

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Wed 5pm / Fri 7.30am
Family Social Event	This Saturday 26 November 5.30pm
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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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 - SU / Chaplains / Rev Dave Thomas
Evening Service	NO SERVICE TONIGHT! - ALPHA!
Lectionary Readings	Is 2:1-5 Ps 122 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:36-44

Next Sunday 4th December

9.00am - Rev Dave Thomas
5.00pm Rev Dave Thomas

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care." - Theodore Roosevelt

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



REVIEW OR RENEW!

I know! I have shared stories with you before about some of my travels from yesteryear! And if the truth be known I have probably shared something about my love / hate relationship with Dentists. Last Monday morning I found myself sitting in a Dentists chair for over 2 hours and I was less than amused - that is until it was all over. You see when I went for a review of all things teeth and a habitual clean about 3 weeks ago, I was informed that there was one tooth that needed to be drilled and crowned. OUCH! And if that wasn't enough, it was the second last one from the back. DOUBLE OUCH! Travelling to their surgery that morning was not pleasant. I felt like praying that prayer of Jesus (well half of it) in the Garden - Please Lord take this cup from me? I didn't and I turned up and eventually all was done . I remember the words of the Dentist before she started. "This morning we are going to make that tooth at the back like new again." Sometimes renewal is the only option following a review! Such was the case with that tooth. Out with the old filling and in with a crown - much stronger than any filling substance and will outlast it.

I couldn't help but ponder as I left - albeit with sore jaw - the similarities between that experience and our experience when we are confronted with Jesus' Light! Our life is reviewed and we realise that there is junk there that has 'filled' our lives and it is not doing any good! We repent - and allow the Light of Jesus to enter. He does, bringing renewal. As Paul reminds us - "if anyone is in Christ, he / she is a new creation. The old has gone" (2 Cor. 5:17). I often think we in the church spend way too much time in reviewing things instead of allowing Christ by His Spirit to renew us and our customs. There's a place for review but not at the expense of renew! Jesus Light brings renewal of who we are and what we do, say and even think. Lets not be stuck in yesteryear or even yesterday. Lets be people who are continually being renewed by the glory of the Light of Christ. Enter the Light - The Light of Renewal! Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For Trevor & family following the death of Brother-in-law - Arnold Rieck
- ◇ 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 increased opportunities to share the Gospel within our community.
- ◇ For the flood devastation in NSW and impacted lives!

ADVENT 1. Enter the Light - the Light of Renewal! That's our focus as we welcome Jeff, Hedy and Deb as Chaplains to Corinda SHS, Corinda Primary and Darra Primary respectfully. Jeff is also for the remainder of this year serving 1 Day per week at Oxley SS. We also welcome Troy Wilson as Field Development Manager for SU Aust - Brisbane West! Please come and support our School front line ministers and hear something of how their presence brings renewal and hope!

ALPHA – continues - our final week - week 4 tonight. 5pm - 7pm.

CAROLS UNDER THE STARS – Save the date – **Sunday 18th December**. Venue - Oxley State School Oval 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! – Thanks to all who came and helps us all enjoy a great night of entertainment, food and fellowship.

CHRISTMAS BOWL - Starts this Sunday. Envelopes will be in the foyer for any who are keen to support this worthy cause or you can donate online.

EVENING WORSHIP - Our Sunday evening service resumes next Sunday 4th Dec. but at the earlier time of 5pm. The service and fellowship will happen between 5 and 7pm consistent with the last 4 weeks of ALPHA. This will continue until the end of February and will be reviewed by CLT during that month.

CONGREGATION MEETING - Met last Sunday. Sharyn Sinnamon was elected to CLT! Five reshaped values were approved. Look for these as they appear around the Church and Hall walls! The audited accounts for the 6 months ending 30 June 2022 were approved. And Joel, Zac, Jai and Paris were all received as new members of the congregation.

COVID: Annette as our Covid Adviser has formulated a helpful guide to our responsibilities based in traffic lights. Red, Amber and Green. Each require specific requirements and we follow the Govt's guidelines as to which of these 3 we are in at any one time. Currently it is Amber! Watch for it also!

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