

weekly bulletin

7 February 2021



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

Bible readings:

Epiphany 5,
Isaiah 40: 21-31; Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c;
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23; Mark 1: 29-39

Weekly reflection

What's Next?

A great question! I am asking that, as I am sure many of you are! From one perspective none of us know – not really. I am sure we have hopes and dreams (I hope we do) but will all of them come to pass? One thing I have come to know is that – in Jesus, there is always more. More to learn. More to embrace. Sandy and I are thrilled – OK maybe a tad nervous too – to be with you as together we focus on who Jesus is and what He teaches, that we might do our very best to emulate His plan for us, as a part of His ecclesia.

What's Next – can we a people of faith who believe there is more? As Oxley Uniting Church begins a new chapter of its life and witness – let's be a people who presses on toward the hope that is ours in Christ and choose to thrive not just survive!

What's Next? Are you ready?

Be Blessed
Dave

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 - Graham K, Norma B, Leona G .
- 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, Desley F.
- Rev Dave and his wife Sandy as they begin their new life at Oxley

Welcome Rev Dave Thomas and Sandy

Today we welcome, with open arms, Rev Dave and his wife Sandy, as they join our congregation. Dave accepted the call from our church to lead us as Minister of the Word for the upcoming years. Dave and Sandy have moved from Gympie and are settling into life at the manse. We wish them God's blessings as they become the newest members of our church family. Please make yourself known to them.

Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for January is \$2,633.13 Loss.

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

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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 today 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/>

Upcoming Date Claimers

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

2pm - Rev Dave Thomas' Induction service. All welcome

Sunday 14.2.21

9.00am Morning service
6.30pm return to Evening service.

Wednesday 17.2.21 - Ash Wednesday

Thursday 18.2.21 7pm - Resources for Ministry meeting
Friday 5.3.21 - World Day of Prayer, Sherwood UC at 10am

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

