

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Wed 5pm / Fri 7.30am
Remembrance Day	Sinnamon Village - 11 Nov. - 10.30am!
Manse Working Bee	Sat. 19 Nov. from 8am
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.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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THE OXLEY ORACLE

6th November 2022



ALPHA STARTS TONIGHT - 5PM
PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL INVOLVED!



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	NO SERVICE TONIGHT! - ALPHA!
Lectionary Readings	Hag 1:15b - 2:9 Ps 145:1-5, 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17 Lk 20:27-38

Next Sunday 13th November

9.00am - Rev Dave Thomas
ALPHA - 5PM START - NO SERVICE

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"We have to be continually jumping off cliffs and developing our wings on the way down."
Kurt Vonnegut

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



THE CALLING OF THE CALLED?

“God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. And it was for this He called you through our gospel that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” As Paul writes to the Thessalonians (2 Thess. 2: 13&14) he has no allusion that they have been called and called for a purpose. So too we have been called ! Called from a pre-occupation with self and the way of the world to the glory and splendour of God’s Kingdom. It doesn't stop there though. We all have a part to play as we live out this ‘called’ life. And that participation is our ‘calling’. As I asked a few last weekend at camp - what is your calling? What is it for which God has anointed you, equipped you, set you apart? Do you know? Are you living that calling? Like all of us I have asked myself this same question. Yes - I have been ‘called’ like you to serve Jesus - and for me that has meant leaving behind a degree of comfort and security in worldly pleasures to embrace ministry within the Church. But my calling I believe is to help bridge what seems to be an ever widening gap between church and the wider community. My calling is to share the gospel with those around us, to embrace our community, to be a presence and bring purpose to any who may listen. That’s not to say I forget everything and everyone else - but it does mean that my passion is for those not yet in the church family.

Allow me to share what I shared with the folk at Camp last Sunday morning! Whatever your calling is, I can assure you that to live it out will cost you in time, energy and probably money but it will also be one of the most contagious things you will ever do. Mary washed Jesus feet with costly oil and the fragrance filled to whole house (John 12) yet she was despised by some (cost). According to Mark’s account (Mark 14:9). her calling exercised in the pouring of expensive oil as a pre-cursor to Jesus’ burial “will be spoken of wherever the gospel is preached around the world” (contagious). Lets be people who discern and live our calling as called people!

Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For ALPHA – as it begins next week!
- ◇ For the organization of, and volunteers for, Carols Under The Stars.
- ◇ For the coming Advent season and its impact on us and our community.
- ◇ For Paris, Jai, Joel and Zac as they begin a new chapter in their journey!
- ◇ For increased opportunities to share the Gospel within our community.
- ◇ For those using our premises that they may sense the presence of God!

CONGREGATION MEETING – To be held on Sunday 20 November at 10.30am. We need as many of you there as possible. Elections will be held for CLT positions, a review of our finances and more.

FAMILY WEEKEND AWAY! – A relaxing time of walking, fishing, paddling, swimming, eating, chatting, singing, listening, and of course sleeping - well sort of! Thanks to the Greers and Hodgsons who took the lion share of organisation. As mentioned last week, of particular significance was the brief service of reaffirmation and confirmation of Paris, Jai, Joel and Zac. What a God moment!

ALPHA – Starts - week 1 tonight and for the next 4 Sunday evenings from 5pm - 7pm. No Evening Service during this time!

CAROLS UNDER THE STARS – Save the date – **Sunday 18th December**. Venue - Oxley State School Oval - their Hall if wet! Planning is under way more earnestly now. Please pray for good weather and the message of Christ to be heard and witnessed by all.

LET’S GET SOCIAL! – Don’t forget our planned social event - Sat. 26th Nov. An opportunity to come together (men and women) to have a god time. To laugh, to eat, to listen, to learn from each other. A barbeque dinner awaits those who come and there’s more. You don’t want to miss this!

GLS - GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT - Dave attended this for half a day yesterday and received some great leadership input. He will share bits and pieces over coming weeks!

OXLEY CAFÉ - DEDICATION - What a joy to be asked by Vivian - owner and manager of the Oxley Café - Dave’s third office - to dedicate her new premises to the glory of God. This happened yesterday. Why not pop in and say hi!

UNITING WORLD - A letter of thanks received from Uniting World for our giving of \$2,417 for the 3 last financial year. Certificate of Apprec. on foyer notice board. Well done Church!

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