

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

PRAYER HUB	Friday 5th May. - 7.30am.
ALPHA	8weeks to go.
CHAPLAINCY WEEK	21 - 28 May 2023!
CONGREGATION MEETING	Sunday 28th May 2023. 2.00pm
DAY CAMP	27th - 30th June .

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.

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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 (Mission Sunday)
	5PM	-	Rev Dave (Café Church)
Lectionary Readings	Acts 2:42-47	Ps 23	1 Pt 2:19-25 Jn 10:1-10

Next Week - 6th May

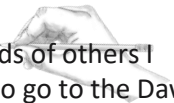
Morning Service	9am	Rev Dave (Communion)
Evening Service	5pm	Rev Dave

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Those who don't have it, can't show it.

Those who do have it, can't hide it" Neale Hurston

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



Last Tuesday as you all know was ANZAC Day. Like thousands of others I attended services marking the occasion. This year I chose to go to the Dawn service, the March and second service hosted by the Centenary RSL. I had only ever gone to the dawn service there before so to see the crowd gather for the second one was eye opening. Today for us it is Mission Sunday - a day when we are encouraged to think missionally! I want to bring both ANZAC Day and Mission Sunday together in perhaps a slightly unexpected way. It was raining through much of the Dawn Service - not heavily but enough to force umbrellas up for those that took one - unlike me who, as he got in the car thought - it will pass! It didn't! Yet, as I stood waiting and reflecting on my own family's involvement in war and the Defense Forces, feeling the drips on my head - I suddenly became conscious of the drips stopping. The guy next to me - a total stranger - used his umbrella to cover both of us and he held it there for the duration of the service. When I thanked him at the end: he simply replied, "Pleasure - that's what mates do. We share what we have and are there for each other". He walked off! Mate I pondered. I had never seen him before and who knows may never see him again but at that moment we were mates! I was a little late getting to the spot where they hold the bigger morning service and no seats were left and where I was standing it was uneven ground and a little uncomfortable. But there I stood! Next thing just as the service was about to start, a tap on my shoulder. There was this woman pointing to a seat next to her that she had made by pushing her family closer. They became uncomfortable and insisted I have a seat. She even put a plastic bag on the cement seats as they were wet. Again I thanked her profusely at the end and she just smiled and as she walked off - turned and said "east we could do ". We couldn't help everyone but we could help one and it was you. Have a great day!" WOW! 2 experiences that encapsulate mission! All the lectionary readings today speak about the Shepherd and the sheep! As I have read each one during the week, I am reminded that the Shepherd's call is our call - to enlarge our vision and help where we can, evangelise our community that we might get to know more sheep and equip those already in the fold. That's mateship! That's Mission! Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ♦ For Alpha as it continues over the next 8 weeks
- ♦ For the ministry of Teen Challenge - will be hearing from them this year!
- ♦ For Rebecca and requirements for Brekky Club!
- ♦ For Day Camp organization and programming decisions!
- ♦ For the Congregation Meeting next month!

ALPHA – Well it has commenced. If week one and two is anything to go by, and we believe it is, we are in for a truly blessed time as we be there for our guests! Please continue to pray with us. Our Zoom prayer continues right throughout the next 8 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=b3hHYitVb09wd1RVemRFck0zWUpsQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 1598 0534

Passcode: 346055

OXLEY STATE SCHOOL - CAN YOU HELP? Rebecca (chaplain) has been asked to commence a Brekky Club at school every Monday & Tuesday and needs help in obtaining sufficient items to make it work. Main items include vegemite, honey, jam, margarine and milo. There will be a box in the foyer to receive any donations and we thank you in advance!

SCRIPTURE UNION - Note Chaplaincy Week - 21 - 28 May (Australia wide).

PRESBYTERY DAY CAMP. As announced last week Jo Reynoldson has been appointed as Director - Facilitator of this years 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 - As mentioned last week, CLT have met with the Resources Team and considered a range of important matters . A summary of those conversations is available this Sunday either as a separate attachment to the email or in paper form. Please see one of the CLT members should you have any questions?

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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