

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 24th Feb. - 7.30am.
ALPHA Prayer (Zoom)	Each Wed. 7pm.
ASH WEDNESDAY	Reflective Service - 7.30am - Wed. 22 Feb.
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 - Gayle Rankin
Evening Service	5.00pm - Barry Holcroft
Lectionary Readings	Ex 24:12-18 Ps 2 or Ps 99 2 Pt 1:16-21 Mt 17:1-9

Next Week - 26th February

9.00am	- Mr Harry Thompson & Rev Dave
5.00pm	- Rev Dave

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts."
Winston S. Churchill

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



FIXED OR FLOWING!

As most of us already appreciate the disciple called Peter was a little impetuous at times, often impulsive and sometimes even aggressive in his views. He was certainly no goodie-goodie. Nonetheless, it was this same Peter that was blessed along with a couple of his mates with a literal mountain top experience. I am sure it would have been a wonderful awe-inspiring, never to be forgotten experience but Peter wanted to make it more than that by memorializing the moment (Matt. 17:4). In other words he wanted to savor the moment and keep it. So caught up in the majesty of it all, he was fixated. But being fixed on anything - even if good - was not and is not Jesus way! Peter and those others failed to understand that the best way to celebrate an experience of mind blowing proportions was to live it. To allow it to take hold of them in such away that it created within them more than a memory but a close personal powerful encounter with God flowing over into their life and ministry. Jesus knew Peter's mind but He also knew that he was made for more than a memory. They could not stay up there! They had to come down and continue their journey to Jerusalem. It was on the road that ministry was needed - and I am sure Jesus hoped and prayed that this experience would put them in a good place for that ministry!

It is the same with us! God's plan is never limited to where we've been or what we've done - even if mountain top experiences! Jesus calls us to ministry with people along the road and to be flowing with the Spirit's presence and power with us, empowering us to be extraordinary people who know we are made for more than mediocrity - more than the mundane - more than the world can offer. Interestingly, Peter himself later writes, "seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness...." (2Peter 1:3). Lets be people who are flowing with the goodness of God in every aspect and not allow ourselves to become fixed to any one thing or situation. Shalom Dave.

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the ongoing aftermath in Turkey / Syria.
- ◇ For those in New Zealand impacted by the wrath of Cyclone Gabrielle.
- ◇ For those in Miles and surrounding areas devastated by fire.
- ◇ For our own people struggling with various medical and other conditions..
- ◇ For St Johns Lutheran Church as it leads the World Day of Prayer.

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=b3hHYitVb09wd1RVemRFck0zWU9psQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 1598 0534

Passcode: 346055

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 - this year Taiwan! Please come and support this wonderful global missional activity.

LENT - Starts Ash Wednesday (this week). I will be leading a small reflective service on Wed. morning at 7.30am for any interested. Shrove Tuesday pancakes - we are invited to join the Anglicans and Sherwood UC if any interested. Times will be advertised via the communications email. Don't forget Uniting World's Lent Event! A small prayer diary is available on the front table. There is also the opportunity to gift money toward their cause and brochures are also on the table for that purpose.

AMPLIFY CONFERENCE - Australia's largest children, youth and family ministry conference is on again - Sat. 4th March. This is not just for youth group and or children group leaders - its also for parents of little people. Its awesome. For more information go to amplifyconference.com.au to disc over our nearest hub!

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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