



**Oak Flats  
Anglican**

*Real Hope • Real Jesus*

## TURN YOUR WORRIES INTO PRAYER

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7*

Anxiety is a big deal. Odds are that you’ve wrestled with it. It is that feeling you get about uncertainty over the future. You get nervous, scared, maybe even unable to think or move because of what might happen.

What are some of the things that you have been anxious about?

It can be tough to hear Paul say, “Do not be anxious about anything.” But think for a moment about his life and his circumstances. He was chained next to a Roman guard when he wrote this. He was about to stand trial before Caesar. It is very possible that he would be executed. Any day he could get called up for trial. He of all people has a lot of reasons to be anxious, but he isn’t... He has found something that puts anxiety to sleep. The peace of God.

Paul says to pray about everything. So if you are struggling with a relationship issue, tell God. If you are concerned about what other people might think of you, tell God. When you are concerned about the future and the impact of the COVID-19 vaccine, tell God. Tell God everything.

The practice of prayer allows us to confess our dependence on God. We recognise when we pray to the Father that He is in control. He holds the future and nothing happens without His knowledge. When we spill our guts about what might happen, He already knows the outcome. We can trust Him because He loves us, He walks with us, and nothing is beyond His grasp.

When we turn our worries into prayer and pray about everything, we find the peace of God. We can rest knowing that the events may not turn out like we would want them too, but God is definitely in control.

**- VALERIE O'REGAN**

**WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 21ST 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.

### For those who are mourning

Continue to uphold the family of Joel Hoobin and the Mobile Community Pantry as they mourn his passing. Pray for those within our church family who lost loved ones in the past year. Pray that they would trust God and know his love in this difficult time.

### Elected officials from the AGM

Give thanks to God for the elected Wardens, Parish Councillors, and Nominators, and pray that their ministry with us over the next year will be wise and productive as we seek to glorify God in our ministry together.

### Atlanta, USA shooting

Pray for those affected by the events in America, for those killed and wounded, and for those who will mourn. Pray that they might find comfort and hope in Jesus. Pray for the ongoing situation with violence and racism not just in America but worldwide.

### 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 and developing the vaccines.

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

## 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, 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.

# Gospel of John: The Arm of Flesh Will Fail You

## John 18:1-27

### John Wilson • 21st March 2021

1. Jesus Shields His Disciples, but Peter Exposes them to Danger (verses 1-10)
2. Rescues Peter, but Peter Compromises Himself (verses 11-18)
3. Jesus Protects His Disciples, but Peter Denies Jesus (verses 19-27)

## ***Next Sunday...***

'Gospel of John' sermon series • John 18:28-19:16 • 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:**

**21st March**

K Eton

R Eton

V O'Regan

P & G Taylor

A Hadley/M Klasson

C Smith

P & G Taylor

**28th March**

H Mills

A Browne

D Young

B Firley/V O'Regan

C Bonnici/R Eton

K Eton

P & B Firley

5pm Service

**Welcomer:**

**Bible Reader:**

**Prayer Leader:**

**Afternoon Tea:**

**Meal Clean Up:**

**COVID Cleaning:**

**21st March**

D Slocombe

E Hick

D Orange

H Mills

D Rainey

D & J Orange

**28th March**

M Peters

R Slocombe

G Kyngdon

G Taylor

P Taylor

J Hoffer/D Rainey

**Cleaning Saturday:**

P & G Taylor/C Bonnici

**Mowing Saturday:**

P Pratt/R Siles

# Church News

## BRING A MASK!

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

## AGM APPOINTMENTS

We give thanks to God for our new office holders in 2021. Our **Wardens** are Dave Crook, Andy Peters and Peter Taylor. Our **Parish Councillors** are Peter Firley, Jamie Hoffer, Harley Mills, Jenny Orange, Phil Pratt and Rick Siles. Our **Nominators** are Belinda Firley, Harley Mills, Phil Pratt, Cynthea Smith and Dianne Young.

## LADIES' DINNER

This **Tuesday 23rd March** is our next Ladies' Dinner. We meet at our church and start at 6.30pm. Dinner is \$10 payable at the door. Please see Coralie or Val to RSVP.

## EASTER SERVICES

Join us at **9.00am for a special Good Friday service** on Friday 2nd April. We'll be meeting at our normal times of 9.30am and 5pm on Easter Sunday, 4th April.

## OUR BIRTHDAYS

21st Matias Lovell (*Mission Partner*)  
25th Val Christie-Murray

## 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.

## ARCHBISHOP'S FAREWELL

If you wish to view the Archbishop's farewell service on **Friday 26 March, 2021 at 7.00pm**, the livestream link is <https://youtu.be/UVdSh6ryT6M>.

## 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.
- Hand sanitiser must be used.
- Your name and number will be recorded as per Health NSW regulations.
- Wearing a face mask is required to enable congregational 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.

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