

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

PRAYER HUB	Friday 2nd June. - 7.30am.
ALPHA	FRIDAY NIGHTS - 4 weeks to go.
CONGREGATION MEETING	Today 28th May 2023. 2.00pm
UNITING FOR A VOICE	Wed 31 May. 6pm . Synod Office.
OXLEY COMMUNITY RESILIENCE	Sat 3 June from 1.30pm - Club Oxley.
WORKING BEE	Manse - Sat 3rd June - From 9am!

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 - 22 June. 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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THE OXLEY ORACLE

28th May 2023



THE SPIRIT COMES
HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHURCH



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!

PENTECOST SUNDAY

9AM	-	Rev Dave
5PM	-	Rev Dave

Lectionary Readings: Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:24-34 1 Cor 12:3b-13 Jn 20:19-23

Next Week - 4 June - TRINITY SUNDAY

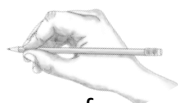
Morning Service	9am	Rev Dave
Evening Service	5pm	Rev Dave

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Rivers of living water will flow from the heart of anyone who believes in me".
Jesus (John 7:38)

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

PENTECOST - THE X FACTOR!



Fred Craddock, an American author and teacher shared once of a message he was giving to a group of students training for the ministry. One of the students stood up before Fred began and asked an interesting and somewhat probing question. "Before you start Sir, I need to know if you are Pentecostal." There was a hush over the whole auditorium. Craddock wondered how he should respond? How would we? It was obvious that this student wasn't going to let him off - he stood there and waited. Eventually Craddock replied, "Do you mean do I belong to the Pentecostal Church?" Somewhat impatiently the student retorted, "No, I mean are you Pentecostal?" "Are you asking if I'm charismatic?" "No, are you Pentecostal?" "Do you want to know if I speak in tongues?" By now this student was quite agitated and almost yelled, "for the last time, are you Pentecostal? Craddock finally replied, " I'm sorry I don't know what you're asking". At that the student left with the words, "Obviously you are not Pentecostal." How might we respond to that same question? Perhaps Craddock could be forgiven in that he most likely would have understood Pentecost to be a one day event - never to be repeated. And he would be right! The day of Pentecost was and only ever will be a once only Holy Spirit awakening. Yet the benefits of that day - a communicative spirit, a joyful spirit, a thankful spirit and a serving spirit live on and remain with us. For the Christian the Spirit is the X Factor. Difficult to explain, hard to understand, impossible to see or touch or smell yet so alive and crucial to our calling to be His witnesses. The Holy Spirit, whose coming we celebrate today, brings new life to those who believe in Jesus and with that life, comes a continuing power to ensure that those same folk are continually filled. It means a fire in our gut, burning away the chaff and flaming out to all around us. This Spirit enables the Gospel to go out boldly in ways never before even dreamt about! Do we live out the infilling of the Spirit? Or as I often say - have we activated the Spirit within us so that he is our go to for protection, permission, provision, purpose, position, presence and power? If our answer is yes - then we are Pentecostal. We carry the X-Factor! Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ♦ For Alpha as it continues over the next 4 weeks and for Sat 10th June!
- ♦ For Day Camp registrations!
- ♦ For our life beyond ALPHA! Small groups! Discipling!
- ♦ For Uniting in Prayer - starts today!
- ♦ For visible and tangible signs of Unity within Christ's Church.

ALPHA – Week 7 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 - Uniting in Prayer, 26 days of prayer across the national Uniting Church., starts today and concludes on the birthday of the UCA. I have registered OUC as a church committed to prayer and we have been asked to pray for two other Uniting Churches - Coleambally UC & Braidwood UC. Will you join me in praying for these two communities of faith. Go to <https://www.act2uca.com> - for any more info on Act 2!

OXLEY STATE SCHOOL- Thanks 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. 15 registrations received already - maximum of 60 at this stage. Volunteers required of all ages to assist across the 4 days - 27th - 30th June.

CONGREGATION MEETING - Today - 2 pm!

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - this week as is National Reconciliation Week 2023..Thomas Mayo, a signatory to the Uluru Statement is speaking next Wed 31 May - 6pm to 8pm Synod Office. See Dave for details if interested!

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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