



Sometimes in life we want things to be different, but we are not willing to let go of what we are currently doing, in order to be free to do the new thing.

Personally, there are new hobbies I'd like to take up, current ones which I'd like to devote more attention to and old ones which would be fun to start again. But each takes time and effort to get up to the standard you want. Running, cycling, mountain biking, surfing, guitar, reading books, watching movies.

God's power is without limit, but we are limited. We might be told by some in the world that we can do it all and take on everything, but God knows that we cannot nor does he expect us to.

The Apostle Paul, in his missionary journeys and extended stays had a few regular patterns, but was also open to stopping one thing and moving onto another. He would regularly start in a town at the synagogue and explain Christ to the Jews, if that was prevented, he stopped, and moved to proclaim to the Gentiles. He would move from synagogue to marketplace, to halls, to houses. And he would move from town to town as well.

Our lives and ministries are in this place, but what might we let go of to start more fruitful work?

- **SAM PURSELL**

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 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, Pauline Kirby, James Mills, Noel Monk, Charlie October, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Sue Vickery, Chris Wilson.

Recent illnesses

Pray for all those who have recently been hospitalised or unwell, in particular Raija Hannam who had a procedure done earlier this week. Pray for healing and comfort for them and their families.

Scripture Teaching

Pray for our Scripture teachers as they prepare to resume in the Primary Schools this coming week.

Church finances

Pray that God would provide us with the necessary funds to meet the shortfall in our weekly giving, so that we can continue the present shape of ministry in our church.

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

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.

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.

1 THESSALONIANS

4. Standing firm in the faith

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Sam Pursell • 11th October 2020

1. Fearful in mind (1-5)
2. Encouraged by reality (6-10)
3. Strengthened in Christ's unstoppable work (11-13)

Next Sunday...

'Living to please God' • 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 • Sam Pursell

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US

9.30am Service	11th October	18th October
Welcomer:	J Mills	V O'Regan
Bible Reader:	V O'Regan	H Mills
Kids' Program:	N/A	P & G Taylor
Morning Tea:	M Klasson/J Mills	C Bonnici/A Hadley
Meal Clean Up:	C Smith	B Hadley
COVID Cleaning:	R Hannam/V O'Regan	P & G Taylor
3.30pm Service	11th October	18th October
Welcomer:	P Taylor	M Peters
Bible Reader:	G Taylor	P Pratt
Afternoon Tea:	S Stanojevic	C Pratt
Meal Clean Up:	J Wilson	P Pratt
COVID Cleaning:	P & C Pratt	A & M Peters
Cleaning Saturday:	P & G Taylor/ C Bonnici	
Mowing Saturday:	N/A	

Church News

PLEDGE SUNDAY FOR 2021

On 25th October, we will be having Pledge Sunday where you can give a special one-off gift towards the 2021 budget or pledge to increase regular giving.

Please pray that our financial position improves so we can continue to have the resources to grow the ministry at our church and beyond.

PRAYER ROSTER

We invite those who are interested in joining the roster for prayer during our services, to please speak to Sam.

NEW ROSTERS COMING SOON

If you're unavailable to serve on a roster or you wish to change your duties from **Monday 2nd November through to Sunday 17th January 2021** please let us know via email office@oakflatsanglican.com or log online to oakflatsanglican.elvanto.com.au, or speak to Val.

FAMILY VIOLENCE ANONYMOUS SURVEY

Help us to build a safer and more supportive Anglican Church for people who have experienced domestic violence. Join a research project aimed to help improve church practices. If you have had an experience of domestic violence and a current or previous link with the Anglican Church, please share your perspective.

The online survey is anonymous and anyone can take part. To find out more go to surveys.ncsls.org.au/NAFVP/experience

More information about the research is available here: <https://anglican.org.au/our-work/family-violence/>.

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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GIVE ELECTRONICALLY - BANK DETAILS

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