



**Oak Flats  
Anglican**

*Real Hope • Real Jesus*

## GETTING EVANGELISM GOING

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned 4 tips for evangelism (out of a list of 10) from Tim Keller. Since then, a number of people have spoken to me about how they have offered to pray for others (and prayer was welcomed!) and other recent experiences in sharing the hope they have in Jesus Christ. To complete the 10, here's the rest of Keller's list.

1. Let people around you know you are a Christian (in a natural, unforced way).
2. Ask friends about their faith – and just listen!
3. Listen to your friends' problems – maybe offer to pray for them.
4. Share your problems with others – testify to how your faith helps you.
5. Give them a book to read.
6. Share your story.
7. Answer objections and questions.
8. Invite them to a church event.
9. Offer to read the Bible with them.
10. Take them to an explore course.

1-2 is about awareness raising, from points 2 onwards the gospel (or parts of it) are shared in different ways. Keller advises that we generally start with 1-4, then with interested people we move to 5-7, and then 8-10. He advises that it is worth spending time in the earlier points to lay a better groundwork that they might be more receptive in later points. Even for a keen person, it often takes months and years going through the various points multiple times for them to make a commitment to follow Christ.

Who can you pray for today and get the topic of faith and Jesus Christ on the agenda?

- **Sam Pursell**

**WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2021**

# Prayers

## CURRENT PRAYERS

### Church people who are unwell

Bob Abrahams, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Olga Covetz, Jan Crook, Peter Evans, Rajja Hannam, Robert Hannam, Erin Hick, Pauline Kirby, James Mills, Charlie October, David Paduch, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Hanno Stanojevic, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Susan Vickery, Chris Wilson.

### Mother's Day

Give thanks for Mums everywhere. For their love and service to their families, for the special blessings they are. Pray also for the people who find Mother's Day difficult; perhaps grieving loss or other tensions.

### Archbishop's Election

Pray for the newly elected Archbishop, Kanishka Raffel. Pray for God's wisdom, kindness and compassion for Kanishka and that he will model godly leadership. Pray for him and his family as takes on this leadership role and will adapt well.

### Bush Church Aid (BCA) Society

Give thanks for the work of BCA throughout Australia. Ask God to strengthen and encourage all whose ministries are supported through BCA.

### India

Pray for the people of India in this time of national crisis with the second wave of COVID 19. Pray for wisdom for the leadership of India, and that the relief effort from other countries will be effective.

### COVID-19

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 for the recent outbreak in Sydney.

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.

# The Essential Gospel

## John 1: 1-18

### Ted Brush • 9th May 2021

#### 1. Why do they do it?

- The purpose of the world
- The love of God
- The seriousness of life
- The nature of the gospel

#### 2. The gospel of Jesus and us

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

'Half-hearted discipleship' • Judges 1:1-2:5 • 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:**

**9th May**

K Eton

A Browne

R Hannam

A Hadley/V O'Regan

R Eton/J Orange

D Orange

H & J Mills

**16th May**

J Mills

R Hannam

V O'Regan

B Firley/M Klasson

R Hannam/B Mayhew

C Bonnici

P & B Firley

5pm Service

**Welcomer:**

**Bible Reader:**

**Prayer Leader:**

**Afternoon Tea:**

**Meal Clean Up:**

**COVID Cleaning:**

**9th May**

V O'Regan

A Peters

P Taylor

G Taylor

P Taylor

J Hoffer/D Rainey

**16th May**

J Hoffer

E Hick

D Orange

J Orange

D Orange

P & C Pratt

**Cleaning Saturday:**

P & C Pratt/V O'Regan

**Mowing Saturday:**

P Pratt/R Siles

# Church News

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

We pray for all the mothers of the parish and wish you each a very special day, thanking you for your love and for the important role you play in our families, our church and our society.

## LADIES' DINNER

This **Tuesday 11th May** is our next Ladies' Dinner. We meet at our church and starts at 6.30pm. Dinner is \$10 payable at the door. Please RSVP [online](#), or see Coralie or Val.

## FOOD DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Pantry team have requested that the following items are needed to create hampers: tinned vegetables, small boxes cereal, 1L long life milk, tinned meat meals, sauce meal makers, soup, tinned fruit, taco meal kits or similar. Thank you to all who have previously donated for your generosity.

## NEW SERMON SERIES

Next week Sam will begin a new sermon series, on Judges. The first talk is '**Half-hearted discipleship**' from Judges 1:1-2:5.

## 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 BIRTHDAYS

14th Tania Young

## OUR ANNIVERSARIES

9th Peter & Glenda Taylor

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