

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

<b>PRAYER HUB</b>	Friday 14th July - 7.30am.
<b>RESOURCES</b>	Tuesday 11th July - 7pm.
<b>PRESBYTERY</b>	Sat 15th July - 9am - Centenary UC
<b>CLT</b>	Tuesday 18th July - 7pm
<b>FUNERAL</b>	Stan O'Brien's service - Tuesday 10am.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

<b>Prayer (Zoom)</b>	Meeting ID: 863 1598 0534 . Passcode: 346055. Each Wed. 7pm.
<b>Coffee Chat &amp; Chew</b>	Thursdays! Oxley Café - from 9am.
<b>Garden Lovers Club</b>	4th Thursday monthly - 9.30am Next - 27 July. Contact Harry Thompson.
<b>Social &amp; Craft Group</b>	Meets 1st, 3rd, & 5th Mondays of the month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays). Next - 17 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 - 9 July 23

9AM	-	Rev Dave
5PM	-	John & Lisa Gunders

**Lectionary Readings:** Gn 24:34-38, Ps 45:10-17 Rom 7:15-25 Mt 11:16-19, 25-30

### Next Week - 16 July 23

Morning Service	9am	Rev Dave
Evening Service	5pm	Rev Dave (Café Church)

### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living." Nelson Mandela.

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### WITH ME...

Ever had a change of feeling sweep over you? Perhaps after a busy day, you get home and feel exhausted, tired and just want to chill. Then the phone rings and someone close to you - maybe a son or daughter, husband, wife, grandma etc excitedly tells you that they have just been notified of their winning some competition and the prize is an all expenses paid holiday to some place they always wanted to go. They are so excited! And all of a sudden you feel their energy and enthusiasm and now you feel full of life. I vividly recall feeling very flat and quite alone one Saturday morning not long after arriving in Gympie. I had no idea where anything was, had not met too many people yet and desperately needed to find a clothes repairer to fix my trousers zip - so as to avoid extreme embarrassment the next morning at my first service in this new place. I had walked both sides of Mary Street and saw no such shop despite Mr Google telling me it existed. I sat on a Park Bench and was thinking through my options when this older woman stopped and said, "You look lost. Can I help?" I don't think I even raised my eyes, but simply said, "I'm sorry. I'm new to town and am frustrated because I can't find what I'm looking for." And I told her the shop I needed. "If you can just tell me the street address, I'll find it." Then I got up and she said - "walk this way". "Where are you taking me", I quipped. Before I could say anything else, she replied, "With me." On the way to that shop, she stopped and told me all about the town she loved. Then on arriving at the 'shop', she came in, introduced me to the shop owner and asked her to make sure she looked after me. She put a new zip in while I waited, gave me a cup of coffee and then refused to accept any payment. From feeling alone and quite agitated to feeling affirmed, loved and appreciated all because of two words - with me. She went beyond the normal and her gift to me that day was priceless. God has always been in the business of 'with me'. If you are with me then no one or no thing can stand against you. If you are with me, you don't need to be afraid. If you are with me, you can achieve the impossible for me. The question He asks is, "are you with me?" And how you respond is your choice?

### Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For Graham C, David G, Amy H 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 died moments before Irene could be with her..
- ◇ For the families of Joyce Marshall and Stan O'Brien..

**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.

**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

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES** - Available on the foyer this week are the forms by which you can indicate your preference for how you might serve God through this Church family. It's different this year as we have aligned these various tasks with our 4 Mission Teams. A digital version will be emailed this coming week.

**NAME BADGES** - We are taking names for those who wish to get a name badge for the first time or indeed if the one you have is 'tired'. Please see Sharyn to be included on the list.

**FUNERAL** - We will celebrate Stan O'Brien's life this Tuesday 11th July at 10am. Refreshments will follow. Stan was a much loved and involved member of our family here for some years.

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