

I PRAY... Personalised Prayers for us all to take to our Heavenly Father



- to a faithful and holy God who loves us immeasurably and who lifted up his Son to die for us; to save us from ourselves.
- Pray that you will stand for the faith you believe in.
- that God's grace will be enough in your life—beautiful, powerful, transforming.
- for Fiona Dewhurst who is the SRE teacher at Georges River College Penshurst. Pray that she will reach the students with the love of Jesus.
- for Kathy Baigent and her family as they mourn the loss of Kathy's mum, Joyce Fieldus.

Bless . . .

- our Minister Alex and his wife Elizabeth as they lead and support our church at Oatley.
- Linda and Geoff in their Pastoral Care work in our church.
- all our friends and loved ones in Nursing Homes—Grace & Ian McKay, Noelene Baker and Rhonda wife of Vic Stewart and Marlene Woodham's mum Betty McKay, Jean Watts, Shirley Courtney and Norma Manwaring. Surround them all with God's peace, love and protection. We thank you that you are also caring for Rex and Coral Roberts and Judy Walsh.
- the Church Council.
- each other. Let us be a loving and encouraging community in Christ.
- for our congregation—that we grow in ministry and seek the will of God in this place.
- the various prayer groups and Bible Study groups.

Uphold . . .

- Countries where there is political unrest, natural disasters and wars—Pray for the work of doctors, nurses, aid agencies in these places. Lift up your people so that they see Jesus is ever present in their lives.
- our farming communities. Help them to remain resilient.
- those doing it tough because they have no home, no regular meals, no job.
- aid agencies who support people in distress like The Wayside Chapel, The Bill Crews Foundation, the Storehouse, Mission Australia....
- our Government—for good leadership, wisdom, discernment, co-operation and collaboration. To stand for the truth and care for the disadvantaged.
- Governments across our world where political leaders offer lies for truth.
- the Uniting Church in Australia—that God's word is not compromised.

Let us allow the Holy Spirit to show each of us how best to pray—and to pray for all these things In the mighty name of Jesus . . . Amen

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

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Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

9.30am
Morning
Worship

AND

6.00pm
Evening
Worship

Oatley Uniting Church

PO Box 73, Oatley

<https://oatleyuca.org.au/>

Mission Statement: *Loving, Caring, Transforming our Community through Jesus Christ*

30 June and 7 July 2024

God in You

What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. – 2 Corinthians 6:16

The Vietnam War memorial in Washington, D.C., has become one of the most visited and emotional sites in the nation's capital. What sets it apart from other memorials? Carved into that black granite wall are more than 58,000 names of Americans who gave their lives building a foundation for freedom.

In 1 Kings 9, we find Solomon, having built the temple, now dedicating it to God. Here is God's response, verse 3: "I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there."

Solomon built a physical temple, but only God could hallow it and consecrate it to Himself. In the New Testament, God tells us of living temples—the people of God. And only God can sanctify us to Himself. He promises that those whom He sets apart for Himself have His eye, His heart, His love, and His care upon them.

Sanctification begins with God's call to us in Christ. It is put in motion when we respond by faith and give our lives to Him. And it continues with God's work of moulding us to be more like the person of Jesus Christ. We must dedicate ourselves to

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LECTIONARY READINGS FOR 30 JUNE

Pentecost 6

2 Samuel 1:1,17-27 Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR 7 JULY

Pentecost 7

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13



Him and cooperate by obeying His commands, but the sanctifying belongs to Him.

The apostle Paul wrote, “Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6).

Prayer

Lord, when I get discouraged by my inability to be holy, remind me that I can do nothing unless You do it in me. Amen.

To Ponder

Holiness does not come from observing a list of do’s and don’ts; it comes from God’s supernatural work in me as I obey Him.

Provided by Rev Alex Thomas

SAMARITAN'S PURSE—OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

“Shoebbox gifts are collected in Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States. More than 11.3 million shoebbox gifts were collected globally in 2023, 10million from the U.S. alone. In 2024, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebboxes to reach another 12 million children.”



THIS MONTH will be STATIONERY ITEMS

Let’s set our sights beyond ourselves and start collecting for the child who does not know Jesus Christ or the joy of receiving a gift. The collection box will be in the Church Foyer each month until October. There will also be a tube to collect money for postage. Each box is \$10 to send. Your monetary donation is gratefully accepted to assist and an alternative if you are unable to shop for gift items. Pip Watts



NOW SHOWING - Event Cinemas, Beverly Hills, are showing a wonderful movie called “Unsung Hero”. It is a Christian movie based on the lives of the Smallbone family (For King & Country). Take a tissue or two with you. There are 2 screenings throughout the day—check times before going. Take a friend!

NEWSLETTER CHANGE: Please direct any notices to Geoff Pritchard for 14 July - geoffp@ihug.com.au

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN—KIDSFEST Rockdale Uniting Church is holding a holiday kids club with a Medieval theme—the topic is ‘Kingdom’. It will be held 15—19 July from 9am-12pm. Games, craft, music, talks and “Medieval World” Enquiries: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPVIS> Spaces limited—book now.

You are Invited to the **MONTHLY COMMUNITY MORNING TEA** where all Churches in the area join together. Friday 5 July at 10.00am at St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Oatley. Take a small plate along if you can and they have promised that the warm air con will be on in the hall. Looking forward to seeing you there. Linda and Geoff

A Short Pastoral Care Note from Geoff and Linda . . .

We have recently had a great telephone conversation with David Napper who at 105 years of age told us that he is feeling very well and managing to walk unaided around the nursing home. This man is amazing and he has an incredible memory, excellent hearing and is extremely bright and alert. Next birthday 106 coming up in November !

With our visit to Grace and Ian McKay, Linda who never misses an opportunity took Grace some knitting needles and wool and she is now happily knitting a scarf !

We are working our way through our visitation list to see everyone at least once a month who is unable to attend Church.

We think about the many homeless and disadvantaged people especially on these cold days and nights and are thankful that we have a roof over our heads, warm food and clothing. In Isaiah 58:7 it reads . . . Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.



The Bill Crews Foundation - Exodus Thank you everyone for your generous donations to Exodus. Please continue to give things that are necessary pantry items—long-life milk and non-perishable food items i.e. canned items, rice, pasta, tea, coffee, cereals, biscuits and even personal items—soap, toothpaste, shampoo. These things all go to make home packages. *Thanks everyone for your contributions.*

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