

weekly bulletin

13 December 2020



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

Bible readings:

3rd Sunday of Advent-28,
Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126;
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Weekly reflection

Today is the third Sunday in Advent and the word for today is 'Joy'. When they saw the star, they (the wise men) rejoiced with exceeding great joy. (Matthew 2:10) How would you describe joy? Is it possible to be filled with joy and not have a beaming smile on your face. Certainly joy goes way deeper than having fun although it's true that our hobbies and interests can give us a measure of joy. Biblical joy is a joy that can exist in the most extenuating circumstances. For me it's around having a quiet confidence that God is with us, that God is for us, and in this knowledge is the foundation for an abiding, deep joy. May we, with the wise men, find occasions to rejoice with exceeding great Joy, as we contemplate the gift of Emmanuel this Advent and Christmas season.

Blessings
Ian Smallbone

Welcome to our Moderator Rev Andrew Gunton to our service this morning. He will be joining us for a picnic lunch afterwards. All welcome

Congratulations To Heather Coupland and Christopher Ohnsorge who were married yesterday. May God enrich their lives as they become one in His presence.

Our dearest friend and church family member, Margaret Richards, has been called to be with our Lord this week. Margaret will always be remembered as a gentle lady who always had a kind word and smile for everyone she met. She will be greatly missed.

Contribute:

Email communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com by 7pm Thursday with notices for next week's bulletin.

Please pray for:

- family and friends of Margaret Richards who passed to be with our Lord this week
- those who are still recovering from surgery or needing more surgery or recently hospitalised, Leona G, Rob P
- members of our community in nursing homes and their families who feel further isolated from them at this time - Del A, Claire M, Lorraine I, Margaret A, Joyce H, Stan O, Pam G.
- Reece, Amber & Elsie - expected arrival of new family member this Thursday
- Our Moderator Rev Andrew Gunton and his family
- Students and teachers as they begin their holidays
- Heather and Christopher as they enter into marriage
- Rev Ian and his wife Glenys.

Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for November is \$1,635.07 Gain.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$33,454.10 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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Saturday 19.12.20 8am - working bee at the manse, 2 Gregwal Crt Oxley. Please bring gardening equipment or cleaning essentials for inside the house
At **11am** we will stop working and spend some time praying over the manse for the new minister and family

Upcoming Date Claimers
Sunday 13.12.20 10am - Rev Andrew Gunton will be taking the service, followed by a picnic
Saturday 19.12.20 8am - working bee at the manse
Sunday 20.12.20 10am - Morning service - not Livestreamed ; **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
Sunday 27.12.20 10am morning service - not Livestreamed

We donated \$20 per person worth of Coles food vouchers to the families supported by IFAAS. Thanks for your donations.

