

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

<b>Prayer Hubs</b>	Wed 5pm in recess / Fri 7.30am. continues
<b>Family Weekend Away</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Lake Moogerah
<b>Remembrance Day</b>	Sinnamon Village - 11 Nov. - 10.30am!
<b>Congregation Meeting</b>	Sunday 20 November – 10.30am
<b>Family Social Event</b>	Saturday 26 November
<b>Carols Under the Stars</b>	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

<b>Coffee Chat &amp; Chew</b>	In Recess until 20th October.
<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. Contact Holly or Dave.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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# THE OXLEY ORACLE

2nd October 2022



Oxley Oracle in recess until

Sunday 23rd October!

Thanks for your understanding!



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>	Lam 1:1-6	Lam 3:19-26 / Psalm 137 2 Tim 1:1-14 Lk 17:5-10

## Sundays 9th & 16th October

<b>9th</b>	9.00am - Mr. Harry Thompson / 6.30pm - Rev Glen Schweitzer (Streamed)
<b>16th</b>	9.00am - Mrs. Gayle Rankin / 6.30pm - Mrs. Gayle Rankin

## QUOTE FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS

"It takes confident humility to admit that we're a work in progress. It shows that we care more about improving ourselves than proving ourselves." - Adam M. Grant

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### EXTRAORDINARILY ORDINARY!

Piper has just turned 6. I have the honour and privilege of knowing her Mum and Dad as well as her 3 other siblings. Piper is number 3 of the four kids, and the first girl. I guess if I was brutally honest, even though I have a soft spot for all of them (I have a picture of No 2 (Elliott) on my knee at an outdoor event) it's Piper who grabbed my heart. I remember nursing her in the hospital literally hours after she was born (one of the real joys of being a Pastor). The family would come to church (rarely missed a Sunday) and as Mum and Dad were often both part of the worship team, the kids would often go to extended family members. Piper would, on reasonably regular occurrences, come and sit with me in the front row and would reach out, grab my hand and she would do her pirouettes and other moves with this big beaming smile. Mum assured me that she was not always that glamorous and smiley at home through the week - but that was my experience. At my final closing service at Gympie before heading south, I was on the stage - Piper had just sang a song with her Mum playing and at the end of it she came and jumped in my arms and cuddled in tight. I will always treasure that moment and will probably embarrass her when she is a lot older. So why share that with you today? Piper was, and is, in many ways an ordinary 6 year old - probably no different to many others of the same age. She loves Frozen, (the book, the movie and the stage show) adores her 'fantasies' gets grumpy at times, cries at times, shows off at times - we all know don't we? . Yet when I saw her spontaneity and curiosity - her capacity to be 'her' with no inhibitions and share herself with others (like me) she was at least in my mind extraordinarily ordinary. She reminds me of the call to discipleship (Luke 17) that Jesus demands of all of us. There's a cost to following Jesus and at times we may not understand or even get grumpy but He calls us to go beyond the ordinary and reveal Him in us - the extraordinary! He calls us to reach out and grab His hand and dance with Him - no fear or inhibition for His glory and our growth. We are to be extraordinarily ordinary!

Shalom Dave

### Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the family of David Scott whose life we celebrated last Wednesday
- ◇ For ALPHA – as it is hosted across the congregation in November.
- ◇ For the roll-out of the Pastoral Care model.
- ◇ For the Weekend Away in October.
- ◇ For the organization of, and volunteers for, Carols Under The Stars.
- ◇ For our Social evening and serving opportunities at Sinnamon Village.

**DAVE ON LEAVE** - Please note that Dave is on leave from tomorrow 3rd October to Monday 17th October inclusive. Accordingly this will be the last Oxley Oracle for 2 weeks resuming for Sunday 23rd October—Mission Sunday with Wesley Mission!

**CONGREGATION MEETING** – To be held on Sunday 20 November at 10.30am. This is the meeting that will elect persons to fill the two vacancies on CLT for at least the 2023 year. We would ask that you be at prayer over these next weeks as to who you discern may be skilled to join our Leadership Team. More information will come as we get closer to November!

**FAMILY WEEKEND AWAY!** – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Lake Moogerah. Prices have been set. \$60 per person for the entire weekend or for those who can only come for a day \$20.00. Registration forms out now. Let's not wait till the last minute – let's commit now!

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** – Have you got your shoe box? Time is running out. Only 2 weeks now to fill a box and return it to the church. It's a real joy and privilege to be a part of such an amazing ministry. 14 October deadline!

**ALPHA** – Please put your name on the list in the foyer if you are wanting to be a part of this congregation phase of ALPHA! We need you to become involved! I strongly endorse this and commend it to each one. You can email or text Dave if that is easier for you! Thank you in advance. Sunday evenings during November from 5 – 7pm! (No Evening Service)

**CAROLS UNDER THE STARS** – Save the date – **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. More details over the coming weeks. If you are keen to be involved, please let Sam Gunders or Dave know in what way? We will be looking for volunteers in a number of areas.

**LET'S GET SOCIAL!** – Instead of a men's breakfast and women's morning tea, we are encouraging all to come together for a meal and social relationship building – men and women. Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Mark your diary – more details soon!

**PASTORAL CARE** – Initial lists to be emailed out this week! Stay tuned! While this allocation has been prayed over and thought through carefully, it may be that some tweaking is still appropriate, and that's Ok.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** - We have been invited to a Remembrance Day service on Friday 11th November at Sinnamon Village - 10.30am for an 11am start. We are keen to establish a stronger link between us and this significant Wesley Mission aged care facility.

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