

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

PRAYER HUB	Friday 9th June. - 7.30am.
ALPHA	Friday Nights - 4 weeks to go. Sat. 10th June. Oxley Bowls Club. From 9am
CLT	Tuesday 20 June - 7pm.
KIDS CAMP	Tues.– Fri. 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 Next - 22 June. Contact Harry Thompson.
Social & Craft Group	Meets 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays of the month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays). Next - 5 June. 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!

TRINITY SUNDAY

9AM	-	Rev Dave ((Communion)
5PM	-	Rev Dave

Lectionary Readings: Gn. 1:1 – 2:4a Ps 8 2 Cor 13:11-13 Mt 28:16-20

Next Week - 11 June 23

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms."
Zen Shin

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

TRIPLE RIPPLE..



I love the opportunity to skim stones across a flat body of water. I used to have competitions on holidays or when we'd go to a creek or anywhere really where there was still water. Who could get the most number of skims. Until one memorable day as I threw my first attempt (dud) my opponent said, "I much prefer watching the ripples caused when the stone hits the water" and so the challenge became can we skim the stone 3 times and cause a triple ripple effect! Not as easy as it sounds. But occasionally it worked and it was as though the seemingly motionless body of water became alive. Why only 3? Because triple rhymes with ripple. Nothing more or less. Yet, today as we reflect on Trinity - one in three and three in one, I am reminded of that rather silly competition. When we move in accordance with the three persons of the one God, we become alive. A spiritual alive. Mathematically of course one can't be three. One is one and three is three! I find it fascinating that God, in planning His creation and ultimately gifting us His Son and Spirit, defies logic and in essence says, "With me three is one. You can reject it or receive it. Either way, you won't understand it fully - let your heart do the talking not your head". Many of us I'm sure have used the analogy of water to explain as best we can the Trinity. Water can be liquid, frozen ice or steam. Three different uses, different scientific structures but all 'water'. Still, I'm not sure we need to look further than ourselves to appreciate this reality at least in part. We all 'act out' at times I think. At a time when I was in need of some wise counsel, my then mentor suggested that there are times when we are more like an egg, other times like a carrot and still other times like a coffee bean. If you've heard this before - forgive me. Take an egg and drop it in boiling water for a few minutes and the inside changes from soft to hard. The carrot in the same water goes from hard to soft while the coffee bean totally vanishes yet the aroma permeates a whole room and lasts for some time. The same boiling water but three very different outcomes. My mentor said that often when life gets hard we are the egg - soft and easy to push around particularly under pressure. When we think we're right we fight for it becoming like the carrot - often too hard to value any other. And when we feel like we are on top of things, life is good and we cope with the pressure we have an aroma that lasts and permeates into the lives of others. The same person but distinctly different behaviours and attitudes based on how we handle the hot water! Can we be more like the coffee bean all the time. Yes, but we need the triple ripple Father Focused, Son Centred and Spirit filled. Shalom Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◆ For Alpha as it continues over the next 3 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 9 next Friday! Please continue to pray with us. Our Zoom prayer continues to the end of alpha. 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

BETTY NIX - The celebration of life for Carole's mother-in-law, Betty, will be held at Sherwood Uniting Church tomorrow (Monday 5th June) at 1.30pm. Afternoon tea will follow. An open invitation to all as we offer our love and support to Carol and the whole extended family.

ACT 2 - Uniting in Prayer, Today day 8 of 26 days of prayer across the national Uniting Church. 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. Next week we'll provide some information about each. 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. 27th - 30th June.

CONGREGATION MEETING - Last Sunday's meeting was a great time of sharing and listening. The following were elected unanimously to the various roles: Graham Coupland - Chair; David Greer - Deputy Chair; Harry Thompson - Secretary; Annette Coupland - Assistant Secretary. We give thanks to God for the ministry of each of these folk and their willingness to accept their respective roles! Reports received included the manse, and our new Mission teams. The budget for the next financial year was approved.

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