

EVENTS AND DATES TO NOTE

Prayer Hubs	Friday 3rd June - 7.30am Wednesday 1st June - 5.30pm
Funeral	Claire Moore – Wed. 1 June – 1pm
AGM	Today 29th May – 10.30am
Working Bee	Saturday 4 th June – 8am
Oxley Community Festival	Saturday 4 th June - Midday

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! Contact Holly or Dave.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Minister	Rev Dave Thomas M: 0432 304 474 E: daget01@outlook.com
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THE OXLEY ORACLE

29th May 2022



Claire Moore - Celebration of life

Wednesday 1 June - 1.00pm

Here! Fellowship to follow!



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	Acts 16: 16-24 Ps 97 Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 Jn 14:8 -17 (25-27)

Sunday 5th June

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

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine (*Son-shine*) and shadows will always be behind you."
Walt Whitman (Part in Italics added)

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



SYNC OR SINK....!

I was never a great swimmer. Sure, I learnt how to swim, and I guess I can hold my own in the water but compared to those who are 'swimmers' I just don't relate. I watch the Swimming Championships at the Worlds, or Com Games or Olympics and am always stunned by how effortlessly they seem to glide across the water. And as for the other strokes like butterfly my mind boggles. Nevertheless, as silly as it sounds, I have always enjoyed the occasional swim mainly to see if I can still do it! Trust me as one gets older it ain't so easy, but I can still manage at least a couple of laps. And it's probably because years ago I had a friend who was an accredited swimming coach and I enjoyed for a time living near a lake. So, 4 mornings a week I swam in the lake. One morning my friend came and watched and was mortified. "I don't know how you haven't sunk." Your hands and feet are all over the place. You've got to get your body moving as one – that is your kicking and your stroke need to be in sync along with your breathing.

I doubt I ever really mastered that advice when it came to swimming. However as I reflect on those words I think that Jesus could well have used the same words to his disciples. Sync or sink – its your choice! What do I mean? Jesus, following his resurrection and knowing he was about to go back home to his Father, urges his disciples to remember what He has told them but wait until they had received the Spirit – ie to sync their dreams, their hopes, their pathways to that of the Spirit before they go anywhere or do anything (Acts 1: 4). Why? Because He knew that without Him (His Spirit) to equip and empower them they would fail in their mission – ie they would sink! And the same goes for you and me. As Paul later reminds us, without Him we are nothing but noise, but with Him we can achieve the impossible. Let's make sure we remain synced with His Spirit as we accept His challenge to go and make disciples, lest we sink!

Shalom - Dave

Praise and Prayer!

- ◇ For our new Prime Minister — Mr Anthony Albanese.
- ◇ For all Ukrainians and others in conflict as they continue to struggle.
- ◇ For Stan Moore and his family as they mourn the loss & celebrate the life of Claire
- ◇ For the families of those killed in the USA School massacre, along with staff and parents of the school.
- ◇ For Wesley Mission and their contribution to the life of the Uniting Church

Tithe and Offerings by Bank Transfer: CBA: BSB: 064 011 Acct: 10032190
(Please identify your bank transaction as either 'Tithe' or 'Offering', Thank you)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – The AGM of the Congregation will be held following the morning service **today Sunday 29th May, commencing at 10.30am.**

The annual report has been emailed and some hard copies are available.

COVID-19 — Diligence still needed.

Any questions at all, please contact Annette Coupland.

TREASURER – Could this be a role for you? We need to fill this vacancy! If you are interested or know of anyone who may be – please contact Dave!

PASTORAL CARE – Our new model works on 'clusters'. A cluster might be up to 12 people (normally this would be the maximum) including 2 carers each caring for up to 5 people. The two carers are called buddies as they get to have a knowledge of the others group as well as their own. It's a successful model – being rolled out over the next few weeks. Stay tuned.

WORKING BEE - To clean up the church grounds and clean out cupboards. Sat 4th June from 8am. BYO hat and tools!

OXLEY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL – Sat 4th June – from 12 noon at the Oxley Bowls Club.

This is a community post-flood recovery to which we have been invited to participate. If you want to pop down some time during the afternoon and say hi and chat to others of our community, you would be welcome. If you have an Oxley shirt or Cap can I suggest you wear it!

FINANCIAL UPDATE - The Church's profit/loss for April is \$3,080.36 Gain. The Church's profit/loss for the Year to Date is \$123.96 Gain. Should you have any questions regarding the Church's finances please contact Assistant Treasurer Graham Coupland Ph 0409 687 046.