

weekly bulletin

14 February 2021



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

Bible readings:

Transfiguration of Jesus,
2 Kings 2: 1-12; Psalm 50: 1-6;
2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9

Weekly reflection

Mystery – Misery or Miracle?

Stephen Furtick (Pastor of Elevation Church in America) says in one of his books, "most people in our churches today can't see what is, or what can be, because all they can see is what was". I am not asking you to debate this but to ponder it. Tradition and the ways of yesteryear has its place, but if we are consumed by it, we will indeed struggle to 'see' new possibilities. Our future, we might argue, is a mystery! My question is how do we cope with 'the mystery of it all'? How do we cope with the unknown – the uncertain? - those things that can't or won't be squeezed into our boxes of normality? Does it give us sense of misery or can we be expectant for a miracle from a supernatural peace, presence, and power?

Things were going pear-shaped for the people in Colossae. Paul reminds them that, despite what the world might argue - in the coming of Jesus, the mystery of life and our future is solved. We need only focus on Jesus to unravel that question from last week – what's next?

Christ is our message! (Col. 1: 28). Nothing more – nothing less!

As Lent begins this week – let's be a people who expect fresh revelations of Jesus' call on our lives and be eager to stand up and declare His Promises.

Be Blessed

Dave

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, 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

CLT POSITIONS.

At the recent CLT meeting the following people were elected to these positions -

Chairperson - Leona Greer
Deputy Chairperson - John Gunders
Secretary - Vicki Robinson
Assist. Secretary - Miriam King
Treasurer - Russell Green
Assist. Treasurer - Grant Erickson
Blue Card Registrar - Miriam King
and Assistant - Jenny Hodgson
Privacy Officer and Archival caretaker - Harry Thompson
Web Master - John Gunders and Assistant Barry Holcroft
Safe Ministry with Children Co-ord. and Covid19 Warden - Holly Jewell
Risk Management Co-ord. - Barry Holcroft

Rev Dave Thomas

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Upcoming Date Claimers

Sunday 14.2.21

9.00am Morning service

6.30pm return to Evening service.

Wednesday 17.2.21 7.30am -

Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday 18.2.21 7pm -

Resources for Ministry meeting

Sunday 28.2.21 - Pastoral Care meeting after morning church

Friday 5.3.21 - World Day of Prayer, Sherwood UC at 10am

Saturday 6.3.21 2pm - Safe Ministry for Children training -

Bremer Brisbane Presbytery office

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

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

