

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 10th Feb. - 7.30am.
ALPHA Prayer (Zoom)	Each Wed. 7pm.
Sinamon Village Service	Mon 13th Feb - 10.00am
CLT	Tuesday 21 Feb. 7pm.
Oxley Corridor Chaplaincy	Mon. 20th Feb - 7.00am Oxley Café
World Day of Prayer	Friday 3 March - 10am. Lutheran Church.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew	Thursdays! Oxley Café - from 9am.
Garden Lovers Club	Meets 23rd Feb. - 4th Thursday monthly - 9.30am Contact Harry Thompson.
Social & Craft Group	Meets 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays of the month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays). Next - 20 Feb. 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	Deut 30:15-20 Ps 119:1-8 1 Cor 3:1-9 Mt 5:21-37

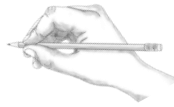
Next Week - 19th February

9.00am	- Mrs. Gayle Rankin
5.00pm	- Mr. Barry Holcroft

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"One resolution I have made and always try and keep is this: To rise above little things." John Burroughs

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



FREEDOM IN FREQUENCY!

I am sure if I were to ask you the meaning of frequency, the majority would say that it is the rate at which something occurs or something like that. You know like the dog's bark was becoming more frequent - suggesting that the rate of barking was increasing. And you would be right! But as happens with monotonous regularity in the English language it has another meaning. Frequency is said to be 'the rate per second of a vibration constituting a wave, either in a material (as in sound waves), or in an electromagnetic field (as in radio waves and light). Having been involved in Christian Radio for the last 6 years, it is this latter meaning to which I refer. Of course we all know that if our radio is tuned to the wrong 'frequency' all we'll get is static! It needs to be tuned to be effective. Mad Dog (real name Kevin) is a great friend of mine. His past life is nothing to get excited about but his present journey is. And he would say that if it weren't for those horrible, dark days of drugs, sex, alcohol, street fights and incarceration across two counties, he may never have encountered Jesus! His was a 'Paul' like experience and like Paul he has made it his remaining life's journey to share Christ's light and love to anyone anywhere! We have met several times to catch up and who knows he may even land on Oxley's doorstep one day. Regardless, allow me to share one of his lessons he learnt along the way. I asked him how he sustained himself in ministry! He responded, "I make sure every morning I'm tuned to the right frequency - you know he quipped FM" - as he chuckled. He continued, "I find too many people inside and outside the church are still on AM and they'll never find fulfillment there. Life maybe for a while but not fulfillment." I was a little confused (after all there some pretty good stations on AM) and it was obvious he could see my conundrum. "Let me explain", he said. "FM - Father's Mission; AM - All Me." Elijah was tuned into FM as he was led by God to different places to bring life and wholeness to a struggling widow. Jesus was tuned to FM all the time, and we know that many ordinary folk like you and me have been tuned into FM as they with their God have made a difference to the world. Freedom to live can only come from the right frequency - FM - the Father's Mission! Are we tuned? Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the people impacted by the earthquake in Turkey / Syria.
- ◇ For David, Heather, Jeff and others recuperating and Ruth and others still struggling with various ailments and those in residential care.
- ◇ For St Johns Lutheran Church as it leads the World Day of Prayer.
- ◇ For all the logistics in our ALPHA planning.
- ◇ For the filling of the Treasurer role and Chair of the Resources Team!

LEAVE - Dave is taking a weeks leave from tomorrow 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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GARDEN CLUB - meets 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 best be there. See Harry for any further information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 3 March 10am at St Johns Lutheran Church - Clewley St Corinda. This is an annual service giving all an opportunity to hear something of the story of a specific country. And how we might be at prayer for that country. This year it is Taiwan and the service has been put together largely by the Taiwanese people. Please come and support this wonderful global missional activity.

LENT EVENT - Uniting World facilitates the Lent Event each year. They are encouraging us to pray each day during Lent for our partner churches and their communities, and to assist us in that process there are small prayer diaries available on the front table. There is also the opportunity to gift money toward their cause and brochures are also on the table to that purpose.

FINANCES - PROFIT/LOSS: The Church's profit/loss for January is -\$849.17 Loss. The Church's profit/loss for the Financial Year to Date is -\$8,285.45 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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