

# weekly bulletin

4 October 2020



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

## Bible readings:

Pentecost 18

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19

Phil 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

## Weekly reflection

Today as part of the message, I'll be having a look at the way Jesus used parables. When I was young, I was taught that a parable was 'an earthly story with a heavenly meaning'. I still think that's a pretty good definition; parables are meant to encourage us to think about our life on earth, the Kingdom of heaven, God's reign in our lives. In the past couple of weeks we've had parables about the workers in the vineyard, the two sons sent to work in their father's vineyard and today it's about the tenants in the vineyard and we'll consider it alongside the parable from Isaiah 5. Fruitfulness and obedience are major themes and Jesus' words about the parable of the sower apply to all; "He who has ears, let him hear." May God use these ancient words to renew and challenge us today.  
Ian Smallbone

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes and items to put in them are available now in the foyer. Please see Jan T for further details

## Oxley Worship Today Sunday 4th Oct - Live-streamed

Our worship today the 4th October will again be live-streamed **at 10am**. This will mean for those who can't make the service in person, you will be able to watch it 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.

## Contribute:

Email [communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com](mailto:communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com) by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

## DISCERNMENT OF CLT NOMINATIONS

There are three vacancies to be filled on the Congregational Leadership Team (CLT) at the Congregational Meeting scheduled for 22nd November 2020. Please prayerfully consider any person you may wish to nominate for these positions. Nomination forms are available in the foyer now.

There is a 'farewell' card to Rev Andrew in the foyer for all to sign their well-wishes. Please ensure that you have the opportunity to send him your thoughts.

## Please pray for:

- Mikey and Sarah W. as they mourn the passing of their baby daughter, May.
- John G's sister, Margaret, in ICU in Toowoomba hospital
- those who are still recovering from surgery or needing more surgery or recently hospitalised - Clyde L, David W, Peter P
- 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, Pam G.
- the members of Mary Burnett Presbytery, and their Minister, Rev Chris Crause
- The crisis situation in Victoria and New South Wales amid the ever increasing Covid19 virus
- Rev Ian and his wife Glenys.
- Discernment for nominations for CLT vacancies

## 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

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## Sunday Worship - this Week 4th October

Following the successful commencement of our church services, we will be continuing with the 10am timeslot for our Sunday services. These services will also be live-streamed. We still have the 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 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 now on will need to **register beforehand** and 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.

## Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for August is \$3,575.14 Loss.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$20,007.84 Gain.

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

