



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

Real Hope • Real Jesus

REOPENING CHURCH

Every time we check our phones or look at the news, the future seems increasingly uncertain. Even with restrictions easing in some ways this past week, we may find it difficult to find peace in the midst of these distressing circumstances. Despite everyone's efforts to fight this illness, it's still not clear what is going to really happen.

This uncertainty has also crept into our daily lives, raising worries about our jobs, finances, friends, families, and more. Even as believers who know and love the Lord, we may find it challenging to truly be at peace during these times.

But God rarely sends us into situations where our comfort level is high. Instead He promises to be with us in spite of our fear. It's God's presence, not comfortable circumstances that strengthens our faith and brings out the best in us.

God told Abraham to leave a wealthy, well-known family, and go to a land he didn't know. He explained that Abraham would give birth to a new nation that would bless the world. Abraham went, and a nation was born.

God told Moses to confront Pharaoh, the most powerful man on earth, and that God Himself would use Moses to deliver His people. Moses confronted, and God delivered.

Over and over we see this pattern repeated in Scripture. David faced the giant Goliath, Elijah faced the prophets of Baal, Daniel faced a den of lions—and always there was God in the midst of their fear.

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
(John 14:27)*

In this wonderful verse, Jesus promised to give us His peace. As the eternal God of peace, He is the unique source of true peace, which is altogether different from what the world gives. There is no way to find true or lasting peace in the world. But no matter how impossible our outward circumstances may seem, we can enjoy true peace from our dear Lord Jesus, and we do not need to be troubled or afraid.

- Valerie O'Regan

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2021

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

People in need

Bob & Margaret Abrahams, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Olga & John Covetz, Jan Crook, Peter Evans, Sherida & Gary Findell, Auriel & Barrie Hadley, Raija & Robert Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Joy Meyer, Pam Moore, Charlie October, Paduch family, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Sandra & Hanno Stanojevic, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Greg & Sue Vickery, Chris & John Wilson.

Gary Findell

Pray for healing for Gary Findell, whose cancer has recurred. Pray for healing and recovery, and for Sherida as she supports Gary during this time.

Recent hospitalisations

Give thanks that James Mills surgery last week was a success. Pray for Anita Lovell as she recovers from surgery and for Jane Mills who has been experiencing appendix issues. Pray for healing and recovery, and for God's comfort during this time.

NSW Government & restrictions

Pray for the Premier, Dominic Perrottet and his colleagues, especially in light of recent announcements.

Pray for all those affected by the regional travel ban and who are struggling with this decision. Pray that people will be able to visit family soon.

Reopening church

Pray for Sam and the Wardens as they prepare for our return to physical gatherings. Pray for our first services on Sunday 31st October. Pray for wisdom and insight for all church leaders during this time.

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.

James 10: Faith and Prayer
James 5:13-20
Sam Pursell • 17th October 2021

1. Praying in all circumstances (13-14a)

2. Prayers of faith (14b-18)

3. Calling back the faithless (19-20)

Next Sunday...

'Who is Satan and what is he up to?' • Ephesians 6:10 – 20 • Paul Hall

CHURCH NEWS

Church reopening

We are planning on reopening **9:30am** and **5pm** services on **Sunday 31st of October**.

Due to 4m2 requirements we will have limited numbers per service.

Please book for the [9:30am](#) and [5pm](#) service by contacting the office.

If you cannot attend let us know so we can allocate space to someone else.

Southern Illawarra Schools Ministry Board - Vision Night

7-8pm, Wednesday, November 3rd

Hear the vision for High Schools ministry at Oak Flats and Albion Park High School and how you can support them. BYO coffee and/or cake.

Held via a [Zoom Meeting](#).

Toys 'n' Tucker Online

Toys 'n' Tucker will look a little different this year. To keep our families and community safe, they have moved online.

If you wish to contribute to the program, purchase items on the [Shop page](#).

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.

Virtual morning tea

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

BIRTHDAYS

22nd Magda Peters
Evelyn Meek (Mission Partner)

ANNIVERSARIES

20th Ashleigh & Jake Browne

FINANCIAL UPDATE

(YTD 14 October 2021)

Income \$151,034

(includes Government grants worth \$8,764)

Expenses \$157,089

Difference -\$6,055

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