



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

Real Hope • Real Jesus

READING AND PRE-READING THE BIBLE

Sometimes when we read the Bible, we only need to read a few verses to understand the point. In Paul's letters, we often see tight arguments in which meaning can be unpacked from only a short portion of text.

However, when we read narratives or history portions of the Bible, we often need to consider the story as a whole to gain proper understanding. For example, as we have looked at the book of Judges, it's only in consideration of the whole life of a judge that we are able to properly understand what God is doing through them, and what we are to learn.

Where this presents a challenge is where the narratives are so long it becomes a challenge to hold it all in your mind in one single reading – for example a Bible reading in church.

What is the solution?

Prior to coming to church, read the Bible passage!

This week we are looking at Judges 14-16, the following weeks Judges 17-18 (1 Aug), Judges 19-21 (8 Aug). In lockdown, it is 5 minutes very well spent to read these prior to church on Sunday. You will get more out when you are primed and engaged before the service. The same benefit can be gained even for shorter passages. If you want to see the next week's sermon passage, each week it is noted in the bulletin.

So then, pick up your Bible and get read-y for church!

- Sam Pursell

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 25TH JULY 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.

Our World

Pray for our world which is hurting in so many ways at the moment. Pray for people suffering the greatest due to Covid.

Recent illnesses

Pray for all those who have recently been hospitalised or unwell. Pray for healing and comfort for them and their families.

Olympics

Pray that courtesy, respect & sportsmanship prevails with friendship as the Olympics bring many peoples, cultures, languages, talents & abilities together.

COVID-19

Continue to pray for the outbreak in Sydney that has affected Wollongong and Shellharbour. Pray that people will be sensible and that the situation will be under control soon.

Continue to pray that the rollout of the vaccine will go smoothly and speedily.

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.

Judges 10: Samson - Sinner and Saint

Judges 14 - 16

Sam Pursell • 25th July 2021

1. The Philistine women (14:1-3; 16:1-3; 16:4)
2. Secrets and games (14:4-18; 16:5-19)
3. Fighting the Philistines (14:19-15:17; 16:20-22)
4. Samson's cries for salvation (15:18-20; 16:23-31)
5. Jesus the super saviour

Next Sunday...

Judges: 'Religion without the righteousness Lord' • Judges 17 & 18 • Sam Pursell

Church News

STAY CONNECTED

As we pray for each other, we also encourage you to call, message and email each other with encouraging words.

If you need access/help with Elvanto, contact Val.

VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

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

WANT TO RELIVE GONG MEN'S DAY?

Make sure you check out the Gong Men's Day [YouTube channel](#) to view the video's from this year's gathering. Please share them with anyone who you think would be encouraged by them.

OUR BIRTHDAYS

28th Margaret Abrahams

OUR ANNIVERSARIES

FINANCIAL UPDATE (YTD 22 July 2021)

Income \$100,070

Expenses \$104,575

Difference **-\$4,505**

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