

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

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

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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| <b>Coffee Chat &amp; Chew</b>   | Thursdays! Oxley Café - from 9am.   |
| <b>Garden Lovers Club</b>       | <b>In Recess!</b> Normally 4th Thursday monthly - 9.30am<br>Contact Harry Thompson.   |
| <b>Social &amp; Craft Group</b> | <b>In Recess.</b> Normally 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays of each month - 9.30am<br>(except Public Holidays)<br>Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin. |
| <b>Friday Night Youth</b>       | <b>In Recess!</b> Contact Holly or Dave.  |

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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| Minister   | Rev Dave Thomas                        |                                |
|  | M: 0432 304 474                        | E: daget01@outlook.com         |
| Resources  | Gayle Rankin                           |                                |
|  | M: 0410 511 601                        |                                |
| Pastoral Care  | Sharyn Sinnamon                        | Covid Advisor Annette Coupland |
|  | M: 0410 064 675                        | M: 0408 019 661                |
| Treasurer*   | Graham Coupland                        | * Interim Treasurer            |
|  | M: 0409 687 046                        |                                |
| Church Office  | 114 Oxley Station Road, Oxley Qld 4075 |                                |
| Phone  | 0432 304 474                           |                                |
| Web  | www.oxleyuc.org.au                     |                                |
| Facebook   | Oxley Uniting Church                   |                                |
| Notices for the Oxley Oracle - deadline midday Thursdays |  |                                |
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# THE OXLEY ORACLE

15th January 2023



THE THREAD OF INTENTION



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

|                            |   |
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| <b>Morning Service</b>     | 9.00am - Rev Dave Thomas                    |
| <b>Evening Service</b>     | 5.00pm - Rev Dave Thomas                    |
| <b>Lectionary Readings</b> | Is 49:1-7 Ps 40:1-11 1 Cor 1:1-9 Jn 1:29-42 |

## Next Week - 22nd January

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

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."

John Wesley

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### INTENTIONAL LIVING...

How do we live our life? With purpose? And if so, what purpose? John Maxwell in his book, "Intentional Living: Living a Life that Matters" shares the message behind a movie which was called, "It's A Wonderful Life". He writes: It's the story of George Bailey, a man who dreams of travelling the world and building things, but who instead stays home, because he repeatedly chooses to do what he believes is right for others. George experiences a moment of crisis as he comes to believe that everyone would be better off if he didn't exist—if he'd never been born! His life didn't matter! Then, with the help of an angel, he gets to see what his community would look like if he 'was not around'. George comes to recognise the positive impact he had in others lives. Maxwell says, "we all need to think what we want our story to be? To live a life of significance, that we can and should be doing things that really matter". Do we awaken each morning with the intention of making a difference or do we just go with the flow and 'see what happens'. You know 'whatever will be - will be'? I am sure we've all heard the saying: 'if you fail to plan you plan to fail'. And then there's the cliché: 'promise the world, just don't tell anyone because then it doesn't matter'. And sadly that's so true. Most of us have good intentions! Research suggests though that few actually hold true to their intentions. Living intentionally demands action! "Trust in the Lord, and do good", says the Psalmist (Psalm 37:3). "Faith without action is dead" says James (James 2:17). Jesus himself said, "not everyone who calls me Lord, Lord will enter the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 7:21). We can have all the markings of a people who want to make a difference but unless we act on our intentions - unless they become engrained in who we are and whose we are, they will be no more than words. It's great to chat about growing the Kingdom, and filling our chairs in church - great intentions. Let's remember though that our Commission is to GO.,MAKE, BAPTISE ,TEACH. Let's become more intentional! Shalom Dave

### Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For Val Hodgson and Rob Duncan struggling in hospital.
- ◇ For the Oxley Community Festival and the witness opportunities!
- ◇ For all those who struggle with their health at home or in caring homes.
- ◇ For those enjoying time away with family or on holiday.
- ◇ For all the logistics in our ALPHA planning.

**OXLEY ORACLE** - Just a reminder that if you would like anything to be incorporated into the Oracle at any stage please email the details through to Dave - [daget01@outlook.com](mailto:daget01@outlook.com) - by Thursday lunch time. Please do not send anything to the Communications email address for this purpose. Thank you!

**ALPHA** – kicks off on Friday evening 21st April from 7 - 9pm and continues each Friday night for 9/10 weeks. Not that far away! Don't forget to join us in our Zoom prayer each Wednesday night at 7pm. Here's the link should you wish to join all or any ! We'd love to have you join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86315980534?pwd=b3hHYitVb09wd1RVemRFck0zWU9psQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 1598 0534

Passcode: 346055

**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.

**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!

**FINANCES** - The Church's profit/loss for December is -\$934.71 Loss. The Church's profit/loss for the Financial Year to Date is -\$7,436.28 Loss. Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Assistant Treasurer Graham Coupland Ph 0409 687 046.

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