

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Wednesday 14th Sept. - 5.00 pm Friday 16th Sept. - 7.30 am
Barnabas Service	Sunday 18 th September – 9am
Emmaus Walks	22 nd – 25 th September – Brookfield Centre
Family Weekend Away	28 th – 30 th October – Lake Moogerah
Carols Under the Stars	Sunday 18 th December

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

11th September 2022



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - WEEK 10
SELF-CONTROL



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	Jer. 4:11-12, 22-28 Ps 14 1 Tim 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-10

Sunday 18th September

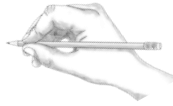
9.00am	-	Rev Andrew Gunton—Moderator (Live Streamed)
6.30pm	-	Rev Dave Thomas

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength!"

Corrie Ten Boom

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



SOUND SELF-CONTROL!

To have it – give it! Now on first glance you may consider that to be an oxy-moron. Still. When we understand that which Jesus calls us to be and do, we begin to appreciate that that is exactly what he wants us to continually action within our lives. After all did not Jesus say that: “For whosoever *will save his life shall lose it*; but whosoever *shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it*” (Matthew 16:25). Perhaps one might argue that losing is different from giving - but if you give something away you no longer have it. The biblical understanding of self-control is a little like that! That is to say – the best way to control oneself is to give away control to Jesus such that one is guided by what Jesus would say or do in any given situation. Easy huh! Not really. Not if you're human anyway! It's the last of the nine fruit flavours and maybe the reason it's the last one is because it's the hardest – or perhaps it's because if we manage the last the other eight become easier??? Regardless, in the words of David Mathis, “self-control is at the height of Christian virtue in a fallen world, and its exercise is quite simply one of the most difficult things you can ever learn to do. *Self-control* — our hyphenated English is frank and functional. There's no cloak of imagery or euphemistic pretense. No punches pulled, no poetic twist, no endearing irony. Self-control is simply that important, impressive, and nearly impossible practice of learning to maintain control of the beast of one's own sinful passions. It means remaining master of your own domain not only in the hunky-dory, but also when faced with trial or temptation.”

I am a doer. I like to get things done with no mucking about – I've already confessed that when we shared about patience a few weeks ago – red tape is not my best friend to put it bluntly. And probably because of that built in persona – I struggle at times to say no! And I know I'm not alone. Nevertheless, I think I'm better than what I was! You see self-control is in its simplest is being able to say 'no' or 'yes' when you know it's right to do so! It may well be the epitome of “easier said than done.” Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

For ALPHA – as it is hosted across the congregation in November.

For the Emmaus walks later this month.

For Alison Rattray – currently in Ukraine – her safety and ministry!

For the ministry of Samaritans Purse through 'Operation Christmas Child'!

For CLT as it meets on Tuesday Night.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – PART 10 – Our last flavour is self-control! Are we leaving the hardest to last? How well controlled are we? Both in the good and not so good times?

FAMILY WEEKEND AWAY! – Friday 28th October – Sunday 30th October. \$60 per person for the entire weekend or \$20.00. for the day. Registration forms out now. Let's not wait till the last minute – let's commit now!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Did you know that in 2021 over 10.5 Million shoeboxes were distributed worldwide? Did you know that over 38,000 of them were from Queensland, which includes those we packed and sent away? Did you know that from Australia and New Zealand shoeboxes were sent mostly to Madagascar, Cambodia, Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea? Did you know that through this ministry there were over 2 million decisions for Christ? What a privilege to be a part of such an amazing ministry. Boxes available. We have until 14 October to fill them and return them. Can we do more than last year? Of course we can!

ALPHA – Being hosted over the 4 Sundays in November from 5 - 7pm for the congregation. Food and Drink included!

CAROLS UNDER THE STARS – Save the date – **Sunday 18th December**. More details coming over the coming weeks.

BARNABAS – Next Sunday morning we will be hosting the Moderator, several Synod people, folk from Barnabas House and their carers, as well as those who have been a part of the Barnabas story here at Oxley for many years. Rev Andrew Gunton will be preaching and sharing in a special service to say thank -you and recognize the contribution of many over the years. A special morning tea will be provided and I encourage you to come and help celebrate.

ST VINCENTS AGED CARE – Our next Communion service is scheduled for Monday 19th September at 9.30am. From October onwards – it will be the fourth Monday of each month except December.

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