

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

<b>PRAYER HUB</b>	Friday 12th May. - 7.30am.
<b>ALPHA</b>	FRIDAY NIGHTS - 7weeks to go.
<b>CHAPLAINCY WEEK</b>	21 - 28 May 2023!
<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 Next - 25 May. Contact Harry Thompson.
<b>Social &amp; Craft Group</b>	Meets 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays of the month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays). Next - 15 May. Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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# THE OXLEY ORACLE

7th May 2023



**CONGRATULATIONS: JAI & PARIS ON  
THEIR ENGAGEMENT CELEBRATION LAST  
NIGHT. GOD BLESS YOU BOTH!**



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 (Communion)
	5PM	-	Rev Dave
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>	Acts 7:55-60	Ps 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Pt 2:2-10 Jn 14:1-14

## Next Week - 14th May (Mother's Day)

Morning Service	9am	Rev Dave
Evening Service	5pm	Rev Dave (Baptism of Max Carter)

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness - it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practicing gratitude. - Brene Brown

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### JOINING JESUS -

These days if you need to find out how to get somewhere on the road network you probably turn to the cars inbuilt GPS. Or maybe an external one you've bought. GPS stands for "Global Positioning System." 31 Global Satellites provide us with correct directional information 95% of the time anywhere on the surface of the earth. We depend upon those satellites to lead us the right way to go. I didn't say the quickest but not wrong! All we need to do is plug into our navigation system of choice, listen to the voice, follow the directions, and we arrive at our destination stress-free - at least that's what is supposed to happen and generally I guess it does. Such systems give us a sense of security, of control, of comfort, and of assurance that we will get where we want to go. They don't require us to tap into our emotions, to commit to anything much, or to invest a whole lot on our journey, except to keep our eyes on the road and to follow directions. Drivers today mostly want directional indicators for our cars. And let's face it, most of us want directional indicators for our lives to operate the same way! But life is complicated. Life is messy. Life is relational not rational! Joining Jesus is not charting a course to follow, chalking up good deeds or even checking off sheets of ministry tasks. Rather, it is entering into a spiritual/emotional/dare I say supernatural relationship with Jesus through the invisible presence of the Holy Spirit. Joining Jesus is through an intimate, devoted, committed relationship with Him. Faith in who he is. Trust in the ways he will lead us. Willingness to invest in Him, and allowing Him to direct our lives, even when He takes us in directions that we do not want to go. To join Jesus in His mission, requires us to invest not just our heads but our hearts. That means that we are not always in control. We are told in Luke 7: 11-18 that one crowd meets up with the Jesus crowd. Jesus notices the dead man and intervenes bringing life. When we join Jesus He notices us, intervenes and brings life and joy from the despair of our dark times. We just need to give up charting our course and open up our hearts to the supernatural, invisible, emotional and spiritual presence of Jesus in our life. Dave.

### Praise and Prayer!

- ◆ For Alpha as it continues over the next 7 weeks
- ◆ For Rebecca and requirements for Brekky Club!
- ◆ For Day Camp organization and programming decisions!
- ◆ For the Congregation Meeting next month!
- ◆ For the Darra Samoan folk who had their last service last week.

**PRESBTERY RETREAT**— Dave will be away from early tomorrow 8th May until late Wednesday afternoon 10th May attending the Presbytery retreat at Alex Park. Ministers from across Bremer Brisbane and Moreton Rivers Presbyteries will hear input from Rev Nigel Rogers and network with each other. Thank you for your support.

**ALPHA** – Week 4 next Friday! 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 !

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

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!

**OXLEY CORRIDOR CHAPLAINCY TEAM - OCCT.** This small, but growing interdenominational team meets 8 times per year and needs a secretary and treasurer! Neither are complicated nor time consuming. No experience needed—just a bit of time and a heart to give! See Dave for info!

**PRESBYTERY DAY CAMP.** Not too far away! There will need to be a number of adult volunteers as per previous years and Jo has put together a list of roles she needs. If you have the time and capacity to assist please check out this link <https://forms.gle/4ivJvS9cDHgUBv4q9> and respond as you are able!

**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 April is \$1,713.01 Gain. The Church's profit/loss for the Financial Year to Date is -\$6,620.27 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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