

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

PRAYER HUB	Friday 19th May. - 7.30am.
ALPHA	FRIDAY NIGHTS - 6 weeks to go.
CHAPLAINCY WEEK	21 - 28 May 2023!
CLT	Tuesday 16 May 7pm
CONGREGATION MEETING	Sunday 28th May 2023. 2.00pm

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

ALPHA Prayer (Zoom)	Each Wed. 7pm.
Coffee Chat & Chew	Thursdays! Oxley Café - from 9am.
Garden Lovers Club	4th Thursday monthly - 9.30am Next - 25 May. Contact Harry Thompson.
Social & Craft Group	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

14th May 2023



TO ALL OUR MUMS - MAY YOU HAVE A
SPECIAL AND BLESSED DAY LIVING IN
THE LOVE AND GRACE OF OUR GOD!



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 - MOTHER'S DAY !

	9AM	-	Rev Dave
	5PM	-	Rev Dave (Baptism - Max)
Lectionary Readings	Acts 17:22-31	Ps 66:8-20	1 Pt 3:13-22 Jn 14:15-21

Next Week - 21st May

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"It takes a lifetime to truly appreciate all the ways a good mom makes all the difference". —Ellen Brenneman

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



LEARN TO YEARN

Today is Mother's Day! A day that is special in so many ways, especially for Mum's but not only for Mums. I saw my Mum last week whilst on a Retreat break and in our discussion, I told her that I wouldn't see her on Sunday but that I know her love and her support and as I gave her a card, hugged her and said, "I'll be thinking of you! As I drove of I became acutely aware of the value of Mum's prayers, reflecting the reality that I am who I am and where I am largely because of her (and Dad's) commitment to prayer even during times of my resistance! I'm not sure if you know the name Lee Strobel or the movie – The Case for Christ? This movie portrays the struggles of Lee as he, over time and with much stress and heartache, moves from atheist to believer. Of course you could read the book if you miss the movie. While the whole movie was inspirational and real, there is one scene in the beginning that captivated me as I watched it some time back now and as it is Mother's day it resonates! Strobel's whole search for meaning began out of a strong desire to prove his wife's new found faith wrong. And his wife's new faith came following a near death experience of their daughter. As a mother, she was sincerely grateful for the (Christian) Nurse who saved her daughters life and the way that happens begins her ultimate recognition that Jesus is real! It was the Mother's yearning for her daughter that began a whirlwind ride of emotions, stress, searching, and ultimate transformation to a whole family. Jesus yearns for His bride (the church) like a mother yearns for her children! She cares, protects, nourishes, teaches, disciplines, nurtures, comforts, and yearns for them to grow and make a difference in the world. Christ yearns for us! Do we yearn for our community? Paul did! And his yearning meant, in part, challenging the status quo and sharing the Gospel (Acts 17: 27). Let's learn to yearn and act on our yearning!

Praise and Prayer!

- ♦ For Alpha as it continues over the next 6 weeks
- ♦ For Day Camp organization and programming decisions!
- ♦ For the Congregation Meeting on the 28th May!
- ♦ For our life beyond ALPHA! Small groups! Discipling!
- ♦ For God to raise up new people to assume leadership across the Church!

PRESBTERY RETREAT— A great time away to sit with God, to listen for his voice, to understand more about the Heart of God and spiritual disciplines to improve our connectedness to His heart, including breath prayers! It was truly a special time to be recharged. Again thank you for your support. In allowing me the opportunity to attend!

ALPHA – Week 5 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=b3hHYitVb09wd1RVemRFck0zWUpsQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 1598 0534

Passcode: 346055

OXLEY STATE SCHOOL - CAN YOU HELP? Thank you for your ongoing support in this practical way!

PRESBYTERY DAY CAMP. Not too far away! Jo's form asking for volunteers was sent out by email last Monday. I am told this link works so ask that if you have time and capacity to assist, you use that link to express your desire.

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

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD - We have cancelled our bulk subscription to this devotional aid. Should you wish to receive this and normally got it through the church, you will need to order your copy yourself. Details on how to do this are inside each edition. Several copies of our last bulk order (the latest edition) are on the foyer table. \$6.00 each !

TRINITY COLLEGE - Open evening Monday 22nd May from 6.30pm. Welcome by Dr Paul Jones, several 7 min addresses from Staff and students. If interested, you will need to register. Details in the email!

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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