



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

Real Hope • Real Jesus

WHAT IS YOUR HOPE FOR THE FUTURE?

A CBA CEO once said to me: We do well to look to the future and not dwell on the past. Sound advice perhaps summarised as learn from your mistakes and get on with living. Either way it does not address where our true hope lies?

Our Eternal hope lies in the past with Jesus' once only sacrifice for the sins of the World, but equally stands in the present and more importantly assures us of our Eternal future with our Lord and Saviour in Heaven.

Those around us hope things might work out for them in the end (read death), but rarely seek the truth found in Jesus alone. It is as if they go shopping and see two packaged items for sale one branded "Life in Jesus to the Full" and the other "Death in Hell at the Last" but they keep buying the latter.

Hope needs a focus; something to be sure and certain about and as believers we have it in Jesus. Without such a focus, what other life and death hope has any chance? Not being with all my friends, or singing on the clouds, or looking down on us with angels, or laughing, or worst of all there is nothing after life anyway.

In 2020 we farewelled some dear friends. They were sad times especially for the families, but never without hope and the assurance of being reunited with all those who have died in the Lord. Eternal life is attractive indeed!!!

What is your hope based on right now? Believers have the only hope that last and we must shout it from the rooftops 24/7.

Our SRE classes include memory verses and a regular for me is John 3:16 because it so neatly summarises the Gospel. It was the first verse I was taught in SRE and I am sure many have memorised it. Are you one of them?

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (NASB)

- GEOFF KYNGDON

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2021

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Church people who are unwell

Bob Abrahams, John Angus, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Olga Covetz, Jan Crook, Raija Hannam, Robert Hannam, Pauline Kirby, James Mills, Noel Monk, Charlie October, Christina Paduch, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Howard Slocombe, Hanno Stanojevic, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Susan Vickery, Chris Wilson.

Peace in our time

Pray for peace as many countries continue in war, and for calm as much of our world faces a constant threat from terrorism.

Our Parish

Pray for our services: that we may reach our community and others will come along. Pray that all our members may be built up in Christ through the faithful ministry of God's word.

Staff on leave

Pray that Sam and Susan would have a restful break with their kids until their return on 16th January.

2021 ministry preparation

Pray for Sam and all our ministry leaders as they prepare for the start up of our regular ministries in a few weeks' time.

Holiday travel

Pray for those traveling over the holiday period. Pray for safe travels and safety on the roads for everyone.

COVID-19

Pray that God would grant Australian, world 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.

Hannah's Genuine Plea from the Heart

1 Samuel 1:12-18

Geoff Kyngdon • 10th January 2021

1. Hannah's Continued Prayer (verses 12-13)
2. Eli's Initial Reaction (verse 14)
3. Hannah's Clear Response (verses 15-19)

This Sunday...

Sermon series on 'John' continues • John 13:1-17 • Sam Pursell

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US

9.30am Service

Welcomer:

10th January

R Eton

17th January

K Eton

Bible Reader:

V O'Regan

D Young

Prayer Leader:

R Hannam

J Mills

Kids' Program:

N/A

N/A

Morning Tea:

A Hadley/M Klasson

B Mayhew/C Smith

Meal Clean Up:

C Bonnici

B Hadley

COVID Cleaning:

J & M Klasson

V O'Regan/C Smith

3.30pm Service

10th January

17th January

Welcomer:

P Taylor

J Orange

Bible Reader:

S Stanojevic

D Rainey

Prayer Leader:

M Peters

V O'Regan

Afternoon Tea:

G Taylor

M Peters

Meal Clean Up:

V O'Regan

A Peters

COVID Cleaning:

J Hoffer/D Rainey

D & J Orange

Cleaning Saturday:

A & M Peters

Mowing Saturday:

D Slocombe/C Smith

Church News

PURSELL FAMILY ON HOLIDAYS

Sam, Susan and the family are taking a much deserved break and will return on Saturday 16th January. Our Wardens will be the point of contact during this time.

CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the church office will not be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Val's hours are now: Monday and Friday: 9am to 5pm and Thursday: 9am to 12pm.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

A course to consider life, and explore the life of Jesus. Open to everyone. Starting late January. Register at: oakflatsanglican.com/christianityexplored

CMS STAMP COLLECTING

Help CMS (the Church Missionary Society) by bringing your stamps to church and put them in the brown box located on the bookstall. For details contact Robyn Thomas.

COVID SAFETY

A reminder that:

- Numbers are limited to 120 people in the whole church building premises, but only 90 people 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 when singing.
- 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 where possible.
- BYO Bible as church bibles are not available.
- No news sheet or handouts will be given.

OUR BIRTHDAYS

10th Pauline Kirby
15th Rick Siles

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

12th Phil & Coralie Pratt
14th David & Rhonda Slocombe

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