

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Friday 12th August - 7.30am Wednesday 10th August - 5.00pm
Resources Meeting	Thursday 11 th August - 7pm
Grant Writing Webinar	29th August
SU Sports Camp	27 th – 29 th September – Riverlife Church
Emmaus Walks	22 nd – 25 th September – Brookfield Centre

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

7th August 2022



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
WEEK 5 - PATIENCE



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 (Live Streamed)
Evening Service	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas
Lectionary Readings	Is 1:1, 10-20 Ps 50:1-8, 22-23 Heb 11:1-3, 8-16 Lk 12:32-40

Sunday 14th August

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." Helen Keller

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



PERMEATE PATIENCE !

Brian, when I first met him, was a relatively young vivacious English surveyor who had come out from his mother country and for some unexplainable reason settled in Sarina, got a job with Main Roads and lived in a small, poky, lined shipping container. And as I was to discover a solid Christian who connected through what he did more than what he said. Brian was a pain at least to start with. He just found a way to annoy me! He came to church (Dad was the minister) and would sit beside me most Sundays (always the back row). He'd come with this huge bible under his arm and insisted on showing me stuff when I wasn't that interested. I tried hard to ignore him and even tried to get others to ignore him. As I look back now, I am embarrassed! I was so rude to him! Yet, he was so patient with me! He exemplified, I believe, what this 'patience' fruit is all about! He suffered much emotionally, and may be even spiritually, at my expense, yet he never showed anything but care, support and a deep belief in me that I never had! No matter what I said to him (and some of it was not that nice) he would simply look at me and say "ah huh". Seldom agreeing or disagreeing – just affirming my presence! He permeated patience! According to the dictionary, permeate means to penetrate, pass through, and often become widespread throughout something! And this was Brian's presence! It was like an aroma that filled the space he occupied. He never got cranky, angry or even upset (that I could tell) –yet I'm sure he must have felt frustrated at times! Nevertheless, he taught me (eventually) lots about me, my attitude, my lack, and my need! He was one who was very instrumental in me sitting on the cement floor of the church Bell Tower and surrendering my life to Jesus!

The psalmist says, "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way..." (Psalm 37:7). Brian lived this for me and we are called as His followers to live it for others. To live in patience is to suffer for the spiritual welfare of a brother or sister, to count it as a pleasure, and to move with the Spirit and His timing – not yours or theirs! Shalom - Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For those who suffer from Domestic Violence!
- ◇ For continued healing for Renata following medical complications.
- ◇ For a Chaplain to be appointed to Oxley State School!
- ◇ For the Resources Committee and its responsibilities!

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 5– This week we look at Patience! How are we with accepting God's timing?

FAMILY WEEKEND AWAY! – Friday 28th October – Sunday 30th October.
Make sure you keep this weekend free. More information coming soon.

COVID-19 – Cases continue to climb! Diligence still needed. Masks are highly recommended in indoor settings! Any questions at all please contact Annette Coupland.

EMMAUS Plenty of time to sponsor for Emmaus - next walks 22nd – 25th September.

TRINITY UNPLUGGED– Have you registered? TrinityTheological 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 29th August. More details to come. See Dave if interested in joining. No cost.

SU CAMP – It's a sports camp! 3 days (no overnights) 27TH – 29TH September. Based at Riverlife Church. Just \$40 all up! High Schoolers! Please let it be known to any you know. Dave will be there to help as one of the leaders.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – We will be putting together the shoeboxes again this year and as per past years encourage you to assist in filling them with appropriate articles. Jan Thompson is facilitating this and more will be coming shortly!

ALPHA – CLT agreed that we will run a shorter 4 week version of Alpha in November this year for the congregation so that all can get to see what it is and how it works – in readiness for the launch of the full programme early next year. Please let Dave or any CLT member of your interest in being involved!