

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

<b>Prayer Hubs</b>	Friday 5th August - 7.30am Wednesday 3rd August - 5.00pm
<b>Resources Meeting</b>	Thursday 11th August - 7pm
<b>Grant Writing Webinar</b>	29th August
<b>Emmaus Walks</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> September – Brookfield Centre

## 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

31st July 2022



Fruit of the Spirit Series

Today - Week 4 - PEACE!



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
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Hos 11:1-11 Ps 107: 1-9, 43 Col 3:1-11 Lk 12:13-21	

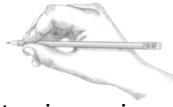
## Sunday 7th August

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

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Doing life with people is not ordering them to do things; no, I don't believe in that. You have to, sort of, grab an oar and row with them." Harold Geneen

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### PEACE PERSONIFIED!

Peace Peace! Please! This was the cry of the one who was the first to give up in our 'brotherly' duels as kids. Whether it was my actual brother or friends from the church or neighbourhood, one of the things we did was to scrap with each other, and I have to say at times it became quite physical and probably a bit too serious. I remember coming home from those encounters – all in the name of mateship and fun – battered and bruised on more than one occasion. Nonetheless, when you got to the stage that you could do no more and were needing to concede defeat, the fists would thump the ground and the cry would go out – peace peace! And if your foe was kind and considerate, he would release his grip on you, and we'd all go and have a drink. I always thought that yelling out peace was appropriate as surely peace was the absence of fighting – or we may say war or perhaps conflict! I have learnt that the peace that Paul talks about is much more than the absence of conflict although that may well be a part of it. Indeed, we are born at war. At birth, our sinful nature has already declared war on God and His truth. Our heart's desire is to be separated from Him, and if we persist in this desire until death, He will give us what we want. But God's methods of warfare are not what we expected. Instead of a battle, He sent us the Prince of Peace ([Isaiah 9:6](#)). Jesus's goal in coming to earth was more than simply to cease conflict; He came to bring about a full and abiding relationship of reconciliation and renewal. And Jesus paid the ultimate price that we may find His peace. Yet, in order to find it and live in it, we need to submit our wills to God's leading and our actions to God's Word, knowing that we can only do so much - the actual results are up to Him. Only God can create peace through the work of the Holy Spirit - peace of a harmonious relationship with God.

If we are Spirit-filled, we have a peace that is abundant, available in every situation, and unlike anything that the world has to offer ([John 14:27](#)). The alternative to being filled with the Spirit and His peace is to be filled with alarm, filled with doubt, filled with foreboding, or filled with dread. How much better to let the Spirit have control and perform His work of growing fruit to the glory of God! Shalom - Dave

### **Praise and Prayer!**

For the continual healing of 'Abitar'.

For Greg and his healing after heart related surgery!

For CLT and its responsibilities – for raising up of new leaders!

For the world that it may know Peace!

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**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – PART 4**– This week we look at Peace! How might you finish the sentence: Peace is.....

**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. Now approved by CLT. More info including registration forms etc coming....

**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** 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.

**CLT** – Met last Thursday evening. Highlights next week! Stay tuned!