



Wise people are open to correction.

If you are anything like me, you spend more time thinking about how to address the foibles of others than you do listening to their corrections of you.

It is tricky to work out how to rebuke someone else well, but are we the kind of people who can receive a difficult message?

*Like an earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold
is the rebuke of a wise judge to a listening ear.*

Proverbs 25:12

The proverb above likens having an ear open to correction to an earring or jewellery of fine gold. It adorns and enhances the person.

Are we a church where encouragement is freely given and correction is invited? Having a personal or congregational culture of only one or the other is not good. Correction *only* can crush, and encouragement *only* can be stifling.

But also note that having a listening ear doesn't mean you need to take on board what everyone says. Don't just listen to anyone. Develop an ear that listens to the rebuke of a wise judge—a person who can discern truth and error, wisdom and foolishness, and teach it. Look out for wise people who input God's truths into your life, and give you good advice.

So, let's develop our hearts and ears ready to receive correction from the word of God and from one another. Such a disposition is more valuable than gold, and more striking as well.

- **SAM PURSELL**

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Church people who are unwell

Bob Abrahams, John Angus, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Jan Crook, Ruth Eton, Raija Hannam, Robert Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Yvonne Matthiassen, Joy Meyer, James Mills, Noel Monk, Gerry Moore, 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, harmony and for calm as many countries continue in war and other conflicts.

For those who are mourning

Pray for Rick, Dacia and the Siles family as they mourn the loss of Ricardo. Continue to uphold in prayer John & Olga Covetz & the Miller family, Robyn Thomas, Allan Quinn, Geoff Kyngdon and their families as they grieve the loss of loved ones. Pray that they would trust God and know his love in this difficult time.

Recent illnesses

Pray for all those who have recently been hospitalised or unwell. Pray for healing and comfort for them and their families. In particular, we remember Gerry Moore who recently had a fall and Ruth Eton who had surgery earlier this week.

Church family

Pray for our church family in both congregations and pray that they would grow in faith, hope and love together

COVID-19

Thank God for our frontline workers keeping us safe during this time. Pray for health & safety as we go through winter, and be conscious of our freedom as restrictions ease, that we would act in a way that keep all safe, especially those more vulnerable.

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 2 OF 4)

Government:

The Prime Minister and our federal politicians.

World Focus:

The continent of Europe. The persecuted church.

Mission Partners:

Matthew Meek, ministry to overseas university students with AFES in Wollongong and beyond.

Shord and Ann van Donge, training and serving in cross-cultural ministry.

Organisations We Support:

Evangelism and New Churches, and the fruit of our regular gifts to purchase new church land.

Word Ministry Training:

Youthworks College.

Staff and Senior Leadership:

Valerie O'Regan (Parish Administrator).

Children's and Youth Ministry:

Kids' Club.

Adult Ministries:

Men's and Women's ministry, including the dinners.

Local Evangelism:

Our Anglican Southern Illawarra Mission Area church network.

Special Needs:

Those serving in the defence forces.

Other Regular Matters:

Former members of our church currently in Word ministry roles.

Local Christian Schools:

Shellharbour Anglican College and Calderwood Christian School.

Philemon - A Personal Letter

Philemon 1:1-25

Phil Pratt • 5th July 2020

1. Setting the Scene
2. Philemon - Serving the Saints
3. Onesimus - Useful Again!
4. Philemon - Refresh my Heart
5. Some Lessons to Learn

Next Sunday...

'The Blind can see' • John 9:1-41 • Sam Pursell

Church News

KIDS' CHURCH

Kids's church is taking a break this week, however there is some colouring pages available. More news coming soon about the Sunday program.

NEW ROSTERS

Rosters until the end of August are out now. If you need a paper version, please see Val, or otherwise log onto oakflatsanglican.elvanto.com.au to see what dates and roles you are scheduled for.

SUNDAY SERVICES

A reminder that:

- You must register to attend church as 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 BIRTHDAYS

5th Belinda Firley
6th John Klasson
James Mills
11th Phil Pratt

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

5th Robert & Raija Hannam

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