

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 21st April. - 7.30am.
ALPHA	Commences Next Friday 21 April - 6.30pm.
CLT	Meets Tuesday 18th April - 7pm!
B. LED	Young Adults 22 Apr. 6.50 - 9pm. Comm Life UC.
Day Camp	During Mid year School holidays.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

ALPHA Prayer (Zoom)	Each Wed. 7pm.
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 - 17 April. Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.

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

	9AM	-	Rev Dave Thomas
	5PM	-	Rev Dave Thomas (Communion)
Lectionary Readings	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Ps 16	1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

Next Week - 23rd April

Morning Service	9am	Rev Dave Thomas
Evening Service	5pm	Rev Dave Thomas

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

If future generations are to remember us more with gratitude than sorrow, we must achieve more than just the miracles of technology. We must also leave them a glimpse of the world as it was created, not just as it looked when we got through with it. L. Johnson

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



CHALLENGED....

Are you one who sees a challenge and almost without thinking accepts it? I'm not advocating that by the way - doubt it's a good strategy all the time. Yet, maybe there are times when to have that sense of 'I'll give it a crack, how hard can it be' is admirable! I recall once a number of years back now, while learning some of the skills in 4WD'ing (I'd just got my Landcruiser) finding this track off the beach which seemed to have my name on its invitation list. The track was not wide and the foliage on both sides was thick but there were tyre tracks so some had gone before. I wondered where it would take me? How long is it? Is it only one way? Still, challenge accepted! I can tell you now what I didn't know then! That track was about 8 - 9 kilometres in total and it was the longest 9 kilometres I have ever experienced. That track in places was thick very soft sand, in other places deep ruts with logs and stagnant water - and then one spot where it was just rocks—the track vanished! From memory it took me about 3 hours to navigate that track with nothing more than a desire, a hope and a vehicle built for such adventures! I remember thinking afterwards how easy it would have been to keep to familiar bitumen roads where all was known and safe! Still what might I miss if I didn't keep going forward?

John records that post resurrection scene in the upper room! The disciples are there - scared. Its like they have this unfamiliar rough and nasty looking road in front of them. For now, the challenge to keep going was too great. Jesus appears! And He gives them again a desire and hope and a "Holy Spirit" vehicle! He continues to give us that same desire, hope and vehicle. Friends, in this post modern world, we are called into uncharted territory. To go where we've never been and do what we've never done. The path ahead may be rough and tough at times but therein lies the challenge! Do we accept it?

Praise and Prayer!

- ♦ For Friday night (21st) our first Alpha night!
- ♦ Praise and thanks for our Easter experiences.
- ♦ For our young adults and their contribution to our lives!
- ♦ For our School communities as they return from holidays!
- ♦ For CLT & Resources as it meets this week with lots to ponder!

ALPHA – week 1—this Friday 21st April from 6.30 - 8.30pm. Excited? It 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.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86315980534?pwd=b3hHYitVb09wd1RVemRFck0zWUpscQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 1598 0534

Passcode: 346055

MOVIE - His Only Son - hits the screens from 30th March. It's the story about the sacrifice of Isaac by his father Abraham. His faith was tested. Our hope was born! You can view the trailer at www.hisonlysonmovie.com.au. Watch for it on local cinemas! See flyer on the notice board in the foyer!

PRESBYTERY DAY CAMP. This years day camp will be hosted by Presbytery. There are 6 congregations involved in some way thereby spreading the load re leadership! We are looking for someone with the appropriate skills to be the Director . This will be a paid role and will facilitate the planning and event. Please see Dave if you know of any person!

B LED - Next Saturday 22nd April! This is a Presbytery young adults gathering . 6.50pm - 9.00pm at Community life Uniting Church (ex Forest Lake UC) . Join others for a night around the fire to be encouraged in Leadership, Empowered by the Spirit and Discipled to make Disciples! Any enquiries contact Jo Reynoldson 0477 990 121.

CLT - Meets this Tuesday evening with the Resources Team. There is lots to prayerfully reflect on as we journey together. Please pray for the team!

CONGREGATION MEETING - Date claimer! Sun.28 May 2023 at 2 pm! We need you there. The budget will be discussed along with other significant matters.

FINANCES - The Church's profit/loss for March is \$1,493.79 Gain. The Church's profit/loss for the Financial Year to Date is -\$8,334.28 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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