



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

Real Hope • Real Jesus

THE GOOD WORKS OF SALVATION

Salvation on Sunday must lead to renewed actions on Monday. Or even at Sunday lunch.

In Philippians 2, Paul paints a grand vision of Christ's saving work. Although being in very nature God, Jesus Christ came as a man, humbling himself, even to death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place, that every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Immediately, Paul shows the practical application:

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. (Philippians 2:12-13)

The implication is that we are not just saved from sin and death; we are saved to live under the Lordship of Christ. This is a reality which will be made fully clear to the whole creation when Christ returns, but until then we live it out. We work out this consequence of salvation in our lives in every one moment of the week.

So, Paul notes, Christian life is not just in the presence, or even absence of other believers. It's about the kind of new life we live before the constant heavenly presence of the risen and reigning Christ. So, for us, not only faithfulness at church, but even more during the rest of our week.

But we are not alone. Our Lord Jesus also empowers us for the task even when we are apart from other believers. We actively work out God's good purposes in this new life under Christ. And he works in us too, that we might desire and act out what he wants.

What good acts of faithful obedience can you work out this week, out of sight of other Christians, but in honour and plain view of our Lord Jesus?

- SAM PURSELL

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 28TH 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.

School Scripture

Give thanks that we were able to have a SRE Assembly that occurred this week at Oak Flats and next week at Balarang. Pray for the students and the teachers that they would come to know and understand why Jesus' death and resurrection is so important.

Pray for the students that attended the High School seminars on Friday 26th March. Pray that they would genuinely reflect on the true meaning of Easter and understand that Jesus is the true king.

Glenn Davies

We give thanks for the leadership of Glenn Davies who retired as Archbishop of Sydney on Friday, 26th March. Pray for the nominees for the Archbishop election and pray that God's mind might be clearly discerned by the Synod members as they choose a new leader for our Diocese.

NSW Floods

Pray for the recovery of our land from the devastating floods and pray that this disaster might be a fresh opportunity for people to find eternal comfort and security in Christ Jesus

COVID-19

Pray that people will be sensible especially with restrictions changing. Give thanks that cases are decreasing not just in NSW, but also Australia wide.

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

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 4 OF 4)

Government:

Our Mayor and those serving in local government.

World Focus:

North and South America.

The persecuted church.

Mission Partners:

Roger and Amanda Kyngdon, working with BCA in Newman, WA.

Organisations We Support:

Anglicare Chaplains working in Anglicare Villages, Hospitals and Prisons.

Mission to Seafarers.

Word Ministry Training:

Mary Andrew's College and Sydney Missionary & Bible College (SMBC).

Diocesan Leadership:

Our Archbishop and our Bishop.

Children's and Youth Ministry:

Refuge, our youth group.

Adult Ministries:

Bible Study groups.

Local Evangelism:

Outreach to people in young families in our suburb.

Special Needs:

Those suffering with mental illness and dementia.

Mobile Community Pantry:

Give thanks for the volunteers and the community impact of this ministry.

Gospel of John: The King of the Jews is the Lamb of God

John 18:28-19:16

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1. Seeking Passover righteousness (28-32)
2. God's king presented (33-38a)
3. The lamb suffers (38b-7)
4. God's king rejected (8-16)

Good Friday...

'Gospel of John' sermon series • John 19:16-42 • Sam Pursell

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US

9.30am Service	28th March	9am Good Friday	4th April
Welcomer:	H Mills	J Mills	M Klasson
Bible Reader:	R Hannam	V O'Regan	J Orange
Prayer Leader:	D Young	G Kyngdon	D Orange
Kids' Program:	B Firley/V O'Regan	N/A	N/A
Morning Tea:	C Bonnici/R Eton	G Taylor	B Mayhew/C Pratt
Meal Clean Up:	K Eton	P Taylor	P Pratt
COVID Cleaning:	P & B Firley	H & J Mills	J & M Klasson
5pm Service	28th March		4th April
Welcomer:	M Peters		J Hoffer
Bible Reader:	R Slocombe		V O'Regan
Prayer Leader:	G Kyngdon		P Pratt
Afternoon Tea:	G Taylor		M Peters
Meal Clean Up:	P Taylor		D Rainey
COVID Cleaning:	J Hoffer/D Rainey		A & M Peters
Cleaning Saturday:	P & G Taylor/C Bonnici		
Mowing Saturday:	N/A		

Church News

WE CAN SING!

Premier Gladys Berejiklian has announced the lifting of restrictions on singing in places of worship.

Therefore we can sing with all freedom at our services from now on.

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.

After our morning service on Easter Sunday, children are invited to join us for a special Easter Egg Hunt

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.

OUR BIRTHDAYS

28th Mia Klasson
31st Susan Pursell
1st Cynthea Smith

NEW ROSTERS

Rosters until 13th June are out now and have been emailed out.

If you need a paper version, please see Val, or otherwise log onto oakflatsanglican.elvanto.com.au to see what dates and roles you are scheduled for.

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.
- 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.

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

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