

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Fri Prayer recommences 3rd Feb 7.30am.
ALPHA Prayer (Zoom)	Each Wed. 7pm.
Buddies Gathering	Saturday 4th Feb. - 9am in the Church
St. Vincent's Service	Mon 30th Jan - 9.30am

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	Resumes Monday 6th Feb. Meets 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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THE OXLEY ORACLE

29th January 2023



WELCOME SKIP SMITH AS HE SHARES
WITH US TODAY



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 - Skip Smith
Evening Service	5.00pm - Skip Smith
Lectionary Readings	Mic 6:1-8 Ps 15 1 Cor 1:18-31 Mt 5:1-12

Next Week - 5th February

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"What I am looking for is not found out there, it is found in me." (Helen Keller)

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



LIVING OUR I'S

So if you've been around the last 4 weeks you will have heard about Intimacy, Identity, Intentional and Invitational. 4 I's that if taken seriously will change our world and see our church family grow! Perhaps that's a wild statement and I'll leave you to ponder if you agree or not! But before you wander off allow me to share that in order for that to become real, we have to learn to 'see' with those words and their meaning. There's a school on the Gold Coast who has an interesting tag line! It's a statement that articulates who they strive to be while also reflecting the worth of their students and staff. I served on the Board of that P-12 School for 4 years and discovered that in all their deliberations this statement was at the forefront. "Where everyone is someone", was what drove them and set them apart from the myriad of other private schools. I remember thinking - this could be the tag line for every Church! It could be ours! At least I hope it could! Certainly for Jesus, everyone is someone! The story recorded in John 4 reminds us of how Jesus looks into the heart, knows our secrets, values us highly, and because of His love for us, invites us to change and then share our story. John Robinson, one time street fighter, drug addict, homeless young man writes in his biography: "I was an awful person, but Jesus found me and He did it through common every day people who somehow believed I was worth their investment, despite my past. They didn't preach at me; they shared with me and when I got that hug from a stranger I knew then that I had become a someone." John began to understand that his identity was no longer in what he'd done or even who he'd hurt, but in Jesus. He came to appreciate that God loved him, died for him, set him free from the bondage that was his for years and now wanted an intimate relationship. With his new found faith, he became intentional about the way he lived, seeking to make a difference. And he wanted to help others like him see the Light! Let's be a people who choose to live our I's..... Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the aftermath of floods in NQ.
- ◇ 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.

MISSION SUNDAY - 5th Sundays - when we pause and celebrate the vast array of Mission that is happening regionally, nationally and internationally. Today, it's an honour and privilege to welcome **Paul (Skip) Smith** to share with us. Skip is a valued member of the ALPHA team in Queensland and spends large amounts of his time assisting churches and other groups host ALPHA programs. I know we will give him a great Oxley welcome and look forward to him being amongst us for both services, and fellowship after each.

LEAVE - Dave is taking a weeks leave from Monday 13th Feb - Monday 20th Feb inclusive. Any urgent issues please contact one of the CLT members.

OXLEY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL - What a day was Thursday last week. Estimates are somewhere between 3500 and 4000 people came to the Oxley Bowls Club and enjoyed (despite the heat) an afternoon of entertainment, rides, presentations and give aways. Thank you to those who came and helped man our own stall being a presence and witness to our community.

ALPHA – kicks off on Friday evening 21st April from 7 - 9pm and continues each Friday night for 9/10 weeks. 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=b3hHYitVb09wd1RVemRFck0zWUpsQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 1598 0534

Passcode: 346055

WESLEY MISSION - SINNAMON VILLAGE: The pastoral care team of Sinnamon Village are hosting a special "Love" affair for their residents on Monday February 13th commencing at 10am - and we are invited! To assist with numbers please let Dave know if you are interested in attending! (and please note that being aged care, it is all dependent on covid)

PASTORAL CARE - Buddies are being asked to come together next 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.

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