

# weekly bulletin

29 November 2020



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

## Bible readings:

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64: 1-9; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19;

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37

## Weekly reflection

Have you ever wondered why the Bible says that "God loves a cheerful giver?" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Joyful giving is a sign that the givers understand that the earth is the Lord's and we are his stewards. Cheerful giving can only come from a heart set on things above, not on earthly things (see Colossians 3:1). God loves a cheerful giver because such givers are investing in heaven, which brings eternal dividends.

When the tabernacle was being built in the Old Testament, people got so caught up in the joy of giving that they had to be 'restrained' from giving more. In fact, Moses had to issue an order, to be sent throughout the camp: "Let no man or woman make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." It was only then that the people stopped giving. The materials were sufficient for them to do all the work. There was more than enough. (Exodus 36:4-7)

Today we continue the theme of our response to God's rich grace and consider what we can give cheerfully to God of our time, talents and treasures.

Blessings

Ian Smallbone

**Farewell** Today we say farewell to Dilum, Emma, Andrew and Kaylee Fernando. They have been members of our church for quite some time. We wish them well as they start a new life in Melbourne

Congratulations to Leona Greer, Graham Hodgson and Irene Latigan who were elected as members of the CLT at the Congregational meeting last week.. Please pray for them as they enter this new role

## Contribute:

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

## Please pray for:

- The Gunders family, Sharyn S and Tresona on the recent passing of close relatives
- those who are still recovering from surgery or needing more surgery or recently hospitalised - Clyde L, David W, David G, Leona
- 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 Cairns Emmanuel UC and its minister Pastor Ian Grant Spong
- Give thanks for the anticipated re-opening of borders between states
- Dilum, Emma, Andrew and Kaylee Fernando as they move to Melbourne
- Rev Ian and his wife Glenys.

## 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 for next year's diary** - Church Family Camp - Bribie Island weekend of 23-25 April 2021

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**GIVING PROGRAM.** This year's giving program will be conducted differently. You can register your giving on line as per the email sent this week, or for those not on the email the paper forms are still available in the foyer. Please see Russell or Harry for further information.

## Upcoming Date Claimers

**Tuesday 1.12.20** 7.30pm - training for budding Livestream operators. All welcome.

**Sunday 6.12.20** 10am Celebration Service for Sunday Connect

**Thursday 10.12.20** 7.00pm - CLT meeting

**Sunday 13.12.20** 10am - Rev Andrew Gunton will be taking the service, followed by a picnic in Cawonga Park

**Saturday 19.12.20** 8am - working bee at the manse, 2 Gregwal Crt Oxley. Please bring gardening equipment

**Sunday 20.12.20** 6pm - Christmas Carols service, Please register your intent to come

**Friday 25.12.20** 8.30am - Christmas Day Service. Please register your intent to come

