



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

Real Hope • Real Jesus

THE SWEET PLEASURE OF GOD'S WISDOM

*Eat honey, my son, for it is good;
honey from the comb is sweet to your taste.
Know also that wisdom is like honey for you:
If you find it, there is a future hope for you,
and your hope will not be cut off.
Proverbs 24:13-14*

I love warm crumpets with butter and honey! Such a simple breakfast pleasure helps start a day off well. Honey (and crumpets!) bring health, energy and joy.

The simple analogy of this proverb is that like honey, there is life-giving sweetness to be found in the wisdom of God's word. But unlike honey, we cannot have too much of God's wisdom! And not only does it set us up for the day, God's wisdom sets us up even beyond this life.

So, how is your appetite – not for honey, but for wisdom from God?

If you haven't developed the taste, each day just read a bit of the Bible – even a little – so that over time you come to love it for yourself. And in doing so, you will have joy and hope that sustains you not just for one day, but eternally. Your life and wisdom will be in God, who is the world's only secure hope.

Growing deeper in the scriptures is not just about reading, but holding it in our mind as you would savour honey on your tongue. In doing so we can ponder on its meaning for us today and personalise it. Through that we are changed and enlivened for God. What a sweet gift God has given us in the Bible!

- SAM PURSELL

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2020

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Church people who are unwell

Bob Abrahams, John Angus, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Jan Crook, Raija Hannam, Robert Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Yvonne Matthiassen, Joy Meyer, James Mills, Noel Monk, Pam Moore, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Charlie October, Betty Uren, Chris Wilson.

Peace in our time

Pray for peace as many countries continue in war, and for calm as much of our world faces a constant threat from terrorism.

Recent illnesses

Pray for all those who have recently been hospitalised or unwell. Pray for healing and comfort for them and their families.

Sunday services

Give thanks that even though our gatherings may look different, that we can still meet together. Pray for wisdom for Sam, the Wardens and Parish Council as decisions are made and restrictions are rolled back.

Ricardo Siles

Pray for healing for Ricardo Siles (Rick's father), in his diagnosis of cancer. Pray for healing and recovery, and for Rick as he supports the family during this time.

COVID-19

Pray for our local, state, and federal governments: God, please grant your wisdom as they lead us out of the restrictions, deal with bringing our economy out of a coma, and assist and support the many new and exacerbated needs within our community.

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 1 OF 4)

Government:

Our Queen, The United Nations, other major governments.

World Focus:

The continent of Africa.
The persecuted church.

Mission Partners:

Adrian and Anita Lovell, training Christian leaders in Bolivia.

Grahame and Patty Scarratt, providing distance training for Word ministers in Latin America.

Organisations We Support:

Church Missionary Society (CMS).

Word Ministry Training:

Moore Theological College.

Staff and Senior Leadership:

Our Minister Sam Pursell, his wife Susan and their children Ed, Mary and Angela.

Children's and Youth Ministry:

TOTS, our playgroup for toddlers.

Adult Ministries:

Our Prime Time ministry to seniors, and the ministry at Warrigal.

Local Evangelism:

Our schools ministry - scripture (SRE).

Special Needs:

Those who are poor and needy.
The growth of the gospel among our Indigenous communities.

Other Regular Matters:

For more Word ministers, here at Oak Flats and in all the world.

The Lord builds his temple for his glory

Haggai 1-2

Sam Pursell • 28th June 2020

1. God is with you, so work for him
2. God will reveal his glory in the new temple

Next Sunday...

'The letter to Philemon' • Philemon • Phil Pratt

Church News

REGISTERING FOR CHURCH

Any changes in your registration for church need to be confirmed with the office, such as if you know you will be absent or if you wish to attend a different service. If you have not yet registered for a service, and wish to attend you need to contact the office. This will help with making sure that as many people as possible can attend.

We will be having a children's program at the 9.30am service, so please consider if you could attend the 3.30pm service instead to allow more children to attend in the morning.

PURSELL FAMILY ON LEAVE

Sam and his family will be on leave from **Tuesday 30th June until Sunday 5th July**. Please contact either the office/Valerie or the Wardens' during this time.

ROSTERS RESUMING

With Sunday services resuming so are rosters. If you're unavailable to serve on a roster or you wish to change your duties, please let us know by emailing office@oakflatsanglican.com or even better go to oakflatsanglican.elvanto.com.au.

OUR BIRTHDAYS

28th Andy Peters
29th Robyn Thomas
30th Jenny Orange
Mary Pursell

KIDS' CHURCH

This week's videos and activities for Haggai can be accessed here - <https://bit.ly/ofasundaykids>.

COMING BACK TO CHURCH!

It is wonderful to be able to meet back together in person again, although things are very different than what we are used to doing. Please note the following in regards to our gatherings:

- Numbers are limited to 40 people.
- Hand sanitiser must be used.
- Your name and number will be recorded as per Health NSW regulations.
- Stay home if you have any signs of being unwell. We will sadly need to turn you away at the door if you come to church sick.
- Maintain a distance of 1.5m from other people.
- There will be no congregation singing. However you can hum along to the music.
- BYO Bible as church bibles are not available.
- No news sheet or handouts will be given.

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

5th Robert & Raija Hannam

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