

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Friday 9th September - 7.30 am Wednesday 7th September - 5.00 pm
St Vincent's	Monday 19th September - 9.30am
Emmaus Walks	22 nd – 25 th September – Brookfield Centre
Family Weekend Away	28 th – 30 th October – Lake Moogerah

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. Contact Holly or Dave.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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THE OXLEY ORACLE

4th September 2022



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - WEEK 9

GENTLENESS

FATHER'S DAY!



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	Jer 18:1-11 Ps 139:1-6, 13-18 Phlm 1-21 Lk 14:25-33	

Sunday 11th September

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

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



GALLANT GENTLENESS!

Do these words go together? Your first thought may well be – no! Why? Because you might know that ‘gallant’ typically means splendid, spirited, easily noticed, and often glamorous. Indeed, one dictionary defines it as audacious, courageous, valiant, or valorous. The same dictionary defines gentle as careful, kind, mild, or tender-hearted. Gentleness is often held as being soft, a bit wishy-washy, perhaps even bordering on weakness. Remember the Sunday school song: Gentle Jesus, meek and mild look upon a little child.....? Written by Charles Wesley in the 1700’s but one that I recall hearing and singing as a very young Sunday School kid. The second verse says: *Lamb of God, I look to Thee; Thou shalt my example be: Thou art gentle, meek and mild; Thou wast once a little child.* This song had a huge bearing on my early school age theology. Rightly or wrongly, I grew up thinking to be like Jesus was to be ‘gentle’ like a baby or at best a small toddler – in other words weak, fully dependant, who was better to be seen than heard! Back then I certainly would have answered ‘no’ to the question above!

However, the more I read the Scriptures and met strong God-fearing men and women the more I began to change my early understanding. Gentleness, as Jesus depicts, is strong, bold, unwavering and an attribute worthy for all of us who choose to follow Him. We need look no further than the Cross! Jesus, after a week of hellish torment, is nailed to a wooden cross and death was imminent. One of the last sentences He gasps is: “Father forgive them, for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34). Here is Jesus –so close to death – pleading with God to forgive the very people who were responsible for Him being where He was! That’s gentleness! Desiring to help another even if they have done wrong! There is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus and are called according to His purposes (Romans 8:1). We’re not condemned, and neither should we condemn any other. Our call is to be forgiving, leading people toward Jesus strongly, firmly, unapologetically, gently!

Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

For ALPHA – as it is hosted across the congregation in November.
For the Emmaus team as they continue their training and the walks this month.
For the birth of Micah Bradley Reynoldson – son to Luke and Jo!
For all our Dad’s, remembering also those who struggle on this day!
For the rain in parts of Western and Central Qld.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – PART 9– This week we look at Gentleness! How do we understand the nature of being gentle as we live life? Can we be too gentle? Are we gentle enough?

FATHER’S DAY - Happy Father’s Day! We celebrate with all our Dad’s today and thank God for all you bring to our midst. We walk with, and pray for, all those for whom today brings pain or hurt, agony or anger. May each one know and live in the arms of our Heavenly Father who loves and embraces all!

FAMILY WEEKEND AWAY! – Friday 28th October – Sunday 30th October. Lake Moogerah. \$60 per person for the entire weekend. \$20 for the day. Registration forms out now. Lets not wait till the last minute – let’s commit now!

COVID-19 – National Cabinet have reduced the self-isolation from 7 to 5 days for non symptomatic Covid positive cases from 9th September. This does not mean we are any less diligent in our personal cleanliness, distancing and wearing masks if appropriate. Any questions at all please contact Annette Coupland.

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Boxes available. We have until October to fill them and return them. This incredible ministry is worthy of our investment in time and money. Can we do more than last year? Why not? Jan Thompson will be around to chat with if you have any questions.

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 program early next year. This will happen each Sunday evening during November from 5 – 7pm and will include food!

Tithes and Offerings by Bank Transfer: CBA — BSB: 064 011 Acc: 10032190

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Thank you.