone leaning against a wooden crate for stability when all around me were men chatting, sipping coffee or cold soft drinks, in small clusters of friends and like-minded acquaintances, I felt the tug of the Spirit to go and talk with him. Truthfully, I didn't really want to go, but the prompting became strong. I argued with myself for a time. Do I have to? Surely someone else can befriend him? I'm not sure what to say and besides, I probably won't see him again so why bother? Nevertheless, deep down, despite my uneasiness, I knew what I had to do! It was like I needed to 'raise the bar' – to go – to be obedient. Here was an opportunity to put into practice what I had learnt from years of being a 'Christian'. The next 20 minutes or so was gut wrenching yet powerful and exciting all at once! There was a deep connection and some intimate sharing. He was in a bad space and the future looked grim! We shared about Jesus and His love. He thanked me, we prayed, and we parted company. Some time later I heard that this same guy had given his heart to Jesus, and approaching his future with a different focus.

Today we celebrate the birthday of the Christian church – the coming of the Holy Spirit – Pentecost! And we are told what happened when he came – like Peter became inspired and preached and there were conversion experiences everywhere (Acts 2:14-41). Peter had received an anointing that his Master had told him (and the other disciples) to wait for. Now received, his ministry started with a presence and power that was invitational, intimate, intentional and an identity changer (notice the 4 words!). Folks – the bar had been raised! We today have received this same gift - the Holy Spirit – and it is the Spirit who raises the bar for each one of us. I pray that we may be a church who believes in, and lives out, Pentecostal presence and power and as a result is prepared to raise the bar in our discipleship!

Shalom - Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◆ For the new Chaplain at Oxley State School (John)
- ◆ For the provision of Chaplaincy to resume at Corinda SHS.
- ◆ For relationships between The Pacific Islands, China, Australia and NZ.
- ◆ For the continuing tension in the Ukraine.
- ◆ For the new parliament and Cabinet Ministers.

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE – Claire Moore - On behalf of Stan and the family, thank you to all who came to Claire's celebration last Wednesday. It was a wonderful time of heart-felt memories, of sadness but also joy. We continue to pray for Stan, Iain and Graham and all the extended family.

Betty Smallbone - We also send our prayers and heart-felt condolences to Rev Ian Smallbone and Glenys as they grieve the loss of Ian's mum – Betty – who went to be her Lord last Thursday 26th May. Her celebration of life was yesterday in Toowoomba.

COVID-19 — Diligence still needed.

Any questions at all, please contact Annette Coupland.

TREASURER – Could this be a role for you? We need to fill this vacancy! If you are interested or know of anyone who may be – please contact Dave!

WORKING BEE - We have postponed the date. Initially it was to be yesterday – but owing to a number of factors the decision was made to postpone our coming together for this purpose until Saturday 18th June. Still from 8am! To clean up the church grounds and clean out cupboards etc, particularly the music / kids / banner / junk room. **Sat 18th June from 8am. BYO hat and tools!**

VOM – We welcome Jesse Caulfield to share with us next week. Jesse is the Regional Relationship Manager for Voice of the Martyrs (VOM). Voice of the Martyrs exists to serve the persecuted church with practical and spiritual assistance and to lead Christians in the free world into fellowship with persecuted believers. Voice of the Martyrs Australia has been serving persecuted Christians since 1969. Our ministry is inspired by Hebrews 13:3, "Remember the prisoners as if chained with them — those who are mistreated — since you yourselves are in the body also." (NKJV)

FINANCIAL UPDATE - The Church's profit/loss for April is \$3,080.36 Gain. The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$123.96 Gain. Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Assistant Treasurer Graham Coupland Ph 0409 687 046.