

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

PRAYER HUB	Friday 28th July - 7.30am.
ST VINCENTS SERVICE	Monday 24 July - 9.30am
SU TRIVIA NIGHT	Wed 9th Aug. 6pm. Sherwood AFL Club
CLT WORKSHOP	Sat. 5th Aug. 8.30 for a 9am start.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Prayer (Zoom)	Thursdays - 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 - 31 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 - 23rd July 23

9AM	-	Harry Thompson & Rev Dave
5PM	-	Rev Dave

Lectionary Readings: Gn 28:10-19 Ps 139:1-12 Rom 8:12-25 Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

Next Week - 30th July 23 (Mission Sunday)

Morning Service	9am	Uniting World (Jenny Guyatt)
Evening Service	5pm	Uniting World (Mardi Lumsden)

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it." Ralph Waldo Emerson.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



VISION VS SIGHT!

Now there's an strange title! Isn't vision and sight the same thing? Well, maybe in some instances they are. One has vision of the land from the cruise ship because one can see it. It has become within sight! Yet, vision is also used to describe that which is in front of us that hasn't yet come in sight. These days companies, not for profits and indeed Churches often have 'vision statements' that drive the organization into their respective futures. The sight of that future is rarely detailed in absolute terms yet it's a strong vision. Standing on a wooden platform wedged into the side of a tree, just big enough for your two feet, about 2 metres above the ground, blindfolded is unlikely to be many people's favourite pastimes. Yet, there I was. And some 60 people watching. Some cheering me on; some not game to look; some just thinking I was plain stupid. The idea of this outdoor adventure challenge was to grab the rope that would be handed to you and jump from the safety of that platform, as small as it was, swinging on the rope and land about 3 –4 metres away on a similar small wedged in platform of another tree. I knew in my mind where that landing was, I knew it was there, I knew the rope was strong enough and long enough. But I couldn't see the finish, the rope or even the ground below; all sense of sight had gone. The only thing I had was the vision being drafted by the comments of those around me. OK, so that's a practical example perhaps, but when one inserts the spiritual vision that God by His Spirit enables, things get so much more daring, dramatic and destiny defining. What we 'see' today is nothing compared to the glory that will be revealed as we envision a new life with Jesus. Paul reminds us that our ultimate vision is encapsured in the hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new life He has promised (Romans 8: 25). So we look forward to that which we don't yet have, and something our physical sight will not reveal. His promise of renewal and victory is the vision that ought to keep us persisting to make a difference for Him and especially when there appears little or no progress in our efforts. May we be people prepared to leap off the platform of 'back there' towards a new horizon even if we can't see it all.

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For Scripture Union - see opposite page.
- ◇ For CLT as it wrestles with our Mission plan for the next 3 - 5 years.
- ◇ For those who have recently lost loved ones.
- ◇ For the ministry of Uniting World.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES - Friday morning - 7.30am (Downstairs Hall) Thursday evening - 7pm (Zoom)

CHANGE COMING - CLT at its meeting last Tuesday night considered a range of issues and among them was a change to the Oxley Oracle. Effective from Sunday 6 August, the Oracle in its full form will only be published and distributed monthly (on the first Sunday of the Month) . For the remaining weeks we will publish a "What's On" page that will ensure we all stay abreast of 'what's on"! Any questions please contact one of the CLT members!

CHAPLAINCY TRIVIA? Have you registered yet? I was hoping for maybe two tables of 8 from OUC - maybe there's 3 among us? Registration forms are out. If you would like to join a team please let Dave know so he can find a place for you or you can just register as an individual and be placed. 9th August - Sherwood AFL Club.

ACT 2 - Presbytery last weekend focused on the Governance pages in which 4 options are highlighted for the future of the UCA. No decisions were made but we are being encouraged to be aware of the content of the report and to make any feedback we might consider reasonable. CLT is considering how best to address it. You will hear more of this over coming weeks.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES - Have you completed the permission and service opportunities yet? Thank you to those who have. If you haven't please endeavour to complete them as soon as possible. They can be left in the box in the Foyer or emailed to the Communications email address.

NAME BADGES - Do you want a Oxley UC name badge? Perhaps you've never had one or your old one is worn out? Please see Sharyn to be included on the list. (Costs - \$12.50 for the pin variety and \$16.30 for a magnet badge).

SU PRAYERS PLEASE - For Schools to continue to opt for a Chaplain rather than a welfare worker. And that the Gov't might change its mind re the tax deductibility of donations to support Chaplaincy!

FINANCIAL UPDATE - The Church's profit/loss for June is \$631.09 Loss. The Church's profit/loss for the Financial Year is -\$3,976.89 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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