



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

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WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

I find it interesting that in our modern western society where so many want to push away notions of the spiritual, Halloween still gets a run.

Is it our ongoing rejection of institutions and traditions which make people crave letting some back in? Is it an excuse to put up some decorations, wander around the neighbourhood and eat lollies? Or is there a growing sense for some in our post-Christian secular context that there may in fact be 'more out there than atoms and energy?'

The 'spookiness' of Halloween, sees fascination and fear melded together. If there are other, spiritual forces at play in the world we surely cannot control them as we do the material world. This can cause some Christians to react in fear.

So how might we respond?

We need not fear.

We need not fear the rising and falling of various traditions in our culture. Nor fear those who say there is nothing but the material. Nor should we fear the spiritual or superstitious which some dabble in seeking a way out of our secular disenchantment.

For October 31 is also reformation day, and we remember that God alone is sovereign over all things, material and spiritual, and all the power and glory belongs to him. Soli Deo Gloria.

Paul said this to the Athenians:

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth... he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth... God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us...In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

- **SAM PURSELL**

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 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.

Recent illnesses

Pray for all those who have recently been hospitalised or unwell.

Pray for healing and comfort for them and their families.

Christmas preparations

Pray for our church as we prepare to connect with the community over the coming Christmas season, especially with COVID restrictions.

Pray for Scripture teachers as they prepare to teach the Christmas lessons in our public schools, that they will help students and staff know the real meaning of Christmas.

HSC Students

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

Phil Slocombe's engagement

Give thanks to God for the recent engagement of Phil and his fiancée, Anita. Pray for them as they plan and prepare for their wedding and their lives together.

COVID-19

Pray for State and Federal Governments as they continue to work through difficulties which have come about because of COVID-19. Pray for our health care workers - doctors, nurses, aged care workers, allied health workers, and those involved with testing.

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 3 OF 4)

Government:

The Premier and NSW politicians.

World Focus:

The continent of Asia.

Mission Partners:

Stewart Continuing Ministries - training leaders of the persecuted church in ministry.

Organisations We Support:

Youthworks and the Bible Society

Word Ministry Training:

Ministry Training and Development (MT&D) and the Ministry Training Strategy (MTS).

Staff and Senior Leadership:

Wardens and Parish Councillors.

Children's and Youth Ministry:

Andy's Club.

Adult Ministries:

Prime Time and Interact.

Local Evangelism:

Outreach to emergency services and community groups.

Members unable to attend church:

Those house-bound or living in nursing homes including Audrey Ford, Lily Lyddiard, Howard Slocombe, and Bruce Smith.

Local Public Schools:

Oak Flats Public, Balarang Public and Oak Flats High.

Other Regular Matters:

Our ongoing financial needs for the ministry at our church and beyond.

1 THESSALONIANS

7. Live as children of the day

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Sam Pursell • 1st November 2020

1. The approaching day of the Lord (1-3)
2. You are children of the day (4-5)
3. Live in light of the day (6-11)

Next Sunday...

'How to be an encouraging church' • 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 • Sam Pursell

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US

9.30am Service

1st November

8th November

Welcomer:

J Mills

B Clark

Bible Reader:

P Pratt

D Young

Prayer Leader:

N/A

V O'Regan

Kids' Program:

A Hadley/M Klasson

B Firley/G Taylor

Morning Tea:

C Bonnici/B Mayhew

M Klasson/J Mills

Meal Clean Up:

B Hadley

C Bonnici

COVID Cleaning:

P & C Pratt

P & G Taylor

3.30pm Service

1st November

8th November

Welcomer:

D Rainey

S Stanojevic

Bible Reader:

M Peters

J Orange

Prayer Leader:

N/A

D Orange

Afternoon Tea:

J Orange

C Pratt

Meal Clean Up:

D Orange

P Pratt

COVID Cleaning:

J Hoffer/D Rainey

A & M Peters

Cleaning Saturday:

D & J Orange/J Evans

Mowing Saturday:

J Klasson/A Peters

Church News

PRAYER LEADERS MEETING

For those who have been rostered for Prayer Leading during our services, we will be holding two training meetings next **Sunday, 8th November**. The first at 11.30am, with a second meeting at 2.45pm. Both meetings will be held at the church.

NEW ROSTERS

Rosters until 17th January 2020 have been completed and will be emailed out. If you need a paper version, please see Val, otherwise log onto oakflatsanglican.elvanto.com.au to see what dates and roles you are scheduled for.

If your travel/holiday plans change please let Val know immediately to make the adjustments as necessary.

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.

OUR BIRTHDAYS

4th Jean Beetles
Pat Pepper

SOUTHERN CROSS MAGAZINE

You can download a copy of the Southern Cross magazine by heading to this page: <https://magazine.sydneyanglicans.net>.

If you wish to have a printed copy, please see Val.

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.

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

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