

weekly bulletin

20 June 2021



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

We welcome Rob Duncan as he shares with us today.

Pentecost 4

1 Sam 17:(1a,4-11,19-23), 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 2 Cor 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

Weekly reflection

DIVINE INTERVENTION?

Those of you familiar with the story of Joshua may know that he was a great leader and a great warrior. But more than that he possessed an intimate relationship with God. Chapter 10 reveals this perhaps more than any other chapter. Joshua and his team were up against it. Yet God had promised victory to them over their adversaries. In the natural it was a disaster. In the spiritual – just routine for an all-conquering, all loving, all knowing, ever present God. Verse 12 – 14 reveals a miracle of such magnitude that it will never be repeated. Imagine, if you can, the Sun stopping its movement at midday and for the next 24 hours it stays still. No night! WOW! Joshua prays (v. 12) and seeks God's power over his own creation and God obliges – because God can. In essence Joshua in his heart knows he needs more 'light' to bring about a total victory and thinks – God can do this – and he does – divine intervention.

Jesus reveals centuries later that He is still in control of every dimension of His Creation – which includes you and I. Mark 4 records the familiar episode of Jesus calming the waters. For me, the significance of that account is not only that Jesus reveals yet again his power, but that he rebukes the Disciples for being afraid and lacking faith (Mark 4: 40). Could not / should not have the disciples invoked the same – faithfulness and sought divine intervention? What about you and I? When we are confronted with seemingly impossible situations are we afraid and panic or can we put on our 'Joshua Armour', activate our faith, trust our relationship with God - who has our back no matter what - and pray believing for divine intervention? Of course, such intervention can only come through a total dependence on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Be Blessed

Dave

Contribute:

Email communications.oxleydarrauc@gmail.com by 9am 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 - David W, Graham K.
- Members of our community in nursing homes and their families - Del A, Claire M, Lorraine I, Margaret A, Joyce H, Stan O, Pam G, Desley F.
- The congregation of Burdekin UC (Ayr & Home Hill) and their minister Rev Ian Ness
- The continuing Covid 19 crisis.
- Gayle Rankin as she continues her Period of Discernment
- Upcoming Chrysalis Flight - 23-25 July
- Rev Dave and his wife Sandy

LOCAL CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

We are starting a Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) for the Oxley Corridor. If you are keen to be involved as part of his faith step, please see Dave.

It would be great to have a lay person from this congregation.

It is hoped that we will have other churches represented along with some school and community representation.

More details will follow shortly.

GARDEN LOVERS CLUB

Thursday 24th June 2021 at 9.30am
Guest Speaker: Mr Geoff Robinson
Topic: Australian Native Plants & Trees

Rev Dave Thomas

Minister

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Upcoming Date Claimers

Monday 21.06.21

9.30am - Social & Craft Club

Thursday 24.06.21

9.30am - Garden Club

Sunday 27.06.21

10.00am Corinda Pony Club
end Rinora Street, Corinda

6.30pm - Evening Service -
live-streamed

COFFEE: CHAT & CHEW

Starting 8th July 2021

An opportunity to share together with Dave - relaxed and relational with great coffee!



9.30am each Thursday
at Oxley Cafe

DAY CAMP & FUN FARI 2021!!!

Registration are still open at
<https://www.oxleydarrauc.org.au/>
Our next training event will be

Monday 28th June

9.00am - 12.00pm

at the Corinda Pony Club.

HELP!!! Day Camp setup on
Saturday 26th June 12.30pm

at the Church **or 1pm** at the
Pony Club .

All utes, trailers etc. welcome!

Any questions please contact
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