

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 24th March. - 7.30am.
ALPHA Prayer (Zoom)	Each Wed. 7pm.
Easter Planning Night	Tuesday 28 March - 7pm. Church.
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.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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THE OXLEY ORACLE

19th March 2023



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT
5 WEEKS UNTIL ALPHA.



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	1 Sam 16:1-13	Ps 23 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Next Week - 26th March

9.00am	- Rev Dave
5.00pm	- Rev Dave

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"We make a living by what we get: we make a life by what we give.."

Winston Churchill

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING!



Just prior to leaving Tallebudgera to head north to Gympie, I was saying my goodbyes to the school Community for which I had been Chaplain and worked closely with for 9+ years. It was the last day of Term 2 in 2012. I was in the staff room reminiscing over those years with some of the staff and received a call from the office. I had been summoned to see this particular girl in Prep and “please come right away, as she wants to give you something “. So as I walked through the school on my way to the Prep classes , I wondered what on earth a girl that young could possibly want to give me! No sooner had I got to the pathway leading to her room, little Emma came running toward me holding out her hand. I took a hold of it and she said quite eloquently for a 5 year old, “Pastor Dave, come and see what I have got for you.” She led me to the back of the classroom, found her bag from which she pulled this folded up piece of cardboard obviously having been cut from a cornflakes box. “Open it”, she excitedly yelled with a grin from ear to ear. I opened it being careful not to bust the tape and there on the inside was a painting she had done of a computer complete with keyboard and screen. “Do you like it?”, she asked. I paused for a moment - I mean what does one say to a 5 year old girl who gives you a piece of cardboard which really was worth nothing. Before I responded, Emma grabbed my hand with these words, “Pastor Dave - it may not be real - but its real from me.” I still have that rather odd shaped “computer’ and every time I see it I remember Emma with her big grin, and those words - it’s real from me! It gives me a lift even now. It’s priceless! So to is the gift that God gives - Jesus / His Spirit. They are the gifts that keep on giving . And we respond with our giving! “Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” . (2 Cor. 9:7). Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the Chapman’s following the death of Chris’ Mum.
- ◇ Praise God. Ray & Krissy have accommodation. For work we now pray!.
- ◇ For Gordon and his family following Ruth’s celebration of life.
- ◇ For our Easter services - both internally and ecumenical.
- ◇ For CLT and wisdom to lead the Jesus Way!

CHURCH ASSISTANT TREASURER (2)- God may just be calling you to this special role within the life of our Church family! Here’s the good news: You would be assisting Graham Coupland and our family - not working alone / no formal qualification or experience needed / time commitment 2 hours pw for most of the year / if you look after your own finances on line at home you could fulfill this role. How hard could it be?

GIVING SERIES - Next Sunday we conclude our giving series. We are calling it Vision Sunday hoping to share a little of our Vision for what’s ahead to alert you to what some of your giving may be directed toward. All we ask is that you come with open hearts and hands!

ALPHA – kicks off on Friday evening 21st April from 6.30 - 8.30pm and continues each Friday night for 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.

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Meeting ID: 863 1598 0534

Passcode: 346055

EASTER - This significant season will soon be with us. As already mentioned there will be an ecumenical flavour to some of our worship experiences but how best to creatively reveal its meaning to our family and community needs some prayerful reflection and some action. Interested in helping? **Tuesday 28th March - 7pm - at the church.**

IONA PASSION PLAY - Come and see the events of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus re-enacted in drama. Iona Performing Arts Centre, Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum. Good Friday 7pm / Sat 8th - 2pm. \$22 each.

OUR FINANCES: PROFIT/LOSS: The Church’s profit/loss for February is - \$1,542.62 Loss. The Church’s profit/loss for the Financial Year to Date is - \$9,828.07 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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