

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Friday 8th July - 7.30am Wednesday 6th July - 5.00pm
NAIDOC Week	Commences Sunday 3 July!
CLT	Thursday 21st 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	1st, 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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THE OXLEY ORACLE

3rd July 2022



Prayer times: Wednesdays 5.00pm
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 David Fender (Live Streamed)
Evening Service	6.30pm - Rev David Fender
Lectionary Readings	2 Kgs 5:1-14 Ps 30 Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16 Lk 10:1-11, 16-20

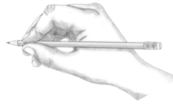
Sunday 10th July

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"It's not the problem that's the problem – it's the way you respond to the problem – that's the problem." Adopted from a one liner by Captain Jack Sparrow!

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



FREE TO BE!

I remember it all too well! We had been camping at one of the Education Qld outdoor sites not that far from here! It was late May and while the days were great and the sun abounded, the early mornings and evenings were bitterly cold. And out in tents it was even colder. The first and only time I went to sleep with my shoes on – literally! Now we had to hike into the place where we were stationed for the night and we had to hike back to base the next morning (about 5.5 klms each way). We had to carry our own back pack, our tent, sleeping bag or whatever, our food and utensils and clothes. Oh yeah and the most important for some – the roll of toilet paper - but sadly for the girls there was no power so the hair dryer had to stay behind! Gloria was one of the girls on my camp out night. And she appeared at the designated leaving station to begin our trek through the bush with her back pack and 3 plastic bags full of stuff – for one night. I and the other leaders all looked dumbstruck. My immediate thought was how much of the walk and the sights and the things to explore off the beaten track she would miss out on because she would be way too slow because of the extra baggage and be too tired or uninterested because of the extra energy spent on defending her stuff – both of which would surely happen! I knew her pretty well!

Maybe for reasons like that Jesus, when sending the 70 out to prepare the way for Him to come and minister (Luke 10), tells them what not to do as much as what to do. “You won’t need to take anything with you– trust in God alone. And don’t get distracted from my purpose by anyone you might meet along the way (verse 4 Passion). WOW! Gloria would not have liked that instruction! And if we’re honest most of us wouldn’t either. Jesus needed his ‘sent’ people to be focused or as I say – free to be! Free to be yourself with no encumbrances, no baggage, and no distractions. I wonder – do we come to worship free to be? Do we share our faith free to be? Do we enjoy community free to be! Free to be His 24/7!

Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For God’s presence, peace, & comfort for those dealing with loss.
- ◇ For our school students, teachers and staff whilst on holidays.
- ◇ For funds available to recommence chaplaincy at Corinda SHS for 4 days pw.
- ◇ For those countries experiencing devastation by natural disasters

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

DAVE AWAY – Just to advise that Dave is away this weekend staying with his parents for some of the weekend and then fulfilling duties in relation to NAIDOC week in Gympie starting with tribal reflections on Sunday and prayers over the raising of the flags on Monday morning. He will be also chairing the 91.5 fm Board meeting on Tuesday. Back Wed AM. Thanks to David Fender for sharing with us on Sunday.

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!

FLOOD AFFECTED FOLK - Change Futures has received Government funding to provide **free** psychology and counselling services for children, young people, adults and older adults across the community who have been impacted in any way through recent flood events. Individual and group services are available. This may not involve you but may be needed by someone you know – For more information ring 3153 1093 or email intake@changefutures.org.au (Flyer on the notice board)

MESSAGE SERIES – commencing next Sunday 10th July – Dave will be sharing a message series on the Fruit of the Spirit – see Galatians 5: 22/23. One fruit per week! I know Dave is excited about this and seeks our participation over these next 9 weeks.

EMMAUS / CHRYSALIS–Don’t forget the next Emmaus walks 22nd – 25th September and Chrysalis – 22nd – 24th July. Who should you be sponsoring to benefit from these weekends?

TRINITY INPUT – Trinity have a number of short courses coming up. Like Talking’ about my Generation – 21 July / Preaching & Worship – 6 August / Discerning God’s Leading – 9 August / Spiritual practices – 9 August. Costs vary. Check out Trinity’s website for information <https://www.trinity.qld.edu.au>

ALPHA – CLT met with Skip Smith last Thursday evening via Zoom re the possibilities of hosting Alpha. CLT will determine if we will embark on this evangelistic tool at its next meeting!

PRAYER – Let’s not forget our different prayer opportunities.