

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

<b>Prayer Hubs</b>	Friday 29th July - 7.30am Wednesday 27th July - 5.00pm
<b>Chrysalis Flights</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> July! – Brookfield Centre
<b>Grant Writing Webinar</b>	29th August
<b>Emmaus Walks</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> September – Brookfield Centre
<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

24th 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
<b>Evening Service</b>	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed)
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Hos 1:2-10 Ps 85 Col 2:6-15 (16-19) Lk 11:1-13

## Sunday 31st July

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

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"It's much more important to know what sort of a person has a problem than what sort of problem a person has". William Osler

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### JOY JAUNT!

It's no secret that Joy is most often referred to at Christmas time. And it ought to be. Joy is one those special gifts that Jesus offers us in His coming as King and Lord of our life. Who can forget the angels as they shared with the shepherds out in the paddock about what was happening on that very night in Bethlehem? "I bring you Good News that will bring great Joy to all – the Saviour – who is Christ the Lord – the Messiah - has been born" (Luke 2: 10). Yet, like love and peace, it is also a part of the fruit of the Spirit – indeed it is the second of the nine recorded in Galatians. And I think for good reason! Surely joy for the Christian is beyond the Shepherd's story, as powerful as that encounter was! After all, Jesus had come, grown up, lived, taught, healed, died, raised, and ascended when Paul writes to the Churches in Galatia.

A young student graduates from Harvard University with honours and is offered a scholarship to continue study. He declines and instead goes to the poverty stricken, disease riddled, tribes of Central Africa to 'make a difference'. His parents and family consider him crazy yet his passion and commitment to God never waned. He wrote in his journal – no retreat! He contracted a debilitating disease after only 2 years but continued to witness and serve the tribal people he connected with. In letters to and from home – his parents pleaded with him to return to them in middle class America. And while he thought about it, he didn't for much was the need where he was. He wrote – no reserve! After a while he grew weaker and eventually succumbed to the disease and died a relatively young man. His parents flew his body home along with all his personal belongings. In his journal they found those words but with a third added the day he died – no regret! No Retreat / No Reserve / No Regret. Despite the trials and persecution, he endured, he lived and died in joy. Joy unspeakable. Joy inexpressible.

Joy is a term, I suspect, is often misunderstood and at times even misrepresented. It is far greater than happiness. Do you and I live in JOY? Do we live the fruit?

### **Praise and Prayer!**

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

For 'Abitar' – for good medical reports thus far.

For our young people (youth group and their leaders – our own church youth & our schools).

For the ministry of Uniting Care and Wesley Mission.

**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 3**– This week we look at Joy! Joy is for me / for us ?????

**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** – Cases continue to climb! Diligence still needed. Masks are highly recommended in indoor settings! 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!

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

**TRINITY UNPLUGGED** – Trinity Theological College have a number of short courses coming up. Like 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>.

**GRANT WRITING WEBINAR** – Interested in helping your church community seek and potentially obtain grant funding for specific projects and or ongoing mission? Dave will be joining a webinar hosted by the Synod on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August. More details to come. See Dave if interested in joining. No cost.

### **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.