

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Friday 13th May - 7.30am Wednesday 11th May- 5.30pm
Synod	13 th – 17 th May – Alex Park.
Men's Breakfast	Saturday 21 May – 7.30am
Women's Morning Tea	Saturday 28 th May – 10am.
Trinity Open Evening	Monday 23 rd May – 7pm.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Chat & Chew	Every Thursday 9.30am Oxley Café
Garden Lovers Club	4th Thursday of each month - 9.30am Contact Harry Thompson.
Social & Craft Group	1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays of each month - 9.30am (except Public Holidays) Contact: Jan Thompson or Steph Rankin.
Friday Night Youth	Meeting Monthly this year! Contact Holly or Dave.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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THE OXLEY ORACLE

8th May 2022



MUM'S DAY



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 - Alan & Leanne Purvis
Evening Service	6.30pm - Alan & Leanne Purvis (Live Streamed)
Lectionary Readings	Acts 9:36-43 Ps 23 Rev 7:9-17 Jn 10:22-30

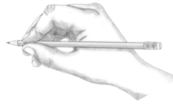
Sunday 15th May

9.00am	-	Rev David Fender (Live Streamed)
6.30pm	-	Rev David Fender

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"That first Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present." - N. T. Wright

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



MUM'S & MISSIONARIES!

It's Mother's Day! It's also a day to hear two special missionaries as they head off soon to Cambodia. Both are cause for celebration! Yet both bring an element of sadness! It's a day that, for the majority, we pause for a moment and remember our Mum's, thanking them for the sacrifices they made for us. Mothers give so much of themselves with no thought of reward or gain but simply to provide the best they can for those they have carried, fed, nurtured, loved, disciplined, - their sons and daughters. That's just what Mums do. Their choices, while often bearing personal cost, only bring praise and gratitude for who their son or daughter becomes. Paul recognizes the value in generational insight and teaching from our Mums, Grandmas and Great Grandmas (2 Timothy 1: 5). What a blessing! What a gift - in presence, in solidarity, in advice, in affirmation, in praise, in encouragement - with intention, with passion, with purpose, with anticipation, with hope, and by a force that is often beyond themselves! In the words of a colleague of mine some years back, "Mothers just do what they need to do, go where they need to go, be who they need to be, and give what they need to give." They continue to give (not only to their kids but specifically to them) and that is the life many feel called to. Strangely these are echoed sentiments for our sent missional people - trained and equipped to serve God.

Being a Mum or a missionary is not always easy! There are both triumphs and tension with both callings! So, while we celebrate and pray for our Mum's today, we also remember and pray for those who struggle to become Mums, those who don't know their Mums, those who have lost their Mums., and those Mums who have lost children. And we pray for folk like Alan & Leanne, who give of themselves in order to bless others as God's missionaries! We honour you all. Shalom - Dave.

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For Paul's testimony last Sunday evening. God indeed answers prayer!
- ◇ For the power of the resurrection to resonate with world leaders, such that peace may prevail.
- ◇ For our men's, women's and youth ministries, and our leaders as they lead us into new territory.
- ◇ For Wendy & David Fender as David has started a new role with the Presbytery.
- ◇ For the work of both Assembly and Synod as they meet this month.

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)

MEN – WE NEED YOU! Its that time again – Men's Breakfast here at the church – Saturday 21st May starting at 7.30am with a breakfast you don't want to miss! That's followed by some great fellowship and then being enthralled and inspired by our guest speaker – one of our own – David Greer!

WOMEN – WE NEED YOU TOO! Different day and time, different style, different speaker but still with the aim of connecting our women to God, to each other, and to others who may be invited.

Women's special morning tea!

Saturday 28th May – 10am until 11.30am.

In the Hall!

Guest Speaker – Tracey Blackburn..Again spread the word. Gotta be there!

RSVP – Leona Greer – pie023@bigpond.com.

COVID-19 - Diligence still needed. Any questions at all please contact Annette Coupland.

PURVIS' HEAD TO CAMBODIA WITH WEC. Keep current with Alan and Leanne and their journey : <https://mailchi.mp/999e69222924/reachingcambodia-2022-may>

TREASURER – Could this be a role for you? Given the assistance available the role of Treasurer is less daunting than it might otherwise be! You, ideally, would know how to read a financial statement and interpret it for both the Resources meeting and CLT. You don't need to be an accountant! If you are interested or know of anyone who may be – please contact Dave!

TRINITY OPEN EVENING - Monday, May 23rd - 7pm - 9pm. 60 Bayliss St, Auchenflower. Cost: FREE! Just register via the below link and you will get a free ticket to attend in-person or a link to attend online via Zoom. The feature of the night will be four, seven-minute mini lectures asking some thought provoking questions:

Should Christians be aiming for happiness? Assoc. Prof. Neil Pembroke
Is lament really necessary? Dr Rachel Krohn

Are you match-fit for mission? Rev Dr Helen Dick

Should we Flip when in Rome? How Questions Lead to Answers in Romans 3.
Dr John Frederick

Here's where to register for the Open Evening: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/open-evening-at-trinity-college-queensland-registration-310843901477>