

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

PRAYER HUB	Friday 7th July - 7.30am.
RESOURCES	Tuesday 11th July - 7pm.
PRESBYTERY	Sat 15th July - 9am - Centenary UC
CLT	Tuesday 18th July - 7pm
FUNERAL	Joyce Marshall's service - Friday 10am.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Prayer (Zoom)	Meeting ID: 863 1598 0534 . Passcode: 346055. Each Wed. 7pm.
Coffee Chat & Chew	Thursdays! Oxley Café - from 9am.
Garden Lovers Club	4th Thursday monthly - 9.30am Next - 27 July. Contact Harry Thompson.
Social & Craft Group	Meets 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays of the month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays). Next - 3 July. 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 - 2 July 23

9AM	-	Rev Dave
5PM	-	Rev Dave

Lectionary Readings: Gn 22:1-14 Ps 13 Rom 6:12-23 Mt 10:40-42

Next Week - 9 July 23

Morning Service	9am	Rev Dave
Evening Service	5pm	John & Lisa

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"My bounty is as boundless as the sea, my love as deep; the more I give to you, the more I have, for both are infinite" William Shakespeare.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



CHAMPION CONNECTION

Augi - some of you heard a little about him last week - was the man who first convinced me of the pleasure, and thrill of riding a horse. He was, amongst a lot of things, a true horseman and as an 11 year old I thought he was pretty special. Every time I went u to his property, he stopped whatever he was doing - he just seemed to have all the time in the world for Mum and me . "That stuff can wait", he would say, "but you can't". He gave me fundamentals of horse riding but believed much more in learning by doing. I remember all too well this particular Saturday when he appeared with 2 horses, saddled and ready to go. Here he said, "This one's yours. Come and connect with him." I remembered one thing he told me earlier and that was - "always remember, he is your friend and you need to choose to be his friend. If you're scared or nervous he will sense that and the ride may not be good for you. Likewise, if you're calm and strong in handling him, he will appreciate that and be there for you. Remember he knows this terrain better than you or I so let him guide you." We enjoyed those times in the bush not even being aware of where I was but feeling secure and content because of the connection of horse and mate. I know what it's like too to lose that connection and it's not pretty. I was on a trail ride with a bunch of youth group kids. We had stopped at the top of this hill for some light refreshments before mounting to come down. My horse knew that hill backwards and I think (in hindsight) he wanted to give me the experience of a lifetime. He wasn't waiting for anyone. Ass soon as I was in the saddle and grabbed the reins - off he went - a full gallop down the hill. I panicked, lost connection and in trying to stop him, lost my footing and down I came, ending some 40 metres down the slope against a tree. Losing connection is no fun. But it's more than just horse and rider. Abraham reveals the strength of a solid, unmistakable, sure connection with Yahweh. Grab your son and sacrifice him to me? What? We know the story. Abraham discovered that the why of life is more important than the what of life. Jesus comes and says, If you put your family or anyone or anything over me, watch out , the ride may not be good for you. Are you sure of your connection?

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For Graham C, David G and Jill W as they all continue to recover from hospitalization in recent times.
- ◇ For our ongoing life together. Our mission moving forward.
- ◇ For Irene L whose sister is very unwell and her time with family in SA.
- ◇ For the family of Joyce Marshall who died early last week.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES - Our **Friday morning prayer hub continues most weeks at 7.30am** currently in the downstairs hall. We are few in number but would love to see more join us. Yes its early and a bit fresh in Winter but oh so good to start the day and weekend with a focus on God. Don't forget our Zoom prayer each Wednesday evening at 7pm. It continues.

OXLEY STATE SCHOOL— For now we have enough food and non perishable for these families. Thanks to Westside Community Care, Grace Church, St Matthews and our own family. When school returns we will find out more - and I'll keep you posted.

CHAPLAINCY TRIVIA? Have you registered yet? Registration forms now out. Some copies are on the foyer table but if you would like one emailed to you let me know! I am confident Oxley can field at least 2 tables (16 people) to have a lot of fun, and in some wonderful company. 9th August at the Sherwood AFL Club premises.

CRUSTY BREAD & SOUP - An initiative of our Connections team. **Sat 15th July 5.30 for 6pm start.** Come, enjoy some fellowship with our church family and friends. Please RSVP to Jan (by text) 0437 000 410 or Sharyn (by text) 0410 064 675 to confirm your attendance and any dietary needs.

ACT 2 - The latest report of the Act2 Project has been completed, following prayer and consultation across Australia. The report, as one might expect is lengthy and attempts to take a "long, loving look at the real" of our life as a Church, and puts forward some directions and options for the future. This report will be the focus of Act2 over the next six months. If you would like to learn more you can sign up for its official launch via facebook on 13th July, 1pm

DAY CAMP - Well it's finished for 2023. Thank you to all who contributed as volunteers to make a great 4 days for approx. 39 kids. As you know this was the first year Day Camp was hosted by Bremer Brisbane Presbytery and it was great to see so many churches involved. It is hoped that a short video of some the weeks highlights will be shown during both services on Sunday 16th July.

FUNERAL - many of you will remember Joyce Marshall. The service to celebrate Joyce's life will be held here at Oxley UC next Friday at 10am.

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