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# WAIT FOR THE LORD

King David faced a lot of pain and fear in his life, as well as a lot of blessings and amazing times. God had spoken promises over David's life, but there were many times when it looked like they might never come to pass. God had said he would become a king, but then David found himself hiding out in caves, living on the run, as he was hunted down by someone who was trying to kill him! David had to live through many times of painful waiting and wondering.

But David's response to how his life was going was one of trust. He knew that God was faithful, even when his life circumstances didn't seem to show that as truth. David knew that the only way he would get through hard times in his life was to wait on God to move.

In Psalm 27:14 David writes this...

*Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.*

Be strong and take heart and WAIT! But not just wait for things to be over; wait for the Lord! David knew and trusted that God would move, that He would come close to him. And he knew when God did move that everything would change.

As we read on throughout the rest of David's story we can now see that God did rescue him and He did make him king, just as He had promised, but at the time David didn't have hindsight, he only had faith and trust in God. The thing is, for David, that was enough to help him wait, with hope.

Right now none of us really know how or when our circumstances are going to change with Covid-19 and the lockdown. But God does know! And He is moving, even if our circumstances are hiding that from our sight right now.

We can take heart, just like David, and wait for the Lord. We can trust that God is moving and we can be changed by Him, for the better through all of this time. My prayer as we wait is that we would wait with hope in our hearts; with our eyes fixed on Jesus, trusting Him in the waiting.

**- Valerie O'Regan**

**WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST 2021**

# Prayers

## CURRENT PRAYERS

### Church people who are unwell

Bob Abrahams, Margaret Abrahams, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Olga Covetz, Jan Crook, Peter Evans, Raija 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.

### Lockdown

Pray that the current lockdown would be able to end quickly. Pray for those who struggle with isolation, who are ill or afraid. Pray that God will bring comfort to those in need. Pray for families and business who have been impacted financially by this lockdown.

### Kids' Church at home

Give thanks for Susan and the hard work that she puts in each week to create a video resource and activity pack to encourage the children. Pray for wisdom and creativity as she continues to do this, and may the children and families involved be developed spiritually.

### HSC students

Pray for students completing their HSC under very difficult circumstances this year. Pray for perseverance and wisdom for the students and their families. Pray also for the teachers as they rise to the challenge of teaching their HSC classes and their regular classes.

### COVID-19

Pray for State and Federal Governments as they continue to work through difficulties which have come about because of COVID-19.

## 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 Bob & Margaret Abrahams, Marlene Arthur, 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.

# Judges 12: Rebels without a King

## Judges 19 - 21

Sam Pursell • 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

1. Inhospitable Israel (19)
2. Self-destructive judgement (20)
3. Distorted faithfulness (21)
4. The hope of a King

***Next Sunday...***

James: 'The joy of trials' • James 1:1-18 • Sam Pursell

# Church News

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

A **big thank you** from our Wardens to everyone who helped contribute to cover the cost of replacing the electrical pole. We received in excess the amount required which will help improve our bottom line.

## CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS

From **Monday 23rd August**, there will be a change in office hours: Val will be in the office Monday and Friday from 9am to 5pm. The office will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

## NATIONAL GRANDPARENT CONFERENCE GOES ONLINE!

Due to the current COVID restrictions, the National Grandparent Conference for 2021 will now be held online over one day, **September 3rd!**

Registrations are open at <https://figtree.church/events/national-grandparent-conference/>.

## KIDS' CHURCH AT HOME

Make sure you check our [YouTube channel](#) for the next video for Kid's Church and we hope the kids enjoy their latest home kit.

## SOUTHERN CROSS MAGAZINE

The latest issue of Southern Cross is available online at [magazine.sydneyanglicans.net](https://magazine.sydneyanglicans.net).

## VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

Join us on Zoom after the morning service at <https://bit.ly/OFAzoomMT> for a virtual morning tea together.

## LONELINESS WEBINAR

Single Minded has decided to offer their upcoming webinar ('*Finding God in Our Loneliness*' with Lydia Browback) on **Saturday 14th August** absolutely free.

This webinar is for both single and married Christians who are eager to consider the topic of loneliness in light of the gospel. All information is available at the Single Minded [website](#).

## FINANCIAL UPDATE (YTD 5 August 2021)

**Income** \$110,193

**Expenses** \$118,969

**Difference** **-\$8,776**

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