

weekly bulletin

15 November 2020



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

Bible readings:

Pentecost 24

Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123;

1Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

Weekly reflection

Today's gospel reading is often referred to as the 'parable' of the sheep and the goats, but some question whether it is a parable or an actual description of judgment. It raises many questions, particularly about whether we are saved by our actions – works – or by faith in Jesus as the apostle Paul strongly argues. Do we do works of justice and mercy to be saved or because we are saved? What is clear is that in Jesus' sum up statement, 'in as much as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me', he further develops and refines the golden rule of Matthew 5:12, that we are to treat others in the same way that we would like to be treated.
Ian Smallbone

Oxley Worship Today Sunday 15th Nov - Live-streamed

Our worship today the 15th November 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 by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

Please pray for:

- those who are still recovering from surgery or needing more surgery or recently hospitalised - Clyde L, David W, Harry T, David G
- 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 congregation of the Emerald UC and its minister Rev Jim Pearson
- Give thanks for the partial re-opening of borders between states
- Rev Ian and his wife Glenys.

Three members of the congregation have accepted nominations for the upcoming CLT elections. They are Leona Greer, Graham Hodgson and Irene Latigan. Please pray for them as they consider this new role

To all leaders of the various groups within the church. The CLT is compiling a yearly planner for 2021. Should you have any request for any dates next year please see Leona or send an email to Communications.

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CLT UPDATE At the recent CLT meeting it was decided that this year there would be NO Christmas Carols held in the Oxley State School oval. As well there would be NO carolling in peoples' houses. Instead we will be holding a Christmas Carol service one Sunday evening close to Christmas. More information to follow

Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for October is \$1,994.19 Gain.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$31,819.12 Gain.

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

Date Claimer - 22 November

11.15am Congregational Meeting to elect new CLT members and adopt next year's budget. Also available in the foyer are - the Agenda for this meeting, minutes of the last meeting and 2019 reports from the various groups within the church. These will also be sent by electronic media.

