

#### EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

**Social & Craft Group** Monday 6th September - 9.30am  
**Oxley Corridor Chaplaincy Team** Monday 6th September - 2.00pm  
**Emmaus Walks** 23rd – 26th September 2021

#### REGULAR ACTIVITIES

**Coffee Chat & Chew** Every Thursday 9.30am Oxley Café  
**Garden Lovers Club** 4th Thurs. of each month - 9.30am - Hall  
Contact Harry Thompson.  
**Social & Craft Group** 1st & 3rd Mondays - 9.30am - Hall  
Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.  
**Friday Night Youth (FNY)** Every Friday of School Term - 7.30pm - Downstairs Hall  
Contact Holly or Dave.

Other groups meet periodically including Bible Study groups  
For more information - contact the office.

#### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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# THE OXLEY ORACLE

5 September 2021



Happy Father's Day  
to all our Dads



We are a community of God's people passionate about lifting the name of Jesus, worshipping Him and serving our community. Whether you join us in person or on line, whether you are with us every week or as it happens, you are special, unique and appreciated. Thank you for your contribution! Our prayer is that we may get to know each other deeply over time and that you may embrace Jesus' love for you always and in all ways!

#### TODAY'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Morning Service** 9.00am - Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed)  
**Evening Service** 6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas  
**Lectionary Readings** Prov. 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps 125; James 2: 1-17; Mk. 7:24-37

#### NEXT SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2021

**Morning Service** 9.00am - Rev Dave Thomas  
**Evening Service** 6.30pm - Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed)

#### QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

*"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



### B - MAD

15 years ago yesterday, Steve Irwin, aka the Crocodile Hunter, died of a stingray barb that pierced his heart. His tributes were many and varied but perhaps best summed up as “an iconic naturalist who loved what he did, exuding confidence, excitement, and enthusiasm every waking moment.” His catch cry – CRIKEY – was as much a part of him as was his khaki uniform and his seemingly invincible rock star type status. He would play with animals and reptiles that most of us would only gaze upon through reinforced glass and / or large fences. Some thought he was mad and it was just an ego trip seeking attention (crazy way to get attention). I recall being asked by a grade 4 girl the day after his death, “Pastor Dave, was Mr. Crocodile Man a Christian?” I didn’t know the answer to that and still don’t. Yet, it seems to me that his legacy – his approach to the environment and to its inhabitants (both large and small) provides a modern day example of the way in which each one of us ought to approach our calling to be disciples of Jesus – ie. with passion, excitement and enthusiasm – with a ‘no fear’ mindset. We continue our reflections on sections of James. He reminds us that it is not good enough to just say the right words, turn up in the right places, and look the part. Indeed, it is not enough to have faith if it is lying dormant and not exercised or put to the test. The Passion Translation puts it this way: “So then faith that doesn’t involve action is phony” (James 2: 17). Our actions should verify our faith! Ask yourself these questions: “Am I MAD for Jesus? Am I living and radiating the love and mercy of Christ with passion? Am I declaring through my words and behaviours – my attitudes and ethics – the transforming presence and power of our Lord? What is the CRIKEY factor of my walk with God and do I share it with the world that they may see Christ in me? Answer them honestly and ask God to reveal how we might respond! I’m happy to B – MAD! That is **BE to MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** And you? And us? Blessings Dave

#### Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ Emmaus Walks in September - Lindsay Rankin & Vicki Robinson as Lay Directors.
- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes, in hospital or unwell.
- ◇ For the families of those who have lost loved ones through COVID!
- ◇ For the continuing trauma in Afghanistan, Haiti etc.

#### Tithes and Offerings by Bank Transfer:

Commonwealth Bank BSB: 064 011 Account: 10032190

*(Please identify your bank transaction as either ‘Tithe’ or ‘Offering’, Thank you)*



### CHAPLAINCY

As you know we have launched a new Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) but we are calling ours a team thus it is the Oxley Corridor Chaplaincy Team or OCCT for short.

Praise God we have now 6 churches represented - although two can’t actually come to meetings but are keen to be involved and informed. We meet tomorrow (6th Sept) at 2pm here in the church. Our 4 chaplains would appreciate our prayers as would our small Team!

### POSITIONS VACANT

#### COVID WARDEN

If you are interested in becoming our congregation’s Covid Warden we need you!

#### SECRETARY

Maybe you have some spare time and are reasonably comfortable with the computer - our newly formed Chaplaincy Team needs you?

For information re responsibilities please contact Dave.

### PRAYER

Next Friday 10th September at 7.30am, we are launching our prayer Hub! To be held in the church upstairs in the Prayer Room—all are welcome. Come when you can—go when you must! A brief reflection, prayer and Communion!

Remember prayer needs to become a priority not just a possibility!

Please use our facebook prayer page too. If you would like to join - please indicate by sending a message to either Holly or Al Tay and they will connect you. Search for Oxley Uniting Church Prayer Group - add your prayer/praise point. Just be mindful of any confidentiality.

**SOCIAL & CRAFT GROUP** - Meets tomorrow - Monday 6th September at 9.30am. Note masks still required inside.



### CHURCH FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Church’s profit/loss for July is \$281.63 Loss. The Church’s profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$4,196.69 Loss. Should you have any questions regarding the Church’s finances please contact Russell Green.