

weekly bulletin

6 September 2020



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

Bible readings:

Pentecost 14
Exodus 12: 1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13: 8-14; Matthew 18:

Weekly reflection

It's Fathers' Day.

I was lucky enough to have my dad in my life till I was 41 years of age and there are many occasions when I wish I could have had him around a lot longer. Celebrating special days – birthdays, anniversaries, mothers' and fathers' days, Christmas are often bitter sweet days for a variety of reasons. To those for whom today is more bitter than sweet, know you're remembered and loved as you journey through this valley.

The Greeks have a word, 'storge' (pronounced stor-JAY) that is used in Christianity to mean family love, the bond among mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, sisters, and brothers. The Enhanced Strong's Lexicon defines storge as "cherishing one's kindred, especially parents or children; the mutual love of parents and children and wives and husbands; loving affection; loving tenderly; chiefly of the reciprocal tenderness of parents and children." It is this type of love that many of us saw exemplified in our Dads that we celebrate and give thanks for today.

More on another Greek word for love, 'agape' in today's service.
Happy Fathers' Day to all our Dads!!

Ian Smallbone

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.
- those who are still recovering from surgery or needing more surgery or recently hospitalised - Pam G, Nerida M, Clyde L., David W
- 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 Lifeworks UC, Toowoomba and their Minister, Rev Tim Griggs
- The crisis situation in Victoria and New South Wales amid the ever increasing Covid19 virus
- Our local community during the contact transfers of the virus
- Rev Ian and his wife Glenys.
- Happy Father's Day to all fathers in our community

Gift for Andrew and Lyndell

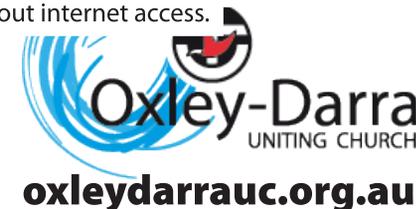
As you would have seen, at the Celebration Service for Andrew we presented him with a farewell gift (Leather satchel, travelling bag and wallet containing some money) and presented Lyndelle with a nice bunch of flowers. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of these, please send a direct debit to our church account with reference 'Gift'. BSB-064011, account number 10032190, Account name - Oxley-Darra UCA

Recommencing Sunday Worship - Next Week - 13th September

The CLT Executive has decided to delay our return to worship until **next Sunday 13th September at 10am**. This is because of the on-going COVID19 situation that has occurred in and around our local community and to ensure the safety of our church members. This service will also be live-streamed. 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. Members who come to the services from then on will need to sign in to ensure that we are remaining compliant with Government restrictions. 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. Please wear a mask if you feel the need to.

Oxley Worship Today Sunday 6th Sept - Live-streamed

Our worship today the 6th September 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 for those without internet access.



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