

weekly bulletin

9 August 2020



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

Bible readings:

Pentecost 10
Genesis 37: 1-4, 2-28; Psalm 105: 1-6,16-22,45b;
Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

Weekly reflection

This week we reflect on faith as we hear again the story of Jesus calming the storm from Matthew's gospel. Faith, according to book of Hebrews chapter 11:1 "is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Faith is the conviction that our God is with us and that the future is assured in God. This is hard for us humans as we want to know what's going to happen we want to be certain of our future, but we are called instead to be convicted that in the uncertainty of the future our God is there, in the hope of something more the assurance of Christ's faith is enough for us. We are reminded throughout the bible of those men and women who put all their faith in God, who went through extraordinary struggles and came through them because of the faith that God places in their hearts. Let us be people of faith and continue to show that faith to the people of the world as we too work through this most difficult time.
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, Graham H's mum, Val
- 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 Hervey Bay UC, and their Minister, Rev Luke Smallwood.
- those people who have lost their jobs and are not eligible for the JobKeeper wage subsidy
- The crisis situation in Victoria and New South Wales amid the ever increasing Covid19 virus
- Heather C and Chris who recently announced their engagement
- The people of Beirut as they mourn the loss of lives and the homes after the devastating explosion.

Recommencing Sunday Worship - 23rd August

After the CLT emergency meeting on the 4th August it was decided NOT to have a return to worship the 9th August as was previously advised. We will endeavour to hold a face to face worship on **Sunday 23rd August** which will be Andrew's final service at our church. The service on 16th August will also be live-streamed with a few more people in the congregation. These will be members of the CLT and their families. This is to see how the COVID19 processes work before the 23rd. We still 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 to attend 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 during the coming week.

Oxley Worship Today Sunday 9th August Live-streamed

Our worship today the 9th August 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.

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JNC RECOMMENDATION New Minister

At the recent Congregational meeting the JNC brought forward a name for our next minister. This nomination was unanimously accepted by those present. We are pleased to announce that Rev. Dave Thomas will be our new minister. Rev Thomas will commence at our church from 1st February 2021. The CLT will now negotiate with the new minister in relation to other logistical matters.

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)

Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for July is
\$2,453.78 Gain.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$23,582.98 Gain.

Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Russell Green.

