

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 10th March. - 7.30am.
ALPHA Prayer (Zoom)	Each Wed. 7pm.
Propel Conference	Sydney - 14 - 16th March.
Easter Services	Thu. 6th, Fri. 7th, Sun 9th April
Chaplains Trivia Night	Wed. 24th May - Sherwood AFL Club -

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew	Thursdays! Oxley Café - from 9am.
Garden Lovers Club	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
Evening Service	5.00pm -	Rev Dave
Lectionary Readings	Gn 12:1-4a	Ps 121 Rom 4:1-5, 13-17 Jn 3:1-17

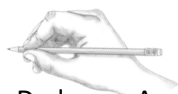
Next Week - 12th March

9.00am	-	Rev Dave
5.00pm	-	Rev Dave

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you've always got.." Albert Einstein

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



LIVING GIVING!

"I wanted to find a few words that encapsulated who my Dad was. And I think these are close. His living was giving and his giving was living." This was how the daughter of a great man concluded her tribute to her Dad. I was privileged to lead that funeral service and to spend some quality time with the family as they came to terms with their loss. And if the truth be known I have used those words (with permission) at several similar services since. I'd encourage you to ponder those words - his living was giving and his giving was living! As we embark together on the privilege we each have to invest into God's space for us and those within our community - I pray we might cherish those same words. But not only cherish them - make them who we are! For me it's the second part of that quote which always challenges me. I reckon most of us can 'give' something as we live. But can we honestly say that our life is 'giving' ie. That all we do, say and think are purposed around our capacity to give - as distinct from our more often used habit of 'hanging on for a rainy day' - or our desire to 'get' and then keep or hoard? Of course when we talk about giving the Jesus way, we are talking about every aspect of our life. But undoubtedly the big ones for most of us are time and money - and the one no-one likes talking about, especially in and around church, is money. Why is that? Maybe you have your own answers to that question and that may well be fine, although I suggest to us all that our giving (yes even our money) is as much a part of following Jesus and being His disciple as prayer, reading His word or involvement in Christian community. The biblical principle is clear! Giving expresses a quality of living that reflects the nature of God (John 3:16). God is a generous giver. He gave all to His Son and His Son gave all for the world (including you and I). God desires to have a family that reflects His nature ie. It's more blessed to give than receive (Acts 20:35). The extent of our giving reflects our heart not our purse, wallet or bank account!

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For Chris and Sue Chapman and their family following the death of Chris' Mum.
- ◇ For Kasi and Lyra as they search for long term accommodation.
- ◇ For Ray & Krissy as they too look for accommodation and work.
- ◇ For Ruth & Gordon and others facing uncertain futures.
- ◇ For CLT and wisdom to lead the Jesus Way!

GIVING SERIES - Dave will be leading us throughout March in a 'giving' series looking at what it means to live and operate in God's Kingdom as it relates to our giving. This will culminate with 'Vision Sunday' on 26th March.

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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EASTER - Dave is currently in conversation with the local Anglicans and Lutherans as well as Sherwood Uniting about the possibility of sharing ecumenically across some of our Easter Services. It has already been agreed that there will be a combined service on Easter Sunday evening hosted by us. It would be great to see a large representation here for that special celebration. Maundy Thursday may well be another opportunity. Stay tuned!

OCCT - Date claimer to support our chaplains! A trivia night to be held at the Sherwood AFL Club on Wednesday night **24th May 2023**. Cost \$20 per person. We are looking for sponsors too! On a separate note, our Committee (Team) desperately needs a Secretary and a Treasurer. We meet twice per school term and are engaged in some fund raising periodically. If you can assist please see Dave.

RI - Religious Instruction in State Schools is under threat yet again. There is a Courier Mail poll circulating seeking individual's opinions. Please be at prayer about this at the very least!

CLT - CLT have approved the implementation of a new governance model in which there will be 4 'teams' aimed at helping to steer us into the future. Resources, Community, Connections and Worship are the 4. More detail will come as it starts to take shape. See attached separate notice!

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