

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew	Thursdays! Oxley Café - from 9am.
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

23rd October 2022



MISSION SUNDAY

TODAY - WESLEY MISSION!



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 - Pastor Eric Woodrow
Evening Service	6.30pm - Dave & Eric (Streamed)
Lectionary Readings	Joel 2:23-32 Ps 65 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday 30th October

9.00am - John & Lisa Gunders
NO EVENING SERVICE - Family Camp!

QUOTE FOR THE NEXT WEEK

"There are far, far better things ahead than what we leave behind." C. C. Lewis

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



THAT NASTY BIG E WORD

Any guesses? I can tell you what it's not! It's not excitement, empathy, energised, exaggerated, extravagant, easy, or effervescent - but it is relational, relevant, and ought to be real. Give in? Let me answer it with a story - a true story. The Minister was asked to conduct a funeral. The specific instructions were something like - there is to be no music, no singing, no Bible stuff and no prayers. The person who had died was a professed atheist and hated religion in all its forms. The family being aware of that figured it would be best to keep God out of the service! The minister agreed to those terms. He conducted the funeral by the gravesite and was very careful about his choice of words. He concluded his final words with: "In closing and in lying to rest this friend of yours, I leave you this about my friend". He went on to declare all about his friend - Jesus - without the name being mentioned and with no real Christian talk. "if my friend were here with you in person right now he would want you to get to know him too I reckon - he's just that sort of guy. Real, genuine, down to earth, and what I like about him is that he accepts me as I am. Now that's a true friend. Shame you don't know him." That funeral culminated in the whole extended family of that 'atheist' coming to know Jesus and being involved in the life of the local church. And it happened because the Minister chose to be as one with his listeners, and found a way to be a witness to His Lord without breaking any commitments. I know its true because that Minister was my Dad! His story about his friend generated questions. And those questions generated curiosity and eventually a thirst for the same friend. So what's the nasty, big E word? EVANGELISM! I was chatting to a colleague during the week who expressed to me these words - "we don't do evangelism anymore, in fact we haven't for decades." And if our Church has a future at all - it needs to re-learn the basics of our heritage and find ways to share Christ's story even if it means being different. I pray we may be a church who is unafraid of sharing the good news of Jesus. That's the WHY to ALPHA that I hope many will experience next month. Our older folk - what a legacy? Our younger folk - what a lesson? Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the family of Rev Peter Taubner who died last Tuesday.
- ◇ For ALPHA – as it is hosted across the congregation in November.
- ◇ For the Weekend Away next weekend.
- ◇ For the organization of, and volunteers for, Carols Under The Stars.
- ◇ For the ministry of Wesley Mission particularly at Sinnamon Village.

MISSION SUNDAY - Every 5th Sunday normally will be Mission Sunday where will get to hear about various Christian organisations charged with specific 'mission' challenges and opportunities. It is today on this occasion because of the Camp next weekend. We welcome Eric Woodrow from Wesley Mission .

FAREWELL - Next Sunday is Nerida's last Sunday with us as she heads to take up Island (Bribie) residence and life. Nerida has been a real stalwart to the ministries of Oxley across the years and Nerida - you will be missed. Her hospitality skills along with her passion for and involvement in the Barnabas Community are standouts. We wish her all the best as she begins a new chapter in her journey with her Lord. Thank you Nerida and may God go with you always in all ways! Given the camp next weekend a special morning tea and tributes will follow the service today.

CONGREGATION MEETING – To be held on Sunday 20 November at 10.30am.

FAMILY WEEKEND AWAY! – Next weekend. Lake Moogerah. I hope to see as many as possible for at least a part of the weekend . NO EVENING SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Thank you to all who supported this cause this year. Your gifts be it items to fill boxes or money or both certainly make a difference.

ALPHA – Still time to add 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 18th December**. Venue - **Oxley State School Oval - their Hall if wet!**

LET'S GET SOCIAL! – Don't forget our planned social event - Sat. 26th Nov.

DAVE - Will be on Presbytery Retreat from Monday to Wednesday this week

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