

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

PRAYER HUB	Friday 26th May. - 7.30am.
ALPHA	FRIDAY NIGHTS - 5 weeks to go.
CHAPLAINCY WEEK	21 - 28 May 2023!
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 - 29 May. 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

	9AM	-	Rev Dave
	5PM	-	Rev Dave (Café Church - Communion)
Lectionary	Acts 1:6-14	Ps 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Pt 4:12-14, 5:6-11 Jn 17:1-11

Next Week - 28th May

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Go outside and turn your attention to the many miracles around you. This five-minute-a-day regimen of appreciation and gratitude will help you to focus your life in awe."
Wayne Dyer

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



NOT FINISHED YET!

The life of a Religious Instruction teacher! Well, until coming to Oxley, I was one of those 'teachers'. Indeed I have some 42 years experience going into schools of all different sizes in a plethora of different places. My first teaching gig was in a country school whose town's initials are JC - you can guess, and my last one was at Gympie South SS in November 2020 - on line! Anyway I can testify that during my time I learnt a lot and one thing I learnt very quickly is that one has to be ready for whatever comes! Like one day I was laying out some objects on the pathway leading into the classroom in preparation for my lesson, and I was placing the last one I heard this noise behind me. There was a Mum, and her two sons. One was in this class so he was intrigued and started muttering "boring", while the other whilst older, was confined to a wheelchair and it was him who was speaking much louder - At It Dude! At it Dude? Oh I get it, I thought. He seemed to think that what I had placed on the path was good and he was complimenting me. He had cerebral palsy and his language was not always clear but I got this one! I spent a bit of time talking with both he and Mum and this young man always had a beaming smile. He really did inspire me! Mum asked me if I could just watch him while she went to the office for a few things. Sure, I said. I wheeled him to a larger space and sat down with him. It was then he told me two things which I have never forgotten! Firstly, he pointed to where the path was and where his brother had been standing, and he said "My brother needs attitude." I didn't get it the first time. He corrected my assumption and taught me a valuable lesson about how important our attitudes are! Secondly, he pointed to the sky then grabbed my hand and said almost like a question - "pray?" I nodded. And as I started to pray he stopped me with a loud NO - me! And so he prayed, "God, give me good attitude and thank you that you still work with me - you not finished yet." He's right. God hasn't finished with you, me or us yet. Jesus prays that we be protected by His Father's power as we continue to work for Him., that we might be united in Him. (John 17: 11). Shalom Dave.

Praise and Prayer!

- ♦ For Alpha as it continues over the next 5 weeks
- ♦ For Day Camp registrations !
- ♦ For the Congregation Meeting next Sunday!
- ♦ For our life beyond ALPHA! Small groups! Discipling!
- ♦ For God to raise up new people to assume leadership across the Church!

ALPHA – Week 6 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 !

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Meeting ID: 863 1598 0534

Passcode: 346055

ACT 2 - Is an Assembly initiative aimed at reviewing the life and witness of the the UCA across Australia. **Next Sunday 28 May begins Uniting in Prayer, 26 days of prayer across the national Uniting Church.** Born out of the Act2 Project, Uniting in Prayer is about bringing our Church before God and seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit for our future . There are ways you can be a part of this if desired. Go to <https://www.act2uca.com> - the new website designed specifically for Act 2.

OXLEY STATE SCHOOL- Thank you for your ongoing support in this practical way!

LIKE TRIVIA? Our local Chaplaincy team are hosting a trivia night to help raise funds for our 4 Chaplains (and possibly a fifth) on Wednesday night 9th August at the Sherwood AFL Club premises. Mark the date - Tables of 8 - \$20pp. More info coming soon.

PRESBYTERY DAY CAMP. Please pray for this significant mission into the lives of our community's young people. Registration forms are now available.

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

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD - A reminder that we have ceased ordering with Love to The World. If you want to receive future copies, please order your copy yourself. Some still left from the last and final order. \$6.00 each !

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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