

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Friday 19th August - 7.30 am Wednesday 17th August - 5.00 pm
Resources Meeting	Tuesday 16th August - 7pm
Communion at St Vincents	22nd August — 9.30 am
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

14th August 2022



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

WEEK 6 - KINDNESS



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
Evening Service	6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed)
Lectionary Readings	Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:1-2, 8-19 Heb 11:29-12:2 Lk 12:49-56

Sunday 21st August

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"The best index to a person's character is how they treat people who can't do them any good, and how they treat people who can't fight back". Abigail Van Buren

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



KINGDOM KINDNESS!

Denzel Washington, well known actor and perhaps less known Christian, in a speech to a graduating class of University students from the University of Pennsylvania closed his comments with the words, “remember as you leave here don’t just make a living – make a difference.” Dave Andrews in his book, ‘Plan Be’ says to “be the change you want see in the world.” And in what we believe to be the final TV interview with world renowned Olivia Newton-John prior to her death this week she says in response to the question – what do you want to be remembered for? – simply responds “Oh, I think for the difference I have made in the lives of those struggling with Cancer.” Three statements in three very different settings at different times with different people with different backgrounds and for different reasons all say something almost identical. Life is about the difference you can make for others! Of course, there is nothing new in these statements for the Christian. Jesus also reminds his sheep – those on his right – “when you cared for one of the least important of these my little ones, my true brothers and sisters, you demonstrated love for me (Matthew 25:40). Kindness and love are inextricably linked. If we love, as Christ loves, we have no option than to actively engage His children with kindness – that is, we have to be as He was and do as He did, empowered by His Spirit. We have to make a difference in the lives of others and perhaps the greatest way to show our love is to offer Kingdom kindness! As the hymn says,

In loving kindness Jesus came, my soul in mercy to reclaim, and from the depths of sin and shame, His grace, He lifted me.

Are we intent on making a difference in this world, in this community, to our neighbour? Let’s be people with kingdom kindness – ready to be given away to anyone that they may become someone!
Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

For the new Pastoral Care model being rolled out soon and the ‘buddys’!

For the new ministry begging at St Vincent’s Aged Care facility.

For the Emmaus teams as they continue their training.

For the ministry of Scripture Union Australia – specifically within our area.

For Rev Garry Jennings and his family as they begin ministry in Sherwood from 3 Sept.

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 6– This week we look at Kindness! Are we passionate about our compassion for others? Are we active or passive about helping others? Do we demonstrate kindness in how we live?

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.

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 information 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 know of your interest in being involved!

ST VINCENTS AGED CARE FACILITY – We have been asked to attend at their Corinda home once a month to offer Communion to the Uniting Church residents and any others who may wish to join. This ministry – an extension of who we are – begins at 9.30am on Monday 22 August. Dave will be attending along with musos from time to time. Your prayers would be valued.