

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Friday 8th April - 7.30am Wednesday - 6th April - 5.30pm
Flood Relief Thanks	Monday - 11 April - 5.30pm
FNY	Friday - 22nd April
Flood Forum	Thursday - 28 th April - 5.30pm

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew	Every Thursday 9.30am Oxley Café
Garden Lovers Club	Last Thursday of each month - 9.30am Contact Harry Thompson.
Social & Craft Group	1st and 3rd Mondays of each month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays) Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.
Friday Night Youth	Meeting Monthly this year! Next Night 22nd April Contact Holly or Dave.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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THE OXLEY ORACLE

3 April 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 43:16-21 Ps 126 Phil 3:4b-14 Jn 12:1-8

Sunday 10th April - Palm Sunday

9.00am -	Rev Dave Thomas
6.30pm -	Rev Dave Thomas

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"I reckon on you for 'extreme' service - with no complaining on your part and no explanation on mine." - Oswald Chambers

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



ARE YOU AVAILABLE....

Before you somewhat blindly say yes to this question, think through whether you really are – no matter what? How much are you prepared to give? Are you happy to put aside your own plans for the cause of another? John is a good mate of mine. One of those forever friendships that distance or time will never separate. It was a Wednesday. He and I had just got home (Gympie) having driven from Charleville that day and from Birdsville the day before. It was the culmination of a week with Frontier Services helping them raise funds at the Birdsville races. To say we were both exhausted would be an understatement. It was about 7.30pm and we were sitting at the kitchen table finishing a cuppa - reflecting on the 10 days now gone - just before John went off to his home. Then the phone rang! It was for me! I answered it while John remained sitting – thinking he would wait until I had finished with the call. What had been a joyful chat along with a sense of relief that we were home was turned on its head in a spit second. My best mate from school years – the guy who taught me so much about life – we literally became blood brothers – was dead. He died a few days earlier while on a fishing trip off the Townsville Coast. The funeral was to be in Townsville on Friday! I was speechless. John knew instantly that something was wrong! Eventually I shared with him the news. “You need to be at that funeral” he paused and then said unequivocally – “I’ll drive you – we’ll go together”. We left together the next day – drove through the night – went to the funeral and chatted to his family and friends before driving through the night to be back home on Saturday mid-morning. John made himself available for me! What a gift? I’ll never forget it!

That’s the spirit of availability and giving that we see as Jesus rests (John 12) before his approach to the cross! It’s about who you are and what you are prepared to offer to He who has recreated you to be who you are! Availability is commitment personified! As we continue our journey to the cross this Lenten season – where’s your commitment? Are you available?

Shalom - Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For the Greer family as they grieve the loss of David’s sister
- ◇ For those impacted by post-flood trauma
- ◇ For the folk of the Gold Coast and Northern NSW as they confront rising waters
- ◇ For our Easter Services and their witness to the Community!

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)

EASTER SERVICES -

Maundy Thursday – Tenebrae – 7pm. To be held in the meeting room!

Good Friday – 8.30am

Easter Sunday: Dawn Service – 5.45am – on the grounds outside

Breakfast – Barbeque – Church and Community

Family Service – 9am

Ecumenical Celebration (Café Church style). 6.30pm.

We are hosting a breakfast barbeque immediately following the Dawn Service – hopefully on the grounds outside. This will be open to the wider community as well. If you are available & would like to help with the logistics of this, Jenny or Graham Hodgson would love to hear from you.

Similarly, Sunday night is Party time – and Vicki Robinson would love to hear from any who can assist with those logistics.

PASTORAL CARE – New model coming. After Easter! I commend its resourcefulness to each one and hope you may enthusiastically embrace it once rolled out.

FLOOD RECOVERY – During the flood and its devastating impact on so many within our own community one of the ‘joys’ was how that same community came together to assist in so many ways. In conjunction with Cr. Sarah Hutton and her team, we are hosting a community thank you barbeque – here on Monday evening 11th April. For those who want to say thank you and for those who gave their time and resources. All are welcome!

FLOOD FORUM – Thursday 28th April – from 5.30pm hosted by Riverlife Church – Seventeen Miles Rocks Rd. Another community opportunity to offer support in practical ways to those impacted by the floods. More information will be forthcoming. Save the date. Oxley Uniting has been invited. Hope to see some of you there!

SIGN-ON FORM - These forms are now available - emailed on Friday, and some hard copies on the foyer table. Please indicate how you might serve our Lord and the Church this year and return it asap please. See Harry for questions.