



**Oak Flats  
Anglican**

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## READING THE BIBLE AS PASTORAL CARE

Last week, when I wrote about starting a pastoral care team, what activity came to mind? Some of us might think of a hot drink and a chat, perhaps some prayer for what is needed.

But does your mind go to God's word for pastoral care?

Pastoral care comes from the imagery of a shepherd looking after sheep. In 1 Peter 5:1-3 Peter tells church elders to shepherd the flock, the people of the church under their care. This involves exercising oversight, working willingly and eagerly, not for personal gain or by domineering, but by being an example. In 1 Timothy 3:2, Paul would also add the task of teaching.

Whilst our pastoral care team does not exercise church oversight or some of the other functions, the ways and means of the work is much the same: eagerly, willingly, caring for people, not domineering, but by being an example. However, the Bible and prayer play a role too. Listening and sharing are important, and healing and praying calls upon the resources only God can give to any situation, but what greater encouragement and hope can be gained than by reading God's word!

This week I read Psalm 18 with the Monday women's group. We were strengthened by David's reminder of who God is in verses 1-3:

*I love you, O LORD, my strength.  
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.*

Following on from this, David tells of his deliverance from death and God's saving power in Israel's history. As we read along, we were all encouraged. This is but one example.

The whole Bible can be counted upon for all our ministries. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 we know how the Bible is sufficient for producing thoroughly equipped disciples – 'teaching, rebuking, correcting and training.' Interestingly, in the next chapter, Paul adds one extra – 'encouraging.' Who can you pastorally care for and encourage with the Bible this week?

**- SAM PURSELL**

**WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

# Prayers

## CURRENT PRAYERS

### Church people who are unwell

Bob Abrahams, John Angus, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Jan Crook, Ruth Eton, Raija Hannam, Robert Hannam, Erin Hick, Pauline Kirby, James Mills, Noel Monk, Charlie October, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Sue Vickery, Chris Wilson.

### Scripture in schools

Thank God for the opportunity to teach scripture in schools. Pray for the team of scripture teachers as they go each week into Oak Flats and Balarang Public, that they might have wisdom love and strength to present the material well. Pray also for the children that they will have ears to hear and hearts to respond to Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

### Holidays

Pray that the members of our church community who are taking holidays will be refreshed and energised to serve God in the months ahead. Pray for safe travels and safety on the roads for everyone.

### Recent illnesses

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

### HSC Students

Pray for Daniel Paduch and other Year 12 students as they prepare for their final exams especially in light of COVID-19 restrictions.

### COVID-19

Thank God for our frontline workers keeping us safe during this time. Pray for health & safety 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.

# 1 THESSALONIANS

## 2. Paul's Personal Ministry

### 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

### John Wilson • 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Introduction: An Effective Ministry (verses 1-2)

1. Paul's Ministry had Integrity (verses 3-4)
2. Paul's Ministry was Self Denying (verses 5-8)
3. Paul's Ministry was Diligent (verses 9-12)

### ***Next Sunday...***

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 • Sam Pursell

### THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US

9.30am Service	<b>27th September</b>	<b>4th October</b>
<b>Welcomer:</b>	J Klasson	J Mills
<b>Bible Reader:</b>	D Young	R Hannam
<b>Kids' Program:</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	C Bonnici/A Hadley	B Mayhew/C Smith
<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	R Hannam	C Bonnici
<b>COVID Cleaning:</b>	H & J Mills	P & B Firley
3.30pm Service	<b>27th September</b>	<b>4th October</b>
<b>Welcomer:</b>	V O'Regan	S Stanojevic
<b>Bible Reader:</b>	S Stanojevic	D Rainey
<b>Afternoon Tea:</b>	G Taylor	J Orange
<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	V O'Regan	P Taylor
<b>COVID Cleaning:</b>	J Hoffer/D Rainey	D & J Orange
<b>Cleaning Saturday:</b>	P & C Pratt/V O'Regan	
<b>Mowing Saturday:</b>	N/A	

# Church News

## PURSELL FAMILY ON LEAVE

Sam and his family are now on leave but will be returning this Tuesday.

Please contact Valerie in the office, the Wardens or Rhonda (our Pastoral Care Coordinator) if you have any concerns.

## FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Pantry team have requested that the following items are needed to create hampers:

- tinned vegetables
- small boxes cereal
- 1L long life milk
- tinned meat meals
- sauce meal makers
- soup
- tinned fruit
- taco meal kits or similar.

Thank you to all who have previously donated for your generosity.

## 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.
- Wearing a face mask is recommended.
- 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.

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