

weekly bulletin

25 April 2021



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

Bible readings:

Easter 4

Acts 4: 5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3: 16-24;
John 10: 11-18.

Weekly reflection

GOD – ANZACS - US

Today is one of those special and significant days in the lives of the 'community calendar'. ANZAC Day is for thanksgiving, for remembering, for solidarity, and in so many ways has a similar 'feel' to that of the Easter experience we have just again encountered. In both, we remember the trauma and devastation of death and celebrate the victory of life! Of course, there are differences as well. Thousands lost their lives for the greater cause of 'country' – and in so doing they and their families have given so much that those of us who have come later can enjoy a sense of freedom and 'life'. While we ought to remember and celebrate that level of sacrifice – we, who have our allegiance in and to Jesus, know that our celebrations are not limited to one day or even one season. We enjoy a deeper freedom and an eternity of LIFE through ONE death – and resurrection. Jesus conquered the pain of death and opens up what we might call – connections - to Him, others and the environment in which we live. Connections are so critical, aren't they? No connection – no power! Loose connection – loss of power! Dirty connection – intermittent power! It's the same with our lives. Jesus compares His connection as the 'Good Shepherd' with that of the 'hired hand' (John 10: 12 – 14), whose connection is superficial. When trouble comes the hired hand has no compassion. In contrast, Jesus knows His people – YOU AND I – His connection is strong and secure – meaning His power is ready to be tapped no matter what our circumstance or situation. He gave His life for you! He was raised for you! His Spirit is for you! His blessings are new every morning – for you and through you! As we remember the ANZACS – let's remember, know and live our connection to Jesus more so. LEST WE FORGET!

Be Blessed

Dave

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 recently hospitalised or have doctor's appointments or are feeling unwell, anxious or stressed - June B, Carol A, Graham K, Gordon T
- 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.
- Church family camp
- On this Anzac Day, members of the Australia Defence Force past and present
- Rev Dave and his wife Sandy

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.

Today we welcome back Rev Ian Smallbone and his wife Glenys. Ian will be taking the morning service while Rev Dave is at the Church Family Camp on Bribie Island.

Rev Dave Thomas

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Upcoming Date Claimers

Sunday 25.4.21 - 9am -

Morning Service

6.30pm Evening Service

Sunday 2.5.21 - 9am - Morning Service - Communion

6.30pm - Evening Service

Sunday 9.5.21 - Mother's Day - **9am -** Morning Service

6.30pm - Evening Service

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Last Saturday we held the sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Oxley. It was a great day with a profit of over \$740. Many Thanks to Graham Hodgson for organising the day.

Church Financial Update:

The Church's profit/loss for March is \$306.09 Gain.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$5,214.16 Loss.

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

