

weekly bulletin

31 January 2021



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

Bible readings:

Epiphany 4,
Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 8: 1-13; Mark 1: 21-28

Weekly reflection

This will be my last Bulletin reflection so I do want to thank you all for your welcome, prayers and friendship. Glenys and I have really enjoyed becoming part of the fellowship of the Oxley Uniting Church and will have many fond memories of this season.

Today's theme is based around the words, "Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up," found in 1 Corinthians 8:1. The broader discussion is around the eating of meat that had been sacrificed to idols, a conundrum for which it is hard – but not entirely impossible -to find a parallel in our modern context. Nonetheless, Paul's conclusion about differing matters of opinion in the faith community is as modern as tomorrow. That we are always to consider the feelings and vulnerability of others, particularly those whose faith is not as strong as it might be. More on this in the sermon.

Blessings and best wishes, Ian.

Lenten Studies 2021. Rob Duncan, one of our church family members, has compiled a study series for the upcoming Lenten season. This study is a guided program of bible readings which can be used as a personal reflection or in small groups. On Ash Wednesday 17th February open your bibles and join with us in hearing what God is saying to you.

Safe Ministry for Children - It is important that members of the congregation who participate in Children's ministry (including Day Camp/Funfari) are up to date with the training every 2 years. The next training sessions are - **Saturday 6 March** - 2pm - 5pm at Bremer Brisbane Presbytery Office, Goodna TBC. **Saturday 5 June** 2pm - 5pm at Bremer Brisbane Presbytery Office, Goodna TBC. See Holly for registrations.

Contribute:

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

Please pray for:

- members of our church family who have been hospitalised or have doctor's appointments .
- 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.
- Students and teachers as they return to school
- Rev Dave and his wife Sandy as they settle into their new life at Oxley and the manse
- Rev Ian and his wife Glenys in their final service with us.

Upcoming Date Claimers

Today 31.1.21 10am - final service for Rev Ian Smallbone

Thursday 4.2.21 7pm - CLT meeting at the church

Sunday 7.2.21 10am - Morning service. Rev Dave Thomas' 1st service

2pm - Rev Dave Thomas' Induction service. All welcome possible return of the evening service. More info to be forthcoming.

Wednesday 17.2.21 - Ash Wednesday - Lenten studies start

Thursday 18.2.21 7pm - Resources for Ministry meeting

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Induction of Rev Dave Thomas

Rev Dave Thomas will be inducted as minister of the word for Oxley Darra Parish at a Service to be held at **2pm** on **Sunday 7th February**. All welcome to come and join in the service and meet our new minister. There will be light refreshments afterwards. This service is open to anyone who wishes to come, so please register and get your tickets on our website at <https://www.oxleydarrauc.org.au/>

Date for your diary - Church Family Camp - Bribe Island weekend of 23-25 April 2021

Church Financial Update:

The Church recorded a surplus for 2020 of \$21,133.42.

This is a remarkable result given the substantial investment in our worship capabilities (sound desk and live streaming) and overdue maintenance and improvements at the Manse.

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

