



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

Real Hope • Real Jesus

WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

2019 was so ordinary. It had ups and downs, but mostly we got on with life. As Christmas was celebrated, we remembered the coming of the Messiah looking forward to another year.

There seemed nothing to seriously be afraid of. However, from November things changed in China and 2020 was set to be a year without parallel in modern history. People began dying from a virus we now know as CV19.

New words entered our vocabulary, Pan-demic being one. Pan as a prefix means "... the whole of..." and last used widely as the NAZIS tried to establish a Pan-Germanic Empire from Europe. It did not last and nor will CV19.

In March 2020 panic set in. None have been spared and we have seen the best and worst of world and local leaders including in the Churches.

What are we afraid of: Death and meeting our Lord or something else? In the 2019 flu season, were we afraid of catching it and even dying or did we just move on and trust God for what He had planned for us (believers or not) before the world began?

God has set a time to be born and die; nothing can change that. We need not fear other than falling into the hands of the Living God without Jesus. We must be careful but that was the case in 2019.

What are you afraid of?

Hebrew 10:31 *"It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God."*

- GEOFF KYNGDON

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 25TH 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.

Ruth Eton

Give thanks that Ruth was able to have surgery on Friday. Pray that the procedure was a success and for quick healing and recovery. Pray for Kevin as he supports her recovery.

The passing of Jamie Hoffer's grandmother

Pray that God would comfort Jamie and his family on the passing of his grandmother in Wales last week. Pray for the family as they grieve especially in light of travel restrictions which prevent them from attending the funeral.

HSC Students

Pray for Daniel Paduch and other Year 12 students as they continue their HSC exams.

Protests in Nigeria

Pray for peace in Nigeria as protests against Police brutality continue. Pray for all who are suffering and that they might have the opportunity to discover the comfort and security of a relationship with their Creator.

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.

1 THESSALONIANS

6. Encouraged by the hope of Christ's return

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sam Pursell • 25th October 2020

1. Grieve with hope (13-15)
2. Eagerly await the return of the Lord (16-17)
3. Encourage one another with these words (18)

Next Sunday...

'Live as children of the light' • 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 • Sam Pursell

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US

9.30am Service	25th October	1st November
Welcomer:	G Kyngdon	J Mills
Bible Reader:	J Mills	P Pratt
Kids' Program:	D & J Orange	A Hadley/M Klasson
Morning Tea:	A Hadley/M Klasson	C Bonnici/B Mayhew
Meal Clean Up:	C Bonnici	B Hadley
COVID Cleaning:	D & J Orange	P & C Pratt
3.30pm Service	25th October	1st November
Welcomer:	V O'Regan	D Rainey
Bible Reader:	A Peters	M Peters
Afternoon Tea:	G Taylor	J Orange
Meal Clean Up:	D Rainey	D Orange
COVID Cleaning:	V O'Regan/P Taylor	J Hoffer/D Rainey
Cleaning Saturday:	J & M Klasson/B Clark	
Mowing Saturday:	N/A	

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.

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 BIRTHDAYS

25th Ruth Eton
31st Willow Browne
Ed Pursell

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

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