

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

<b>Prayer Hubs</b>	Friday 3rd Feb. - 7.30am.
<b>ALPHA Prayer (Zoom)</b>	Each Wed. 7pm.
<b>Resources Meeting</b>	Tuesday 7th Feb - 7.00pm
<b>Sinamon Village Service</b>	Mon 13th Feb - 10.00am
<b>Oxley Corridor Chaplaincy</b>	Mon. 20th Feb - 7.00am Oxley Cafe

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

<b>Coffee Chat &amp; Chew</b>	Thursdays! Oxley Café - from 9am.
<b>Garden Lovers Club</b>	Normally 4th Thursday monthly - 9.30am Contact Harry Thompson.
<b>Social &amp; Craft Group</b>	<b>Resumes Monday 6th Feb.</b> Meets 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays of each month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays) 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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# THE OXLEY ORACLE

5th February 2023



INTIMACY / IDENTITY  
INTENTIONAL / INVITATIONAL  
TO BE AUTHENTIC!

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

<b>Morning Service</b>	9.00am - Rev Dave Thomas
<b>Evening Service</b>	5.00pm - Rev Dave Thomas
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Is 58:1-12 Ps 112:1-10 1 Cor 2:1-16 Mt 5:13-20

## Next Week - 12th February

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

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we've lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead. (Nelson Mandela)

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### BEING AUTHENTIC!

We've spoken about the 4 'I's' and how significant they are if we really want to follow Jesus! And although this word - authentic - doesn't start with I, it seems to me that we can't pretend with our life! You see it is possible for you and I to live a life that appears as though we got it all - that we're intimate, we know our identity, we're intentional and invitational - but deep down we're full of self still. We have to be authentic! Real! Genuine! I share this true story! Loren Cunningham, an ex-international Director of Youth with a Mission began his message to a Christian High School Seniors Graduation night with the question - "Is there anything too hard for God?" After a brief silence there came the response, "No". Then came this question. "Is there anything too hard for God to do through you?" Deathly silence. No one spoke! Sadly that is the case for many of us, me included so often. We keep God's principles and promises at a nice comfortable safe distance! We are happy to say yes to Him and even believe Him - for everyone else! Yet, as soon as we are personally challenged to apply His Word to our own lives and experiences we struggle! Deep down we question whether God is really as big and as powerful as He says and we sing! To put it bluntly, we are often pretty good verbal supporters but practical critics. I remember whilst in Gympie, searching for someone to take on a significant leadership role. I approached this relatively new (to the church) family man who I knew was pretty good at computers but I wasn't sure about anything else. I posed the question over a cup of coffee and his response was one I had never heard before and have never heard since. "Well - yeah I'll give it a go—how hard can it be"! What a response. Later he told me that he had no experience in the role he accepted but he trusted that God would provide! And He did! Folks - let's live authentic lives for Jesus. Take Him at His word! Don't pretend! How hard can it be? Shalom Dave!

### Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For our School Chaplains and Rebecca starting at Oxley in particular!
- ◇ For Ruth, Heather, Jeff and others facing surgery, or various treatments, and those in residential care.
- ◇ For our school teachers and students as they commence another year.
- ◇ For all the logistics in our ALPHA planning.
- ◇ For CLT and its ongoing leadership responsibilities!

**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.

**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>

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**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!

**GARDEN CLUB** - Holiday are over - well for the majority - and that means that our regular activities are re-commencing. Garden Club will meet at the church on **Thursday 23rd Feb from 9.30am**. I hear on the grapevine that one of our own will be the guest speaker so if you have any interest in gardens at all—then you won't want to miss this opportunity. See Harry for information.

**SOCIAL CRAFT** - Tomorrow morning 6th February for those with craft and / or talking skills. Jan or Steph has it covered!

**CLT** - Last weekend CLT came together to pray, worship, think and reflect together about some critical matters impacting the life of our family here! We considered matters relevant to Presbytery and how they are seeking to support us, our own governance, generational matters and our own direction - ie who are we, what distinguishes us from others etc. It was productive time and following its next meeting on 21st Feb, more detail will be forthcoming.

**CHAPLAINCY** - The Oxley Corridor team meets on Monday 20th Feb to support and encourage our local Chaplains. Oxley SS has a new Chaplain - Rebecca who started last week. Please pray for her as she finds her feet!

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