

weekly bulletin

26 July 2020



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

Bible readings:

Pentecost 8
Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b;
Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Weekly reflection

I have spent the last week contemplating the future as I spent some time with the Presbytery Ministers from across the state. The history of humanity has many people trying to predict the future, Nostradamus was a 16th century seer who believed he could predict the future. These predictions have been discredited over the centuries and yet many people still flock to them and many other people who claim they can know the future. The future however is not written. However it is assured to us through the love of Christ who promises us that "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."^{John 10:10}. Let us live life today out of this abundance of Christ's life in us and may we put our hope for the future in him who comes to bring us the great promise that he comes to the world not to condemn but that the world might have everlasting life. God Bless,
Rev. Andrew

Contribute:

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

Please pray for:

- continued prayer for all who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time.
- John G's sister Margaret, Russell G's sister Leanne
- those who are recovering from surgery or needing more surgery or recently hospitalised - Pam G, Nerida M, Clyde L.
- 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, Stan O.
- the congregation of Brackenridge UC, and their Minister, Pastor Paula Hukehuke.
- those people who have lost their jobs and are not eligible for the JobKeeper wage subsidy, especially migrant workers.
- The crisis situation in Victoria and New South Wales amid the ever increasing the Covid19 virus
- people who are travelling throughout Qld, now that covid restrictions have been lifted
- Members of the JNC as they bring a name forward for our next Minister of the Word

Recommencing Sunday Worship 9th August

The Oxley CLT has agreed to recommence face to face worship on **Sunday the 9th August at 10am**. We have some hurdles to overcome including the fact that we can only have 74 people in the church building and the cleaning requirements mean that we will only have one service, so no evening service at this time. We will be asking people to register their interest in the service, and are requesting people to remain home if they are ill, have cold like symptoms, have compromised health conditions or other health vulnerabilities. We will be continuing to live-stream our services and provide them on DVD for those who wish to continue worship from home. Please watch out for further updates over the next two weeks.

Oxley Worship Today Sunday 26th July Live-streamed

Our worship today the 26th July will again be live-streamed **at 10am**. This will mean that you will be able to watch the service live via our youtube channel. We will also record the service and will post it on our youtube channel later in the day. DVD's of the service will be available after the service for those without internet access. Unfortunately only those taking part in the service will be able to be present during the livestream.

DATE CLAIMER SUNDAY 23RD August

Celebration service for Rev Andrew Gunton, his family, his ministry at Oxley and his future leadership in the role of Moderator for Uniting Church, Queensland. (subject to government restrictions being lifted)

Rev Andrew Gunton

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**DATE CLAIMER
29TH JULY 7.30PM**

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting .

Presbytery minister Glen Schweitzer has requested that the JNC wish to bring a name for a Minister to be called to the Oxley congregation for the congregations deliberations. All are welcome to attend this important meeting in relation to the future of our church. Please be aware that COVID19 restrictions will be in place.

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. Please 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

Treasurer's Mid-year Update.

Despite the extraordinary circumstances, the bank finances are in good shape.

Naturally, offerings have decreased because of no Sunday services but we have been blessed with some generous donations. Solar panels have also generated some handy credit.

Surplus for 1st 6months is \$21,129.20 for which we are truly thankful. Any questions please phone Russell Green

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