

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

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| Prayer Hubs | Wednesday 15th June - 5.00pm Friday 17th June - 7.30am |
| Working Bee | Saturday 18 th June – 8am |
| CLT | Thursday 16th June — 7pm |
| Care Essentials | Indooroopilly UC – 18 & 25 June! |

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Coffee Chat & Chew | Every Thursday 9.30am Oxley Café |
| Garden Lovers Club | Last Thursday of each month - 9.30am Contact Harry Thompson. |
| Social & Craft Group | 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays) Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin. |
| Friday Night Youth | Meeting Monthly this year! Contact Holly or Dave. |

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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| Minister | Rev Dave Thomas M: 0432 304 474 E: daget01@outlook.com |
| Resources | Gayle Rankin M: 0410 511 601 |
| Pastoral Care | Sharyn Sinnamon Covid Advisor Annette Coupland M: 0410 064 675 M: 0408 019 661 |
| Treasurer* | Graham Coupland * Interim Treasurer M: 0409 687 046 |
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| Notices for the Oxley Oracle - deadline midday Thursdays | |
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Growing in Christ | Showing Christ | Going Christ's Way

THE OXLEY ORACLE

12th June 2022



Prayer times: Wednesdays 5.00pm
Fridays 7.30am

Venue for both - Downstairs Hall



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'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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| Morning Service | 9.00am - Mr Jesse Caulfield (VOM) |
| Evening Service | 6.30pm - Mr Jesse Caulfield (Live Streamed) |
| Lectionary Readings | Prv 8:1-4, 22-31 Ps 8 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15 |

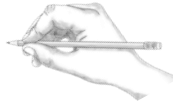
Sunday 19th June

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| 9.00am | - | Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed) |
| 6.30pm | - | Rev Dave Thomas |

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." Aristotle

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



BALANCED

I remember being told that 'life is about balance'. I used to work in Superannuation and when it came to speaking with people about investments particularly, the one liner so common was something like: The older we get the more balanced our investments need to be. Balanced meaning in that field making sure investments are not too heavily weighted either in high risk options or indeed in low risk options. After all there is a direct correlation between risk and return! A balanced investor was – and is - neither conservative (low risk – low return) or a high flyer (high risk – high return). Of course it is not only in the investment field that one needs some form of balance. Most people would argue that life requires a balance between food, exercise and sleep.

I wonder whether as Jesus followers, as Christians, we are balanced. What do I mean? Last week we celebrated Pentecost – the gift of the Holy Spirit into our lives. Appropriately, today is known as "Trinity Sunday"! We have Father, Son and Spirit. While theologically we call this 'Trinity' or three in one, practically we might look at this as giving us the opportunity for creative, spiritual and meaningful 'balance'. I have come across lots of well meaning people who are committed to our churches but are unbalanced in their spiritual walk because they choose to ignore the ministry of one or more of these three 'persons' of Christian experience. We cannot get to God other than through Jesus and we need the Spirit to 'see' and 'hear' Jesus in our midst. God through Jesus, by His Spirit gives us all we need to be balanced believers and operate faithfully and fruitfully in His Kingdom. John records for us the significance of such a balance. "When the helper comes (Spirit), who I (Jesus – Son) send to you from the Father (God), that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He (Spirit) will bear witness of me (Jesus – Son) – John 15: 26. Each has their place – each has their role and we need to embrace all three within and around us.

Shalom—Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For conversations at the Oxley Community Festival last weekend.
- ◇ For the ministry of Christian Radio across the country.
- ◇ For relationships between The Pacific Islands, China, Australia and New Zealand.
- ◇ For the continuing tension in the Ukraine.
- ◇ For David and Jill Woodward—both battling significant health concerns.

Tithes and Offerings by Bank Transfer: CBA: BSB: 064 011 Acct: 10032190
(Please identify your bank transaction as either 'Tithe' or 'Offering', Thank you)

PRAYER – Our Wednesday afternoon prayer group will start 30 mins earlier from this week until further notice. Come along from 5pm in the downstairs hall. Please note that both this group and the Friday morning (7.30am) one is open to anyone to come and go as they need to. Whilst we have a commencing time, feel free to come any time within the 45 mins after. Any questions – see Dave.

COVID-19 – Diligence still needed. Any questions at all please contact Annette Coupland.

TREASURER – Could this be a role for you? We need to fill this vacancy! If you are interested or know of anyone who may be – please contact Dave!

WORKING BEE - Next Saturday - 18th June. From 8am! Some yard work outside as well as some clearing and cleaning inside. **BYO hat and tools!**

FINANCIAL UPDATE - The Church's profit/loss for May was \$424.96 Gain.
The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$548.92 Gain.

Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Assistant Treasurer Graham Coupland Ph 0409 687 046.

VOM – We welcome Jesse Caulfield to share with us today at both services. Jesse is the Regional Relationship Manager for Voice of the Martyrs (VOM). I know we will make him feel very welcome and affirmed!

Voice of the Martyrs exists to serve the persecuted church with practical and spiritual assistance and to lead Christians in the free world into fellowship with persecuted believers. Voice of the Martyrs Australia has been serving persecuted Christians since 1969. Our ministry is inspired by Hebrews 13:3, "Remember the prisoners as if chained with them — those who are mistreated — since you yourselves are in the body also." (NKJV)

EMMAUS / CHRYSALIS—Do you know anyone who would value an incredible moving experience of spending 3 days with God, unpacking His love and grace with like-minded people. The next Emmaus walks (men and women) are scheduled for the weekend of 22nd – 25th September while Chrysalis – for our younger folk – their flights take off on 22nd – 24th July. Let's be at prayer for all these opportunities for spiritual growth!