

# weekly bulletin

3 May 2020



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

## Bible readings:

Easter 4  
Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

## Weekly reflection

The image of Jesus as Shepherd is well known, it is an image of comfort, safety and security. While we like the security of the being enclosed in the sheep pen as explained in the reading from John for this Sunday, we are also challenged by the fact that Christ calls us out of the sheep pen to be his people into the world. A people of action showing his love to the neighbour, sharing his compassion with those on the margins, seeking the lost, feeding the hungry, helping those who are sick and helping the poor.

As this isolation drags on we might wonder how do we show this love of the good shepherd stuck at home. Maybe we could show Christ's care and compassion, by calling a friend, helping a neighbour, showing kindness to a stranger even when we might feel frustrated ourselves. May we continue to be hands and feet of the Good Shepherd as we reach out and share his love for all.

God Bless Rev. Andrew

## Please pray for:

- For the Brian, Vicki, Joel and Zac as Brian starts Palliative Care.
- those who are recovering from surgery Geoff I, Russell G.
- Thanks for the successful move of Stan O'B and Jill & David may the Lord bless their homes.
- Congratulations to Helen and Sonny on the birth of their Baby Boy.
- 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 Middle Park UC and their Minister, Rev Kate Fraser
- the Oxley CLT who will be meeting this week via zoom.
- Rev. Glen Schweitzer the new Presbytery Minister for the Bremer Brisbane Presbytery as he begins his ministry from 1st May.
- 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:holly.jewell@optusnet.com.au)

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