

# weekly bulletin

21 March 2021



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

## Bible readings:

Lent 5,  
Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-12;  
Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33

## Weekly reflection

### Mobilising Mission!

Ever challenged the norm? Ever questioned the status quo? Ever swum against the tide? For several years I was a part of a significant crowd of over 1,000 people (young and old) who participated in the Relay for Life. Basically, we formed teams and walked - between us - from 3pm on a Saturday afternoon through till 8am on the Sunday Morning. While I was doing one of my stints - following the group in front - this crazy thought came to me. What would happen if I started walking the other way? So, with no warning, I just turned around and began walking the opposite way to the other 700 folk (I reckon) who were walking at that time. I did get to eyeball lots of people. Sadly perhaps, I got lots of not so nice gestures and yes even a few not so nice expletives, but I continued. After I had mastered two full laps of this oval a strange thing happened. Others began to turn around. And before long everyone was again walking the same way - but in a different direction.

Our 'mission' imperative is, in part, "Going Christ's Way". Did you know that His way was, and is, often against the status quo? To mobilise that statement means to not only imagine Christ's Way but to live it. Paul, just as he is grateful for the way in which his imprisonment has helped others in Philippi stay focussed, urges us to have "**courage to speak the Word of God without fear**" (Philippians 1: 14). That was Paul's way. That was Jesus' way. That needs to be our way!

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 5 June** 2pm - 5pm at Bremer Brisbane Presbytery Office, Goodna TBC. See Holly for registrations.

## Contribute:

Email [communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com](mailto: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 recently hospitalised or have doctor's appointments or are feeling unwell, anxious or stressed
- 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.
- the congregation of Allora UC
- Chappie Mia, the Oxley State School Connector Program and her work with the children at the school
- Family of Jessie Dallas, long time member of Sherwood UC, who passed away this week
- Rev Dave and his wife Sandy

Next Sunday at 10.30 am, our **Congregational AGM** will take place in the Church Auditorium. One set of agenda and reports papers per family is available today, to bring with you next Sunday. An agenda only is available for those receiving notices by email but there will be full sets available next Sunday for those attending.

**Sign-On Forms** are now available for all members to think how they can serve our God within the life of His church at Oxley. Please prayerfully consider your answer to God's call on you, and fill in the forms where you find yourself able to serve. Please place the completed forms in the box in the foyer.

## Upcoming Date Claimers

**Thursday 25.3.21 9.30am -**

Garden Club

**7pm - CLT meeting**

**Sunday 28.3.21 - Palm Sunday**

- **10.30am** Congregational AGM

**Thursday 1.4.21 - Maundy**

Thursday

**Friday 2.4.21 9am - Good**

Friday Service

**Sunday 4.4.21 - 6am Dawn**

**Service - 9am - Easter Sunday**

Service

**Saturday 17.4.21 -**

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

**Weekend 23-25.4.21 - Church**

Family Camp, Bribie Island

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