



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

Real Hope • Real Jesus

TOTAL TRANSFORMATION PART TWO

“Dress for the job you want, not the job you have”

I don't know if you've ever heard this piece of career advice. I have, and haven't cared to take much notice of it! But we all understand the idea. If you dress a certain way, your persona will align to the clothes you're wearing, you'll begin to act a certain way, and then you will get noticed for all these things and get a new job.

In Colossians, Paul has been telling Christians that true change won't come about through rules or super-spirituality. True and total transformation only comes through staying in connection with Christ.

So, when he applies it, he does give some do's and don'ts. But—and this is key—they all come in the context of being united with Christ. He tells us to live according to who are. 'Dress' your lives with actions fitting your status as a disciple of Christ.

1. Set your persona on Christ - your heart and mind

[S]et your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

(Colossians 3:1-2)

2. Put off your old 'clothes'

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

(Colossians 3:5)

3. Put on your new 'clothes'

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

(Colossians 3:12)

Total transformation in our lives doesn't just come from rules or lists, but from following Christ and centring our hearts, minds and lives on him. Out of that we realign the rest of our lives. In other words, we dress according to the great position we already have!

- SAM PURSELL

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 29TH 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, Hanno Stanojevic, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Susan Vickery, Chris Wilson.

Children and Youth Ministry

Pray for the ministry to children and youth on Fridays. Give thanks for the faithful teaching and witness by those who lead. As the year draws to a close, pray that the leaders would be refreshed and encouraged by the progress they have seen in the lives of the members this year.

High School SRE Seminars

Pray for Phil Pratt and helpers as they prepare and run the seminars at Oak Flats High on December 4th. Continue to pray for this ministry and 2021 preparations.

Mobile Community Pantry

Give thanks for the impact of the Pantry ministry. Pray for the two Christmas lunches on the 10th December, and that those who attend will understand the real meaning of Christmas.

Christmas services

Pray that the 5pm Carols service on 20th December, and the 9am Christmas Day service would see many members of our wider community join us to hear us sing and share about Jesus.

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.

Local Christian Schools:

Shellharbour Anglican College and Calderwood Christian School.

RUTH

3. Waiting for the Lord

Ruth 3:1-18

Sam Pursell • 29th November 2020

1. Naomi's plan (1-5)
2. Ruth's proposition (6-15)
3. Waiting for Boaz (and the Lord) (16-18)

Next Sunday...

Ruth 4:1-22 • Sam Pursell

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US

9.30am Service

29th November

6th December

Welcomer:

K Eton

R Eton

Bible Reader:

R Hannam

D Young

Prayer Leader:

J Mills

A Hadley

Kids' Program:

V O'Regan/TBC

P & G Taylor

Morning Tea:

B Mayhew/C Smith

M Klasson/J Mills

Meal Clean Up:

B Hadley

C Smith

COVID Cleaning:

V O'Regan/C Smith

K & R Eton

3.30pm Service

29th November

6th December

Welcomer:

P Taylor

J Hoffer

Bible Reader:

V O'Regan

D Rainey

Prayer Leader:

M Peters

G Taylor

Afternoon Tea:

M Peters

G Taylor

Meal Clean Up:

A Peters

V O'Regan

COVID Cleaning:

D & J Orange

J Hoffer/D Rainey

Cleaning Saturday:

A & M Peters

Mowing Saturday:

D Orange/D Slocombe

Church News

PLEDGE CARDS

Please make sure your **Pledge cards** are returned to the Wardens or the office by Sunday 29th November.

LADIES' DINNER

Join us at 6.30pm this **Tuesday 1st December** at our church to hear Dianne Hillier (Anglicare) speak for the final Ladies Dinner for the year. Registration is essential - see Val to register

CHRISTMAS LETTERBOX DROP

Can you grab a pile of brochures for our Christmas Celebrations and deliver them to our neighbourhood?

Grab a pile, mark down your name, and hit the streets this week!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 20th December - put the date in your diary for our annual Community Carols at 5pm. Singing will be allowed as long as you have a mask. This will be a COVID safe event.

Friday 25th December - Christmas Day service at 9am. See Val to register.

OUR BIRTHDAYS

1st	David Slocombe
5th	Joy Evans

SUMMER PRAYER DIARY

The latest Wollongong Region Prayer diary is now available. You can view it online at or ask Val to print one off if you want a hard copy.

SUPPORT FOR ROXANA SALAZAR SURI

Roxana is a primary teacher and ex-student of the MOCLAM courses run by the Lovells. She has applied to study at a theological college in Chile through a scholarship scheme run by Anglican Aid. She has been accepted but funds for her have fallen short of that needed. Are you able to help?

We are hoping for a commitment by seven people of \$20/month (\$5/week) for three years, to be contributed via an 'honesty system' and simply added to your regular giving through the offertory. Smaller contributions would be equally welcomed and added to our total church contribution.

We realise this need coincides with our own church budgetary issues. However, the request is one we are convinced is worthwhile. It is a vital, long-term spiritual investment, and has the support of the Wardens and Parish Council.

For further information and a pledge form, please see Phil Pratt.

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

1st	Peter & Belinda Firley
5th	Roger & Amanda Kyngdon (Mission Partners)

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