



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

Real Hope • Real Jesus

FROM PRIDE TO HUMILITY

We are all sinners in this church. Sometimes we hurt one another – either intentionally, or unintentionally. Following on from this, pride can cause us to not recognise the harm we have done, justify the harm we have done, or if harmed, pride can cause us to justify harming others back.

But before God, we cannot justify ourselves in these things, or in any other sin. Our mouths are silenced by his awesome holiness. But we also know, don't we, that through Christ he has washed us from our sins and set us free! So, we are set on a different path.

So, what does this mean? We should be humble. The Apostle Peter writes:

*All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,
“God opposes the proud
but shows favour to the humble.”*

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up
in due time. (1 Peter 5:5-6)*

It may seem weak in our world to be humble; it may feel like a step back from what is best for us. But God is watching, and he will lift up those who humble themselves, because they know that is what God wants.

As a church of forgiven sinners, as we brush up against one another, having an attitude of humility prepares us to be gracious, and wards off the anxieties and divisions that Satan may seek to open up in our fellowship (1 Peter 5:7-8).

- SAM PURSELL

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Church people who are unwell

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

Geoff Kyngdon

Pray for Geoff and the ongoing issue with his eyes. Pray that the discomfort would ease and give thanks that surgery is scheduled for early March.

Youth and children's ministries

Thank God that the programs are now starting up for 2021, and pray that the leaders will be energised and passionate about proclaiming Jesus in a way that connects with the young people in our church and community. Pray for the leaders as they plan, prepare and pastor these ministries.

Men's and Ladies' Ministry Events

Give thanks to God for the many people who come together for friendship and encouragement. As these begin for 2021 pray that God will give wisdom to the speakers as they prepare, and help the organisers as logistics are finalised. Pray that unbelievers and believers alike will grow through these events.

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 change, that we would act in a way that keep all safe, especially those more vulnerable. Pray that the vaccine will be able to be distributed easily and made available for all.

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.

Gospel of John: The Vine and the Branches John 15:1-17 Andy Peters • 14th February 2021

1. The Vine and the Vinedresser
2. Unity with Jesus
3. Friendship and Love

This Sunday...

'Gospel of John' sermon series • John 15:18-16:4 • Sam Pursell

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US

9.30am Service

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Kids' Program:

Morning Tea:

Meal Clean Up:

COVID Cleaning:

14th February

J Klasson

R Hannam

D Young

B Firley/V O'Regan

J Mills/C Smith

B Hadley

B & P Firley

21st February

B Clark

K Dobbie

R Hannam

A Hadley/M Klasson

C Bonnici/R Eton

K Eton

J & M Klasson

3.30pm Service

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Afternoon Tea:

Meal Clean Up:

COVID Cleaning:

14th February

P Taylor

J Orange

H Mills

G Taylor

P Taylor

P & C Pratt

21st February

D Rainey

G Taylor

P Taylor

C Pratt

P Pratt

P & G Taylor

Cleaning Saturday:

D Slocombe/C Smith

Mowing Saturday:

D Orange/P Taylor

Church News

LADIES' DINNER

Last chance to RSVP for the first Ladies' dinner of year on **Tuesday 16th February** - a video speaker to be announced. **6.30pm in the church, cost \$10.** Please register online or contact the office.

KIDS' CHURCH PICNIC

Join us next **Sunday 21st February at 12pm** for a Kids' Church Picnic. Meet at Central Park, Oak Flats. BYO food & drinks plus chairs or picnic rug.

COVID SAFETY PRACTICES

A reminder that:

- Numbers are limited to 120 people in the whole church building premises, but only 90 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 but not mandatory.
- There will be no congregation singing. However you can hum along to the music.
- 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.

OUR BIRTHDAYS

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

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