

## EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

PRAYER HUB	Friday 4th August - 7.30am.
ST VINCENTS SERVICE	Monday 28 August - 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 - 24 August. 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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# THE OXLEY ORACLE

30th July 2023



## MISSION SUNDAY



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 - 30th July 23 (Mission Sunday)

9AM	-	Uniting World - Jenny Guyatt
5PM	-	Uniting World - Mardi Lumsden

**Lectionary Readings:** Gn 29:15-28 Ps 105:1-11, Rom 8:26-39 Mt 13:31-33, 44-52

### Next Week - 6th August 23

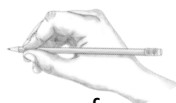
Morning Service	9am	Rev Dave
Evening Service	5pm	Rev Dave

### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Our task as Spirit-filled Christians, following Christ, is to announce redemption, healing and love to a world that knows only exploitation, fear and suspicion".

N.T. Wright

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### PURPOSEFUL PLACE!

Ok - I'll be up front. This is a dog story! And I know that some of you may turn off straight away because you're not into dogs or maybe you prefer cats or some other form of pet comforter (like my nephew Nathan and his pet Python and Red Belly Black) but I ask that you humour me and read on anyway. And for the dog lovers amongst us - may you be inspired! I've had a number of dogs over the years but the one breed that always captivates me and still my favorite is the German Shepherd., probably because Mum and I bred Shepherds for a few years (Mum did most of the work). But one needs lots of space and time to gain the most of this breed. Jazz was my latest . I got her when she was about 2 from a breeder discovering at that time she was abused as a pup (the breeder found her on the side of the road one night and took her in). Jazz and I became mates . I could tell you many stories but today just this one! I was walking her one Friday night. It was late and quite dark. Jazz was on my left - her usual place when we walked - and rarely did she move from my side . We were about 200 meters from the road and suddenly she stopped and dug her feet in (so to speak). I pulled on her lead but she froze and kept looking to her right - toward a thick set of bushes. After trying everything to get her moving - I freed her from the lead and she ran in front of me about 5 meters and then came back only to my right and she stood there - growling and staring at these bushes. Just as I was becoming quite frustrated and angry at her, something in that bush moved. I now froze and Jazz barked but never moved making sure she was between me and whatever was in there! It seemed like an eternity we were there neither of us moved until Jazz was sure that there was danger lurking. What was it? I have my guesses but I don't know! What I do know is that Jazz had a reason to be where she was at that time and if being there meant she was naughty or yelled at - too bad. It's like she was saying, "you and I are one and you need me as I need you! I had a purpose to be in that place." Paul writes to the Corinthians and reminds us all that whilst we are different and have different roles to play and places to be, we are all part of Christ's body and that's a purposeful place!

### Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the Trivia Night that fun and laughter will abound while raising much needed funds to assist our Chaplains.
- ◇ For CLT as it meets next Saturday to reflect on where God is leading us.
- ◇ For the homeless and underprivileged in our community.
- ◇ For the ministry of Uniting World.

**TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY!** And it's a joy to welcome Jenny Guyatt for our morning service and Mardi Lumsden in the evening - both strong advocates for Uniting World. Uniting World is the international aid and partnerships agency of the Uniting Church in Australia. They collaborate with the global church to address the causes and consequences of poverty, injustice and violence. Please make them feel welcome and affirmed in their ministry!

**SPECIAL CAFÉ CHURCH** this evening! And I can assure you what Mardi has for us will be different, challenging yet very exciting. All very welcome. We start with a cuppa at 5 - service beginning at about 5.10pm

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

**ORACLE - CHANGE** - Just reminding all that next week 6th August will be the last full version of the Oracle until the first Sunday in September. For the Sundays 13th, 20th and 27th August, we will distribute a reduced version which will be predominantly the current 3rd page.

**CHAPLAINCY TRIVIA?** This is starting to gather some pretty significant momentum. While we have about 40 registered to date, we have about 10 tables and so we are hoping that we will be looking at around the 80 mark, which will be wonderful. There's still time to register if you haven't already done so. It will be a fun filled night.

**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 or worse still you've lost it - like yours truly. Please see Sharyn to be included on the list. (Costs - \$12.50 for the pin variety and \$16.30 for a magnet badge).

**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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