



**Oak Flats  
Anglican**

*Real Hope • Real Jesus*

## LIVING BY HOPE

In Colossians 1:3-5 we see Paul outlining how faith, hope and love interrelate in the Christian life:

*“We give thanks ... since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; because of the hope laid up for you in heaven”*

Did you notice that future hope is the driver of their faith and love?

We know what we hope for drives what we do today. Each month I put away some money into superannuation in the hope that I will have accumulated enough to help support myself and others in the future. This gives me confidence in what I do today because I have some security in the future.

But markets can crash and savings can be wiped away. Nothing is certain, except that which is held with God. What exactly then is the hope laid up in heaven, away from the turmoil of this world, which can give total confidence and security to us in this life?

*God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:27)*

Christ and all the blessings we have in him are our heavenly hope, which nothing on earth can take away. He blesses us now, and has even greater things in store to come. From that certain hope we can live with faith in Christ and love for one another.

**- SAM PURSELL**

**WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 18TH 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, Chris Wilson.

### Peace in our time

Pray for peace, harmony and for calm as many countries continue in war and other conflicts.

### Recent illnesses

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

### 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 continue their HSC exams.

### High School SRE Seminars

Pray for Phil Pratt and helpers as they prepare and run the seminars at Oak Flats High on October 30th. Pray that the seminars will be able to be run, despite COVID-19 conditions.

### COVID-19

Pray that God would grant not just Australian, but all Governments and others in authority wisdom in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 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 kids 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.

# 1 THESSALONIANS

## 5. Living to please God

### 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

#### Sam Pursell • 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

1. Abound in pleasing God (1-2)
2. Be sanctified (3-8)
3. Abound in love for one other (9-12)

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

'Encouraged by the hope of Christ's return' • 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 • Sam Pursell

### **THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US**

9.30am Service	<b>11th October</b>	<b>18th October</b>
<b>Welcomer:</b>	V O'Regan	G Kyngdon
<b>Bible Reader:</b>	H Mills	J Mills
<b>Kids' Program:</b>	P & G Taylor	D & J Orange
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	C Bonnici/A Hadley	A Hadley/M Klasson
<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	B Hadley	C Bonnici
<b>COVID Cleaning:</b>	P & G Taylor	D & J Orange
3.30pm Service	<b>11th October</b>	<b>18th October</b>
<b>Welcomer:</b>	M Peters	V O'Regan
<b>Bible Reader:</b>	P Pratt	A Peters
<b>Afternoon Tea:</b>	C Pratt	G Taylor
<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	P Pratt	D Rainey
<b>COVID Cleaning:</b>	A & M Peters	V O'Regan/P Taylor
<b>Cleaning Saturday:</b>	A & M Peters	
<b>Mowing Saturday:</b>	P Pratt/C Smith	

# Church News

## MEN'S DINNER

We will be hosting a Men's Dinner here at the church on **Tuesday 10th November**, with doors opening at 6.30pm and dinner served at 7pm. Ben Pfahlert, Director of MTS will be our guest speaker. Registration is essential - see Val to register.

## 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](mailto:office@oakflatsanglican.com) or log online to [oakflatsanglican.elvanto.com.au](http://oakflatsanglican.elvanto.com.au), or speak to Val.

## OUR BIRTHDAYS

22nd Magda Peters  
Evelyn Meek (Mission Partner)  
25th Harry Witte

## 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.

## OUR ANNIVERSARIES

20th Ashleigh & Jake Browne

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