

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Fri Prayer recommences 3rd Feb 7.30am.
ALPHA Prayer (Zoom)	Each Wed. 7pm.
CLT	Meets 31 Jan. - 7pm
Buddies Gathering	Saturday 4th Feb. - 9am in the Church
Skip Smith (Alpha)	Sunday 29th Jan. 9am & 5pm

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew	Thursdays! Oxley Café - from 9am.
Garden Lovers Club	In Recess! Normally 4th Thursday monthly - 9.30am Contact Harry Thompson.
Social & Craft Group	In Recess. Normally 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays of each month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays) Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.
Friday Night Youth	In Recess! 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 -	Rev Dave Thomas
Evening Service	5.00pm -	Rev Dave Thomas
Lectionary Readings	Is 42:1-9	Ps 29 Acts 10:34-43 Mt 3:13-17

Next Week - 15th January

9.00am	-	Rev Dave Thomas
5.00pm	-	Rev Dave Thomas

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery; today is a gift from God, which is why we call it the present." (Bill Keane)

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



I AM.....

Some years back I was 'taxi driver' to a visiting Guest Speaker we had arranged to come and share with us over a mission week.. It was ICYC - for the uninitiated that's an acronym for International Christian Youth Convention. I was on the organising committee and one of my assigned roles was to pick this fellow up from the airport in Brisbane and chauffeur him to Mt Tamborine—the designated location for the event. On nearing the base of the mountain, he asked if we could stop as he needed a bathroom. So we stopped and I waited in the car. A few moments later he came back but he was not alone. He was chatting to this stranger and apparently 'offered' to drop him off a few miles up the road. What could I do? They both got in and off we headed. The two sat in the back seat and the conversation was intriguing to say the least. The stranger asked him if he had any money because he was 'in need'. I thought here we go! This guest replied, "well if you're asking me if I've got wealth the answer is yes. As for money, I got nothing." Without waiting for any response, he continued something along these lines, "let me share something with you son - you see that mountain range out there - the trees reaching for the sky - my Father owns all that and I am my Father's kid." So I have inherited riches you could not even begin to imagine. I am very well off, and (he turns to look at this young bloke) I never did a thing to get it . Cool huh." I'm not real sure whether the passenger we had acquired was dumbstruck or impressed or something in between. We let him off where he needed to go and I have never seen him again. I have no idea what happened but I'll always remember that line - I am my Father's kid! Who are you? I'm not asking what your driver's license says, or your passport, or even what you were named at birth! I am asking what your identity is? Is your identity in Jesus or more in what you do or where you live? I am my Father's (God's) kid. I'm so blessed! That's who I am - who are you again? Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the families of those caught up in the horror of the helicopter crash!
- ◇ For the start of a new year 2023 - and the opportunities it will bring!
- ◇ For the planning and logistics in running ALPHA this year.
- ◇ For David Greer, the Diffin family, the Ericksen family, the Telfer family and all those suffering with various health ailments currently.

OXLEY ORACLE - The Oxley Oracle is back! If you would like anything to be incorporated into the Oracle at any stage please email the details through to Dave - daget01@outlook.com - by Thursday lunch time. Please do not send anything to the Communications email address for this purpose. Thank you!

ALPHA – I hope you're getting excited and energised about ALPHA later this year! As you know anything we do as part of God's family must be birthed in prayer and ALPHA is no exception. Last Wednesday we started our Zoom prayer group which will continue at 7pm every Wednesday night. Look for the link which will give you access should you wish to join weekly or as you are able.

CLT - Members of CLT are taking some intentional time over the weekend of the 27th and 28th January to take stock of where we are and where we are heading. Some significant missional questions are being asked by Presbytery and we will be reviewing some of their documents as well as considering prayerfully how we might become more equipped to be God's disciples here within our own community.

PASTORAL CARE - Our 'buddy' model of pastoral care was launched late last year and hopefully your buddy (carer) has made some initial contact of some sort. Buddies are being asked to come together on Saturday 4th February for some training and to share 'the wisdom - learnings' across the group. We will meet in the hall commencing at 9 with a cuppa.

PREACHING SERIES - some may recall that at the first Congregation meeting I was here for, I shared four words that I believe God gave me that would underpin our time together at least for a time. They were Intimacy, Identity, Intentional and Invitational. Over the next 3 weeks we will be looking at a little more depth at the last three. We touched on Intimacy last week.

MISSION SUNDAY - CLT have determined that when we have a 5th Sunday, it would be designated as Mission Sunday with the aim of having someone to come and share with us their specific missional engagement. On Sunday 29th Jan, Skip Smith will be joining us from ALPHA. at both services. It'll be great!

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