EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Wednesday 29th June	5.00 pm
	Friday 1st July	7.30 am
NAIDOC Week	Commences Sunday 3 July!	

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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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	2 Kgs 2 :1-2, 6-14 Ps 77:1-2,11-20 Gal 5:1, 13-25 Lk 9:51-62

Sunday 3rd July

9.00am	-	Rev David Fender (Live Streamed)
6.30pm	-	Rev David Fender

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

""Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money, power, and influence."
Henry Chester

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

It's one of those great one liners! So much so that we've probably all said it, or at least thought it, several times over the years. Often it's in a sales conversation! Personally I have sold vacuum cleaners, encyclopedias, insurance and superannuation and in every endeavour I have heard someone ask – after my impressive (to me anyway) sales pitch – so what's in it for me? What am I going to get out of it if I spend all this money? And if the truth be known, I have asked the same question of salespersons attempting to sell me stuff. And generally if they can convince me that I am better off by buying their brand or their service then I am more inclined to listen and perhaps even buy. And I doubt I'm alone! Still, it's not only in sales! How often have I / we been confronted with this same question when asking someone to take on a role or do something? I wonder what sort of world we may be living in if instead of resorting to 'me', we focused on 'you' or perhaps just said yes or no! I was sharing my superannuation pitch to the Chairman of a major Brisbane based national company! This was a big deal for me if I could only clinch it. After nearly 3 hours of discussion and questions he agreed to secure 'my' services to provide superannuation for his entire company. My target for the month was met. About a month or so later I discovered that this same guy already had super for his staff and it was doing nicely – he didn't need to change funds - he agreed to do so not for what he was going to get out of it but for what he knew I would get out of it. I have never forgotten that lesson.

Jesus after having a great time sharing with people, feeding them, healing them, seeing more and more come to follow him, knowing His earthly time was drawing near, heads for Jerusalem – the city – where he knew there would be disaster awaiting for him. Why not stay there? Some were turned off by this crazy decision – the disciples didn't understand (Luke 9: 51-62)! There was nothing in it for Jesus to go there except disaster and death! But he had a higher calling! And He reminds us that if we want to be His – in His Kingdom – its not about us, our family, our roots, our heritage – it's all about Jesus and His higher calling! Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

For the family of Bob Irwin who died last Monday, and for Bill Curnow's family!
For the ministry of ALPHA!
For our mission and ministry to and with our local community.
For the loss of life following the earthquake in Afghanistan.

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

TREASURER – Still Vacant—are you sure this could not be you??

CLT NEWS! CLT met on Thursday evening 16th June, and it was a full agenda! Here are some of the key highlights:
Shift m2M has been very much at the forefront of much of CLT's ponderings since we engaged Rob Duncan to assist us in proceeding with this discipling process. Prayer is just one of the key ingredients of this process and indeed all we are and do! We have made some progress here with two Prayer groups now operational that anyone can join, a sms prayer chain, a facebook prayer group and an email prayer chain. We spoke about the possibility of becoming more intentionally focused on specific areas of prayer on a weekly or monthly basis. Stay tuned for more.
Agreement was given to investigate the possibility of a 'Family Weekend Away' later in October. This investigation has begun. More to come!
Data Projector – This has advanced since CLT met. As mentioned last week, we now have anew laptop and have as of Wednesday last week have ordered a new, very robust laser projector which should last several years. Thanks for your patience and for any contribution toward the cost if you are able..
ALPHA – Discussion re the possibility of hosting a ALPHA course later. It was agreed that CLT will meet with Skip Smith (one of their State representatives) via Zoom next Thursday evening to explore further.
Several reports were received and noted including some real positive reflections about our presence at the Oxley Community Festival on Sat 4th June.
Feel free to ask any CLT member about any of these matters or to raise any matter with CLT.

TRINITY INPUT – Trinity have a number of short courses over the next few weeks. Check out their website for information.

EMMAUS / CHRYSALIS–Don't forget the next Emmaus walks (men and women) - 22nd – 25th September while Chrysalis – for our younger folk – 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.