

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hub	Friday 10 December - 7.30am
CLT	Thursday 9 December - 7pm
Carols Under The Stars	Sunday 19 December - from 5.30pm
Christmas Eve	Friday 24th December - 7pm
Christmas Morning	Saturday 25th December - 8.30am

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)	In Recess until 2022 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 December 2021



Advent 2 - Peace!



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	Mal 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Phil 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6

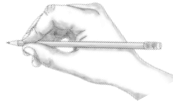
NEXT SUNDAY 12 December 2021

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"If you can't fly, then run; if you can't run, then walk; if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." Martin Luther King Jr.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



PERFECT PEACE....

There they were! Awaiting the arrival of someone special – in fact the bride! All had been prepared. The big moment would soon be upon them. People started arriving. There was lots of chatter and laughs as they anticipated the climax of months of agonizing organization. And then – the groom's mother exclaims rather indignantly and loudly – where's the Priest? Has anyone seen him? No, they hadn't. The news soon got around and there was a nervous silence. Anxiety prevailed! Where was he? Well – he had forgotten the wedding and he was mowing his yard. The phone rang and his wife answered – embarrassed she yells – “you have a wedding – now”! Thinking quickly – he yells back: “tell them I'm coming and to be ready”. The guests (and the bridal party) responded positively and peacefully. All the anxiety lifted – peace now prevailed! The Priest was coming and that was enough!

That is the message of Advent – “I'm coming”. Jesus is coming and our task is to ensure we are ready for his arrival. The question we have to answer is: can we be like those guests and in the waiting and hoping (remember last week) for the coming, can we be at peace and be proclaimers of peace, such that the anxiety and fear that so often prevails in our world is at worst – eased and at best eradicated? John the Baptist could well have been called John the Peace Provider! Luke records it this way: “And you child will be called the prophet of the Most High” (Luke 1: 76) and among other important tasks, you will “guide our feet into the way of peace” (V. 79). The way of Peace is the Jesus way! John proclaimed it! And we are to be modern day John the Baptist's and be the conduit for His peace! Can we and others find His perfect peace amid the trials and tribulations of our day? Oh yes – it's a gift! It just needs to be received, opened it and lived!

Shalom - Dave.

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For those in Nursing Homes, in hospital, unwell or struggling, particularly David Woodward, Clyde Logan, Stan O'Brien & Ruth Telfer.
- ◇ For the right pathway following news of another Covid variant and processes that will need actioning as a result.
- ◇ For all school staff - kids and parents - as school concludes (or has concluded).
- ◇ The ministry of Bremer Brisbane Presbytery!

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)

CHRISTMAS BOWL

This week our focus moves to the Gaza Strip. Where efforts are underway to restore peace to the hearts of Gaza's children. The recent bombing of Gaza and the escalation of tensions between Israel and Palestine can make peace feel more distant than ever, especially for children affected by the conflict. Through the Christmas Bowl, you'll help children heal from their trauma and rebuild their childhoods.

GOLD 4 GOOD

A huge thank you to all who found old bits of jewelry etc to gift to Scripture Union . These have now been passed on to its rightful place in an effort to raise funds for the ongoing ministry of SU across the nation.

CAROLS UNDER THE STARS

2 weeks today! 19th December! A lot of fine tuning to be done and some gaps yet to fill. The music has been chosen, band and singers rehearsing and the program starting to come together. Sam would love to hear from you though I'm sure if you can help with set up, packing up, any of the logistical tasks etc. If you are available to assist please contact Sam on 0432 107 945 or samgunders@gmail.com or noise-boy@westnet.com.au. Thank you in advance for your support!

PRAYER

Fridays at 7.30am, you are welcome to our prayer Hub! Held in the church upstairs in the Prayer Room. Brief reflection, prayer and Communion!

Prayer changes things! 10th Dec.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

For your prayers and diaries! We are working through Advent focusing on the Christ Gifts of Hope, Peace Joy and Love.

Christmas Eve - 7pm

Christmas Morning - 8.30am

A special invitation to each of our services but next Sunday night - 12th Dec will be special! A special Christmas service with special treats - Café Church with a difference. I would love to see you there. Why not invite a friend?

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Please note the following:

There will be NO service on Sunday 26th December!

And no evening services after next week until Sunday 30th January.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

November recorded a profit of \$2,166.57, with a year-to-date loss of \$1,762.04. Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Russell Green on 0455 080 055.