



Oxley Uniting Church Newsletter Sunday 22nd March 2020

To all members of Oxley Uniting Church,

The Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all in this very uncertain time. As you are aware by now, the Queensland Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia has advised all congregations in Queensland that all worship services and activities of the church need to cease immediately. This is the first time this has ever happened in the history of the Uniting Church. In accordance with this decision, Oxley Uniting Church has ceased worship services and all other activities have been stopped.

However, during this time we are planning to offer some online resources, including an online worship service that will be recorded each week. Please follow this link https://youtu.be/R3ns_L3FEJU or go to the church's website at <https://www.oxleydarrauc.org.au/online-messages/>. We will be updating the the website regularly with resources and updates about what is happening with the church. For those without internet access, we are endeavouring to produce a DVD for you to watch at home. If you would like this DVD then please contact Rev. Andrew on **0449986390** or email agunton@westnet.com.au.

We are also continuing with our pastoral care during this time. Each member of the Church Leadership Team (CLT) has a list with members on it. The CLT members should have contacted you by now to check on your wellbeing and explain the ongoing situation. If you need a pastoral contact, or prayer, please talk to your CLT member or contact Sharyn Sinnamon on 0410064675 or Rev. Andrew.

Please reach out via phone or email to members who you know and keep encouraging each other. It is so important that we know that others are thinking of us as we physically isolate ourselves from each other.

I leave you then with God's blessings for you and your family and the following prayer.

Loving God,

you created us to be a loving community.

In this time of social isolation, please hold us in your loving embrace.

Bring comfort to those who are anxious and distressed, patience to those who are bored, and peace to those who are distressed.

May your Spirit continue to connect us to your love and to each other in times when we are apart.

As we face the uncertainty of the future, may we know that you walk beside us and go before us to face the future with the certainty of your love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, we pray.

Amen.

God Bless

Rev. Andrew