



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

Real Hope • Real Jesus

LOVING AS JESUS LOVES

What is the best way to make spaghetti bolognaise? What is the best way to wash the car? What is appropriate when it comes to how we treat others?

The family and circumstances in which we grow up shape us greatly. What we think of as normal is often merely the practice of the household we grew up in. So, people who move in together for share houses, college dorms, or in marriage often find the behaviours of those they live with inexplicable or strange, while the other person thinks nothing of it.

Automatically, we tend to live as we have lived before.

As Christians, we all have different backgrounds. But there is one centring principle that redirects how we are to act now. Jesus says to everyone who follow him:

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)

We no longer live as we have lived before, but love others as we have been loved by Jesus Christ. How can you and I change our unreflected and received behaviours, and love others like Christ?

- SAM PURSELL

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 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, Mia Klasson, Geoff Kyngdon, James Mills, Noel Monk, Charlie October, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Hanno Stanojevic, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Susan Vickery, Chris Wilson.

Recent illnesses

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

Remember Robert Hannam who is still in hospital and Geoff Kyngdon who had eye surgery last Wednesday. Pray for healing and comfort for them and their families.

Upcoming AGM

Pray that our Annual General Meeting will serve well to share the church vision and to recruit the right men and women to serve in elected positions.

We give thanks for those who served over the past year.

Easing of restrictions

We give thanks to God for the easing of restrictions that enable to now sing at church, however we pray that these restrictions will ease even further to allow us to sing without masks.

COVID-19

Pray that God would grant Australian, world Governments and others in authority wisdom in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pray that the vaccine will be able to be distributed easily and made available for all.

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.

Gospel of John: Take heart, for Jesus has overcome the world

John 16:16-33

Sam Pursell • 7th March 2021

1. Take heart, for after grief will come joy (16-22)
2. Take heart, for through Jesus we can get help from the Father (23-28)
3. Take heart, for Jesus will be victorious despite our failure (29-33)

This Sunday...

'Gospel of John' sermon series • John 17:1-26 • 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:

7th March

V O'Regan

D Young

G Kyngdon

D & J Orange

B Mayhew/C Pratt

P Pratt

D & J Orange

14th March

R Eton

K Eton

H Mills

A Hadley/M Klasson

J Mills/C Smith

C Bonnici

J & M Klasson

5pm Service

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Afternoon Tea:

Meal Clean Up:

COVID Cleaning:

7th March

G Taylor

J Hoffer

V O'Regan

M Peters

A Peters

J Hoffer/D Rainey

14th March

P Taylor

G Taylor

M Peters

J Orange

D Orange

P & G Taylor

Cleaning Saturday:

P & C Pratt/V O'Regan

Mowing Saturday:

D Orange/P Taylor

Church News

BRING A MASK!

Under the latest Public Health Order, we will be allowed to sing only if all members are wearing a mask.

So please make sure you bring a mask on Sundays and we can all join in singing.

PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

Coming up tomorrow **Monday, 8th March**, 11.45am for a **12 noon start** with a 2 course meal plus a talk between courses, finishing at 2pm. Cost is \$10 and is located at the church. Ideal for our seniors and your friends and family.

AGM 14TH MARCH

Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held on **Sunday 14th March** after the morning service, at **11.30am** in the church.

We will be electing representatives for Wardens, Parish Council and Parish Nominators. Please pick up a nomination form at the front desk. The annual reports and accounts have been emailed out and made available for collection.

OUR BIRTHDAYS

7th Peter Taylor
8th Benjamin Kyngdon (*Mission Partner*)
12th Flynn Faulconbridge

BACK HALL CARPET TILES

Thank you to Andy Peters and Peter Taylor for laying the carpet tiles in the back hall. This was an unexpected expense, and if you would like to contribute to the cost of the tiles, please arrange to electronically transfer the amount, or place it in the collection bag at the end of a service (clearly marked).

NEW ROSTERS COMING SOON

If you're unavailable to serve on a roster or you wish to change your duties from **Monday 29th March through to Sunday 13th June** please let us know via email office@oakflatsanglican.com or log online to oakflatsanglican.elvanto.com or speak to Val.

BCA BOXES DUE

If you've been collecting coins for **Bush Church Aid (BCA)** please return them for counting as March is the collection month.

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GIVE ELECTRONICALLY - BANK DETAILS

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