

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

<b>Prayer Hubs</b>	Friday 22nd July - 7.30am Wednesday 20th July - 5.00pm
<b>Chrysalis Flights</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> July! – Brookfield Centre
<b>Emmaus Walks</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> September – Brookfield Centre
<b>Talking About My Generation</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 7pm – 9
<b>CLT</b>	Thursday 28 July

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

<b>Coffee Chat &amp; Chew</b>	Every Thursday 9.30am Oxley Café
<b>Garden Lovers Club</b>	Fourth Thursday of each month - 9.30am Contact Harry Thompson.
<b>Social &amp; Craft Group</b>	1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays of each month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays) Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.
<b>Friday Night Youth</b>	Meeting Monthly this year! Contact Holly or Dave.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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# THE OXLEY ORACLE

17th 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

<b>Morning Service</b>	9.00am -	Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed)
<b>Evening Service</b>	6.30pm -	Rev Dave Thomas (Café Church)
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Am 8:1-12 Ps 52 Col 1:15-28 Lk 10: 38-42	

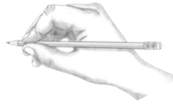
## Sunday 24th July

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

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Remember- nothing that is worthwhile is ever easy."  
Nicholas Sparks

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### GUTSY LOVE!

There are some stories that get to your inner most core. They bring out raw emotions and you find yourself asking questions like why and how? At least that was my experience when I read this story. And it made it even more confronting for me when I understood it to be true. It happened. Even as I type this, years after I first encountered its passion and confronting love – I ask myself: Could I do that?

Tom (not his real name) was a young Christian son, husband and first time father. He worked in the railway and was assigned to a country station in the outback of Northern America. There was a river near by and at the station was two sets of tracks – one the main line and the other a new line being built that took a different route into the city. The new line had not yet finished and came to a halt temporarily at the start of the river (awaiting equipment to build the bridge). Tom's son loved to run up the middle of the new tracks – sometimes all the way to the river and then come back. On this fateful day, his son had left much earlier but because his Dad was working on the new tracks, this time he took the main tracks. Tom came home for Morning tea and quickly realized after chatting to his wife where their son was. Tom looked at the train schedule and knew that in about 3 minutes the weekly passenger train would be steaming its way through. It didn't stop at their siding! Tom starts running up the tracks but his son had too much head start. He had about a minute! Only two options – he could run back and switch the tracks so the train took the new line and thereby save his son but likely send over 300 passengers to their death as they crashed into the river some 300 feet below when the tracks stopped – or allow the train to keep going – save the passengers and lose his son. He watched in desperation as he gave up his son for the life of the many!

Gutsy love! What really is love? The love that we read about in Scripture? Love God and love your neighbour as you love yourself – the great commandment! Do we really get it? Paul says that after all the gifts, "three remain: faith, hope, and love (1 Cor. 13: 10) but the greatest is love". What about those who annoy us? Anger us? Love? Really?

### **Praise and Prayer!**

For the Chrysalis team and participants as they engage with God's love and grace next weekend.

For 'Abitar' – healing of body, mind and spirit following a car accident and likely loss of leg.  
For all impacted by the floods in NSW and all experiencing devastation by natural disasters.  
For our young people (youth group and their leaders – our own church youth & our schools).

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

**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – PART 2** – This week we look at Love! Love as the fruit!  
Love as .... Would 'love' you to finish the phrase?

**FAMILY WEEKEND AWAY! – DATE CLAIMER:** We missed the family camp this year for a few reasons! Don't despair! Conversations are happening about a new look family weekend away – very different to the past experiences and open to extended family and friends who may like to join us. More of a missional discipleship theme with plenty of outdoor activities for all to enjoy – followed by the stories and ambience of the fire at night. Planned for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October on the banks of Moogerah Dam. Powered sites, unpowered sites, cabin accommodation. Yet to be formally approved by CLT but looking good. Stay tuned.

**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@changeutures.org.au](mailto:intake@changeutures.org.au) (Flyer on the notice board)

**EMMAUS / CHRYSALIS**—Chrysalis next weekend! Plenty of time to sponsor for Emmaus - next walks 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September.

**TRINITY INPUT** – Trinity Theological College 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>. A few of us are going into Auchenflower on 21<sup>st</sup> to be a part of the first of this series. It will cost you \$5.00 and you can register to be a part of the online community but so much better if you join us. I will need to know by tomorrow (18<sup>th</sup>) to ensure your place.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE - PROFIT/LOSS:**

The Church's profit/loss for June is \$1,896.36 Gain.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$2,445.28 Gain.

Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Assistant Treasurer Graham Coupland Ph 0409 687 046.