

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

<b>PRAYER HUB</b>	Friday 28th April. - 7.30am.
<b>ALPHA</b>	Commenced last Friday Night. 9weeks to go.
<b>GARDEN LOVERS</b>	Meets Thursday 27 April - 9.30am
<b>CONGREGATION MEETING</b>	Sunday 28th May 2023. 2.00pm
<b>DAY CAMP</b>	27th - 30th June .

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

<b>ALPHA Prayer (Zoom)</b>	Each Wed. 7pm.
<b>Coffee Chat &amp; Chew</b>	Thursdays! Oxley Café - from 9am.
<b>Garden Lovers Club</b>	4th Thursday monthly - 9.30am Contact Harry Thompson.
<b>Social &amp; Craft Group</b>	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 (
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Acts 2: 36-41	Ps 116:1-19 1 Pt 1:17-23 Lk 24:13-35

## Next Week - 30th April -Mission Sunday!

Morning Service	9am	On Mission
Evening Service	5pm	On Mission (Café Church)

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"I may walk slowly but I never walk backward".

Abraham Lincoln

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### IF ONLY I NOTICED...

What do we notice? Or perhaps the better question is what don't we notice? Or even more pertinent maybe is what do we notice but pretend not to see? I'm no expert but I try and notice things around me as I go about the various aspects of church and community life. I had a mentor once tell me: "Dave, you should be always asking what is Jesus saying to me through this or that or them?" It's surprising just how much God communicates with us if we are alert and notice! I love this story! Four finalists were brought forward, and from these four, one had to be chosen to be the 'unsung hero' of the town. The first person presented was a wealthy business tycoon. This man was highly deserving of the honor because of his humanitarian efforts. He had given much of his wealth to the poor. The second person was a celebrated physician. This doctor was highly deserving of the honor because he had rendered faithful and dedicated service to the sick for many years. The third person was a distinguished judge. The judge was worthy because he was noted for his wisdom, his fairness, and his brilliant decisions. And the fourth person presented was an elderly woman. Everyone was quite surprised to see her there, because her manner was quite humble, as was her dress. She hardly looked the part of someone who would be honored as a hero. What chance could she possibly have, when compared to the other three, who had accomplished so much? The mayor of the town whose decision it was to choose, asked who she was and what she had done to be presented. The answer came: "Well, you see the business professional, the doctor, and the judge? Well, that old woman was their teacher!" That woman had no wealth, no fortune, and no title, but she had unselfishly given her life to produce great people. "If only I had noticed her before", said the Mayor. "There will be no awards this year as I need to learn to notice more". I pray we might 'notice' the resurrection presence and power within and around us, and listen for His voice!

### Praise and Prayer!

- ♦ For Alpha as it continues over the next 9 weeks
- ♦ For our family here at Oxley and the way God is moving among us!
- ♦ For Scripture Union as it meets the challenges of a restructure!
- ♦ For our 4 new Mission Teams - Worship, Resources, Community and Connections!

**ALPHA** – Well it has commenced. God has been so good to us. So many blessings that we have experienced already. And we are praying that all involved come closer to a deeper and more personal relationship with Jesus. Please continue to pray with us. Our Zoom prayer continues right throughout the next 9 weeks. 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=b3hHYitVb09wd1RVemRFck0zWU9pQT09>

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Passcode: 346055

**GARDEN LOVERS** - Meets this coming Thursday, 27 April, at 9.30 am in the Oxley Uniting Church Hall. Our special guest speaker will be Rev. Dave Thomas, and his talk will focus on the Gardens of the Bible. Before then, see if you can work out how many different gardens get a mention in the Bible. Dave might surprise you. All welcome.

**PRESBYTERY DAY CAMP.** As announced last week Jo Reynoldson has been appointed as Director - Facilitator of this year's Day Camp. Please pray for Jo as she draws a team together, and begins to plan 4 days of fun and learning. Dates are from Tuesday 27th June - Friday 30th June. Registration forms will be out soon!

**CLT** - Met with the Resources Team last Tuesday night and considered a range of important matters not the least of which was the budget for the year commencing 1 July 2023. A summary of issues discussed will be available next week!

**CONGREGATION MEETING** - Date claimer! Sun. 28 May 2023 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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