

weekly bulletin

26 April 2020



Growing in Christ | Showing Christ | Going Christ's Way

Bible readings:

Easter 3

Acts 2:14a,36-41, Psalm 116:1-4,12-19

1 Peter 1:17-32, Luke 24:13-35

Weekly reflection

The road to Emmaus takes on renewed significance this year as we find ourselves much like those disciples, taking a journey unsure of the destination and fearful of the unknown. Like those disciples we continue on this isolation journey unsure when we will come out of it unsure of what the future will look like. But just like those disciples who were both surprised and delighted as their Lord joined them on the road we to are assured that the Lord continues to walk with us on our journey at this time. It is the Lord who strengthens us in our times of doubt and fear, it is the Lord who continues to provide us with the hope that in Him our future is secure.

As this isolation drags on and we feel the frustration, the concern and fear where it is all going, may we be assured of the Lord's presence with us and may we know the comfort and peace that he comes to each of us with everyday.

God Bless Rev. Andrew

Please pray for:

- those who are facing surgery Geoff I, or having ongoing treatment - Brian R,
- people recovering from operations - Russell G.
- Thanks for the successful move of Stan O'B and Jill & David may the Lord bless their homes.
- the family of Isabella K as they continue to give thanks for her life.
- members of our community in nursing homes and their families who feel further isolated from them at this time - Del A, Claire M, Margaret R, Lorraine I, Margaret A, Joyce H.
- the congregation of Clayfield UC and their Minister, Rev Leoni Gaffnel
- those who have served and continue to serve in our defence forces as we give thanks for them this ANZAC day.
- those who don't have access to computers or internet and are trying to work from home or educate children.
- those people who have lost their jobs and are not eligible for the JobKeeper wage subsidy, especially migrant workers.

Contribute:

Email communications oxleydarrauc@gmail.com by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

Ways to keep in touch

During this time of no gathering, it is more important than ever to keep in touch with each other.

Here are some options that you might consider.

1. Weekly worship online

Our worship services are being recorded and uploaded online to our YouTube channel and website at oxleydarrauc.org.au. Please share our website address with as many people as you can. It is also on our Facebook page.

For those without internet access, DVDs & CDs of the service are being produced. Please contact Rev Andrew to get a copy delivered.

2. Call someone

Make it your aim to call at least one person from church every day. Our church directory was recently updated. If you would like an electronic version, please contact Rev Andrew.

3. Keep up to date via email

If you have an email address that we don't currently have or an updated address, please let us know. Send an email to communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com to be added to our email distribution list.

4. Don't sit in silence.

Give Rev. Andrew or Sharyn Sinnamon a call (0410064675) and let us know how things are going for you.

Devotional resources

The following resources are freely available to be used at home as you continue to spend time with God.

- Lectio 365 follow this link for a free online daily devotional that can be downloaded as an App to your phone or tablet.
- Seasons of the Spirit, activities are attached to this email. Please read the material and enjoy the activity.

Giving in a time of Isolation

Giving of our resources for the work of God in our world is an ongoing covenant we make with God. During this time, when we cannot make our physical offering via the collection plate, you might consider giving via direct debit, even if it is only during this current crisis. The details for our bank are as follows.

Account Name: Oxley-Darra UCA Parish Offerings Account

BSB: 064 011 (Commonwealth Bank)

Account Number: 1003 2190

Friday Night Youth and Sunday Connect go virtual. Thanks to the efforts of Holly our Youth and Children's activities are happening via Zoom. If you would like to participate in these programs email holly.jewell@optusnet.com.au

Rev Andrew Gunton
Minister

m: 0449 986 390

e: agunton@westnet.com.au

