

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

PRAYER HUB	Friday 16th June. - 7.30am.
ALPHA	Friday Nights - 2weeks to go.
CLT	Tuesday 20 June - 7pm.
KIDS CAMP	Tues.– Fri. 27th - 30th June
BUDDY GATHERING	Sat 1 July - 9 for 9.30am.

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 - 19 June. 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!

Sunday 11 June 23

9AM	-	Rev Dave
5PM	-	Rev Dave

Lectionary Readings: Gn. 12:1-9, Ps 33:1-12 Rom 4:13-25 Mt 9:9-13, 18-26

Next Week - 18 June 23

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"It's not the face, but the expression on it. It's not the voice, but what you say. It's not how you look in that body, but the thing you do with it. You are wonderfully made."
Stephanie Meyer

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



JUST FAITH IT....

We've all heard the 'Nike' promotional line I'm sure. "Just Do It". Allegedly they sold lots of shoes and other sporting apparel on the back of that one line. Did people stop and think about it? Maybe some did but it seems many didn't - they just did it. They just bought those runners, or those special shorts or shirts or whatever. Maybe the church's one line should be, "Just Faith It"? Perhaps we might see more of the Spirit's touch on people's lives and indeed our own lives if we just faithed it. In faith, I'm going to talk to that person. In faith I am going to share my story. In faith I'm going to pray for healing over my friend. In faith I'm claiming my whole family—that they will come into a personal relationship with Jesus. And in faith I'm going to keep praying, keep believing even if there appears no evidence supporting my faith stance. Are we a people of faith? Do we put our faith into action when opportunities rise? One of the ways we can action our faith is to "speak it into being" as Billy Graham once said. "Can I pray for you" is a simple yet powerful way we can all 'faith it'. We ask in faith. Of course some will say no, but many will say OK. Then we pray in faith. And then we allow God by His spirit to do His thing - whatever that may be. I had opportunity to speak into the lives of two specific young people (Tom & Tim - not their real names) whilst a chaplain. Both, whilst at school, were problem kids. Tom threatened suicide in grade 6 and had I not caught him when I did - I suspect he may well have ended his life then. I spent many hours with him over the next couple of years. Tim never got to that stage but he too thought he was hopeless and would never amount to anything. I shared often with both how I believed Jesus could and would make a difference in their lives. Years later Tim - now in grade 11 - saw me at the beach whilst on a brief holiday and he reminded me of how I spoke to him in Grade 7 about life and choices and how he was now enjoying life and had found Jesus. WOW! Thank you Lord. Tom is currently in prison so not such a good ending. But I and his grandmother are still praying in faith - still speaking the Jesus life into him. We are blessed (by faith we receive) to be a blessing (in faith we give). I pray we might just faith it - more. Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ♦ For Carol Nix and family as they grieve the loss of Betty.
- ♦ Alpha as it continues over the next 2 weeks.
- ♦ For Day Camp volunteers and leaders!
- ♦ For our life beyond ALPHA! Small groups! Discipling!
- ♦ For Uniting in Prayer - Coleambally & Braidwood UC's

ALPHA – Week 10 next Friday! We are nearing the end. Prayer continues 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

ACT 2 - Uniting in Prayer, Today day 15 of 26 days of prayer across the national Uniting Church. Please be praying for Coleambally UC & Braidwood UC. 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. Chappy Rebecca is very appreciative.

LIKE TRIVIA? Our local Chaplaincy team are hosting a trivia night to help raise funds for our 5 Chaplains on Wednesday night 9th August at the Sherwood AFL Club premises. Mark the date - Tables of 8 - \$20pp. Flyer now available which includes registration. Register to play either as an individual or a team.

PRESBYTERY DAY CAMP. We need your help! Jo is in need of more leaders - High Schoolers mainly and adult volunteers to oversee a range of areas. Please get in touch with Jo if you can help!.27 June - 30 June inclusive.

MANSE WORKING BEE - Thank you to all who came and laboured in love at the manse last Saturday morning. A transformation took place.

OXLEY CLUB - RESILIENCE FESTIVAL: A great afternoon last Saturday as we provided opportunity for folk to come and sit while they ate or sipped their coffee. We enjoyed a chat with a number of folk. Thank you to all who helped in the organization, set up, pack up or manned the marquee.

PASTORAL CARE - The Connections Team are asking all 'buddies' under our PC model to come together for a catch up and some training on Saturday 1 July 2023 - 9am for a cuppa - 9.30am start. Finish by 12.30 at the latest.

MONTHLY FINANCES: The Church's profit/loss for May was \$2,600.21 Gain. For the Financial Year to Date our profit/loss is -\$3,369.80 Loss. Should you have any questions regarding our church finances please contact Assistant Treasurer Graham Coupland Ph 0409 687 046.

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