

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Friday 25th March - 7.30am Wed - 23rd March - 5.30pm
FNY	Friday 25th March - 7.00pm
Social & Craft Group	Monday 21st March - 9.30am
Garden Club	Thursday 24th March - 9.30am

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew	Every Thursday 9.30am Oxley Café
Garden Lovers Club	Recommences 24 March 2022 Contact Harry Thompson.
Social & Craft Group	Recommences 21 March 2022 Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.
Friday Night Youth	Meeting Monthly this year! Next Night 25th March Contact Holly or Dave.

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

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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THE OXLEY ORACLE

20 March 2022



Prayer times: Wednesdays 5.30pm
Fridays 7.30am

Venue for both - Downstairs Hall



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	Is 55:1-9 Ps 63:1-8 1 Cor 10:1-13 Lk 13:1-9

Sunday 27th March

9.00am	-	Rev Dave Thomas
6.30pm	-	Rev Dave Thomas (Live Streamed)

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



GETTING OUR MOJO ON....

I'm sure we've all heard it! I was talking to the facilitator of the Oxley Community Facebook Page the other day – we were enjoying a coffee in the hall towards the end of the 2 weeks of flood relief here. I don't recall exactly what we chatted about, but I enjoyed the few minutes we shared. Later that day I messaged her thanking her for her time and for the coffee – and her response was: "Great chat – you boosted my mojo today". Now mojo is to most people one of those great Australian 'slang' words. That may be true although according to 'yourdictionary.com' mojo refers to one's self-esteem or self-confidence. Perhaps, in something I said, she felt valued – who knows? I looked a little further and another author says to get your mojo back is to live fully. And it is this that I want to focus on today.

As Christians, we need to relearn how to live our life to the fullest – ie. get our Christian mojo back. The Gospel is good news and good news would normally mean its worthy of laughter, song, even noise and joy. Yet most of us don't look like we embody or embrace good news! Life is full of choices – indeed its choice, not chance, that determines our destiny. Craig Groeschel writes, "we are one decision away from changing the course of our life such that no intimidation, no threat, no scheme of man or woman will detract from the fulfillment of God's presence or promise." Now I know full well that to live our lives with that sense of joy and wonder in all that God has done for us and within us is far from easy. We look around us and as one inferred this last week - it's hard to get excited about anything when all we see and hear is devastation and doom – heartbreak and loss – greed and lust for power etc etc. Yes, its hard – yet are we living in harder times than the Israelites? Are we living in more difficult times than the Disciples? Perhaps the words of Isaiah can speak into our mojo! "Come to me (God) with your ears wide open. Listen and you will find life" (Isaiah 55: 3).

Shalom - Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For this season of Lent and our preparation as we journey to the Cross!
- ◇ For ways to capitalize on the community engagements shared over the last 2 weeks.
- ◇ For the OCCT— our School Chaplains and for those schools who have no chaplain
- ◇ For the emerging war like conflict from Russia toward Ukraine!

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)

COMMUNITY THANK YOU - Following on from the last 2 weeks, and chatting with the local Councillor – Sarah Hutton – we have agreed that we would love to give our local community the opportunity to come together – to stand in solidarity with those who have been flood ravaged. To acknowledgment the numerous people who gave of themselves – and are still doing so – to assist in clean-up efforts. An opportunity to say thank you and to encourage our community that we are here to help if we can. The exact details have not yet been decided nor has the date but it will be a few weeks away yet. It will however happen on site here at the church. What a privilege? Stay tuned!

CCP - CONGREGATION CARE PLAN - Thank you to those who have completed their Covid Safe Volunteering at Oxley form – aka our CCP. If you participate in any rosters or are a leader of a church group or activity and have not yet completed this form, it is important that you see Annette, Vicki or Dave who will step through the process with you.

It is exciting to see COVID restrictions lifting and some aspects of life returning to pre-covid days! However, the virus is still in our communities and we need to **continue physical distancing, hand hygiene, enhanced cleaning, and avoiding physical contact like hugs and handshakes**. Masks are no longer required in church, but they do offer protection so please feel free to wear one for your own safety, or if you are unable to physically distance. **Remember:** if you are unwell, even with mild symptoms, **please stay home**, get tested, and connect online for worship.

FROM OUR ASSISTANT TREASURER—Church Financial Update

The Church's profit/loss for February is -\$1,423.90 Loss.

The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is -\$3,322.42 Loss.

Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Assistant Treasurer Graham Coupland Ph 0409 687 046.

CAFÉ CHURCH - Tonight—café church 6.30pm. It will be held in the church and we try to do things a little different. If you have never been to a café church can I encourage you to give it a go! It's a little different – food is involved – a little less formal – more interaction. Tonight we will be exploring just a little about 'what's next' for us as Church following the last 2 weeks of community engagement in a way perhaps never before experienced??

SABINA- Sabina is the name a young woman was subjected to personal persecution during the reign of the Nazis– and is also the name of a movie reflecting parts of her journey espoused by "The Voice of the Martyrs". This organisation is another Christian group ministering with those whose voices we seldom here – thus the name. We will be hearing from one of their folk later in the year but this film will be screened here at the church soon – possible one Sunday night. Stay tuned!