EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Wednesday 22nd June - 5.00 pm
	Friday 24th June - 7.30 am
NAIDOC Week	Commences Sunday 2 July!
Uniting Church Birthday	45 years – 22nd June

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	Ist, 3rd & 5th 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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Notices for the Oxley Oracle - deadline midday Thursdays
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THE OXLEY ORACLE

19th June 2022

Prayer times: Wednesdays 5.00pm

Fridays 7.30am

Venue for both - Downstairs Hall

Oxley UNITING 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	1 Kgs 19:1-4, (5-7) 8 –15a Ps 42 and 43 Gal 3:23-29 Lk 8:26-39

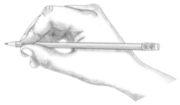
Sunday 26th June

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Being content doesn't mean everything's perfect; it just means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections." Unknown.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



WHEN WORDS AREN'T ENOUGH….

Those who know me well will know that there's a few things in life I treasure. One of those is no 'thing' – rather it is another living creature – commonly referred to as a dog. I have grown up with dogs. I remember as a young kid we had Lassie! Yep a pure bred Collie that looked exactly like the Lassie on TV back in those days for all of you mature folk who will remember that show? Over the years I have had fun and comradeship with and from Corgis, Lhaso Apsos, Basenjis, German Shepherds, Jack Russell's, and now a Cavoodle. Mum and I bred German Shepherds so I guess I really did become quite affectionate with that breed. And Jedda (although bought by Dad) became mine. A pure bred Shepherd – as it turned out by name and nature!

Have you ever been caught in a rip? If you have you'll know how desperate the situation often becomes very quickly. I was enjoying the surf as I normally do, and I got caught and started to be swept out. Now this was back in 1975 – a few sleeps ago? I recall starting to panic – would I survive this? Was this going to be the end? I cried out to God – at that stage of my life not even being sure he would hear me – but I was out of other options. Pause. Jedda loved the beach and the water and most times when I / we went swimming she would come – sometimes frolic on the shoreline – most times sit on the beach and watch. The next thing I remember about that ordeal is Jedda circling me – swimming strongly – I grabbed her tail and she literally pulled me clear of the rip. True story! Words failed me then and even as I write this all these years later, they still fail me. Other then – thank you Lord!

God hears the cries of his people. His answers may not always come in the way we expect or even want, but we can be assured that even in the middle of our darkest times when things don't look good and the future is far from clear, He is there. "Then, He bent down and listened to my cry. He stooped down to lift me out of danger from the desolate pit I was in; out of the muddy mess I had fallen into" (Psalm 40: 1). Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◊ For the family of Bill Curnow following his passing from this life last week
- ◊ For those struggling with illness or accident & the medical staff who attend them
- ◊ For the angst being caused by rising costs in daily living .
- ◊ For the ministry of Voice of the Martyrs!
- ◊ For our local community!

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

WORKING BEE – A huge thank you to all who helped yesterday with our clean up!

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!

GARDEN LOVERS CLUB - Meeting this**Thursday 23 June at 9.30 am** in the Oxley UC Hall.

Guest Speaker is Professor Richard Drew, a world authority on fruit fly control. Richard will focus on control of pests in backyard fruit trees and other garden plants, with special emphasis on damage caused by fruit flies in our gardens. All Church worshippers and Club Members are invited.

CAPACITY & DESIRE? – As alluded to last week we have had to purchase a new laptop for the back desk and a new data projector as the one we have been using for a number of years above your heads has passed its time with us! CLT are reviewing options re the latter with the former already purchased. The costs associated with these purchases are not budgeted yet we all know that they are essential technology items critical to our ongoing life together! Anticipated costs for both is between $5,000 and $5,500 and could be a little higher depending on software! Can you help defray these unbudgeted costs? Have you the capacity and desire? Any amount will be a blessing! Thank you in anticipation of your generosity!

EMMAUS / CHRYSALIS–Do you know anyone who would value an incredible moving experience of spending 3 days with God, unpacking His love and grace with like-minded people. The next Emmaus walks (men and women) are scheduled for the weekend of 22nd – 25th September while Chrysalis – for our younger folk – their flights take off on 22nd – 24th July. Let's be at prayer for these opportunities for spiritual growth!

FINANCIAL UPDATE - The Church's profit/loss for May was $424.96 Gain.
The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is $548.92 Gain.
Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Assistant Treasurer Graham Coupland Ph 0409 687 046.