



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

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GET YOUR HEAD INTO A BOOK

Most of us are “keeping our heads down” so to speak, during this covid crisis. So what do you do when you are “locked down”? Well St Paul sets a good example – he did some serious reading whilst in prison! How do I know this? Because of something he wrote to his friend Timothy.

“When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments” (2 Timothy 4:13). Why did he want the scrolls and parchments? To read, of course!

I know many of us have been reading, because our bookstall stock became seriously depleted. But in the last couple of weeks I have been able to restock, and have a number of new titles. Now is a great time to choose some books to read yourself, or to give away. How often the gift a well chosen book can be a real blessing for someone's birthday or Christmas.

There is a great series of **children's books** called 'Tales that Tell the Truth'. Well presented and illustrated Bible stories like - “The Storm that Stopped”, “The One O'Clock Miracle” and my favourite “The Friend Who Forgives”.

If you like **biographies**, try Metaxas' works on Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer (which will keep you quiet for a while), or his smaller book “Seven Men and the Secret of their Greatness”. Others authors will introduce you to William Wilberforce; Arthur Stace (Mr Eternity); Susannah Spurgeon; John MacArthur and more.

Keeping up our daily **reading of the Bible** should be front of mind always, and you will find a range of help options, including the small “**10 of Those**” series – generally about 20 to 50 readings with one day per opening, making them interesting and challenging for those with not a lot of time.

We also have the popular daily reading books “The Way of Wisdom” (Proverbs) and “My Rock My Refuge” (Psalms) which take about a year to go through, and some helpful books by John Piper.

And remember, there are less than 160 days to Christmas!

- **JOHN WILSON**

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2020

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Church people who are unwell

Bob Abrahams, John Angus, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Bronwyn Clark, 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.

Expectant Parents

Pray for Ashleigh and Jake Browne as they prepare for the arrival of their baby.

Recent surgeries and hospitalisations

Pray for Jan Crook who had surgery last Friday. Pray also for Bronwyn Clark, Ruth Eton, Gerry Moore and Yvonne Matthiassen. Pray for healing and a quick recovery, and for their family as they support them during this time

Term 3 Kids and youth clubs

Pray for the leaders and children of Kids' Club and Refuge as the programs resume this week after the holiday break and COVID restrictions.

Pray that the new term would see many young people come to a deeper understanding of Jesus.

COVID-19

Pray for the recent spike of COVID cases in both NSW and Victoria. Pray that people will be sensible and obey the restrictions put in place.

Pray for a vaccine to be quickly discovered, tested, developed, and made available.

Our World

Pray for our world which is hurting in so many ways at the moment. Pray for people suffering the greatest due to Covid.

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 4 OF 4)

Government:

Our Mayor and those serving in local government.

World Focus:

North and South America.

The persecuted church.

Mission Partners:

Roger and Amanda Kyngdon, working with BCA in Newman, WA.

Organisations We Support:

Anglicare Chaplains working in Anglicare Villages, Hospitals and Prisons.

Mission to Seafarers.

Word Ministry Training:

Mary Andrew's College and Sydney Missionary & Bible College (SMBC).

Diocesan Leadership:

Our Archbishop and our Bishop.

Children's and Youth Ministry:

Refuge, our youth group.

Adult Ministries:

Bible Study groups.

Local Evangelism:

Outreach to people in young families in our suburb.

Special Needs:

Those suffering with mental illness and dementia.

Mobile Community Pantry:

Give thanks for the volunteers and the community impact of this ministry.

**Gospel of John:
I am the Good Shepherd
John 10:1-42
Sam Pursell • 19th July 2020**

1. Jesus is the shepherd who calls (1-6)
2. Jesus is the gate to life (7-10)
3. Jesus is the good shepherd (11-13)
4. Jesus is forming his flock (14-21)

Next Sunday...

'I am the Resurrection and the Life' • John 11:1-54 • Sam Pursell

Church News

KIDS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS START AGAIN THIS WEEK!

Kids' Club and Refuge on Friday afternoon/night kick off this week after a long period of absence.

Please keep these groups in your prayers.

LADIES' CRAFT AFTERNOON

The ladies are coming together for a fun afternoon at the church on **Saturday 1st August from 2pm to 4pm**. Bring along any craft or knitting that you might be working on.

Afternoon tea will be provided. All distancing and sanitising and registration will be in place.

Please register for the event here: <https://bit.ly/3eCFQ9E>.

SOUTHERN CROSS

You can download a copy of the Southern Cross magazine by heading to this page: <http://bit.ly/downloadSC>.

LIVESTREAM UPDATE

Our Livestream web address will be moving to YouTube from Sunday 26th July. Head to <https://bit.ly/OFAlive> to subscribe to our channel and please update your web bookmarks/favourites.

SUNDAY SERVICES

A reminder that:

- Numbers are limited to 60 people in the whole church building premises, but only 45 adults in main hall.
- Children and youth under 18 do not need to physically distance.
- 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

20th Peter Evans
21st Kelly Dobbie

23rd Olga Covetz
24th Estella Dobbiek

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