



**Oak Flats
Anglican**

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REOPENING OPPORTUNITIES

*I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete.
(2 John 12)*

Replace 'paper and ink' above with Zoom, Skype, Facebook messenger and emails!

I am looking forward to church meeting together again in person next week, and share John's hope and anticipation of joy as he planned to visit the church he was writing to.

As we come out of lockdown, there are many joys which we will experience, but also the possibility of new beginnings. Times of transition are an opportunity not just restart our life as it was, but stop or start something and make our life better. For you, perhaps there now is an opportunity to establish new patterns by which you can devote yourself to what is good and Christ-honouring.

Likewise, reopening church and coming out of lockdown may be a great time to invite friends and family to church. They too may be considering what changes they might make to their life in light of what they have been going through and thinking about. There will be many opportunities to invite people in the lead up to Christmas, and of course, every Sunday being a great occasion to bring someone along.

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. (Colossians 4:5-6)

- Sam Pursell

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 24TH 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, Rajja & 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.

Hanno Stanojevic

Pray for healing for Hanno, and pray for Sandra and Ed as they await treatment options for Hanno's throat cancer.

AFES FOCUS

Pray for Matthew Meek and his AFES FOCUS colleagues at UOW as overseas students begin to arrive again shortly.

Term 4 schooling

Pray for students and teachers as school resumes the normal routine. Pray for strength, energy and peace.

Pray for Year 12 students as they prepare for their final exams especially in light of the COVID-19 restrictions.

Primary & High School SRE

Pray for smooth return of SRE in 2022 and the moves towards a Part Time High School teacher.

Reopening church

Praise God that we can physically meet next week. Pray for our first services on Sunday 31st October.

Pray for Kids' Club as they meet back together this Friday 29th October and for Refuge Youth as they plan to return on Friday 5th November.

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 director, Phil Wheeler, 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 and Youth Ministry

Kids' Club.

Adult Ministry

Men's and Women's ministry.

Local Evangelism

Local Anglican Parishes.

Special Needs

Those serving in the defence forces, including chaplains.

Other Regular Matters

Former members of our church currently in Word ministry roles.

Contact our Prayer Coordinator, Geoff Kyngdon with any prayer requests or if you wish to be part of the the prayer chain. He can be contacted on either 0417 044 565 or geoff.kyngdon@oakflatsanglican.com.

Who is Satan and what is he up to?

Ephesians 6:10-20

Paul Hall • 24th October 2021

1. History

a. Adam

b. Job

2. Satan and Jesus

3. Satan and the Christian

a. Be vigilant

b. Resist

c. Be armed

d. Be protected

4. Satan's fate

Next Sunday...

New Sermon Series • 'Grieving what is lost' • Lamentations 1:1-22 • Sam Pursell

Return to church gatherings

Our Sunday services will recommence (for everyone, regardless of vaccination status) next week on **31st October, at 9:30am and 5pm**. 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.

As we do open again, there will be a number of things we need to do in order to ensure our church is a safe place. Here are some of the things we are doing:

- ensuring good ventilation flows by having windows and doors open.
- limiting the number of people in the room to the current covid density limits.
- requiring a COVID check in (QR code or sign in) upon arrival.
- encouraging physical distancing.
- masks will need to be worn indoors for those over 12.
- there will be no congregation singing. However you can hum along to the music.
- we will have morning tea/afternoon tea at 9:30am and 5pm services. This will be from the servery in the back hall, with volunteers serving the food and drink. We will encourage people to move outside if possible, with limited seating available.
- our livestream will continue of the 9:30 service for those unable to attend for any reason.
- frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned after each service.

Rosters

Rosters until the end of December will be completed and emailed/printed shortly, including our Christmas Day service.

To see who is serving at our services next week, see below:

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SERVING US

9.30am Service
31st Oct
Welcomer: D Slocombe
Bible Reader: K Dobbie
Prayer Leader: P Taylor
Kids' Program: B Firley/V O'Regan
Morning Tea: M Klasson/J Orange
Meal Clean Up: D Orange

5pm Service
31st Oct
Welcomer: J Hoffer
Bible Reader: R Slocombe
Prayer Leader: V O'Regan
Afternoon Tea: G Taylor
Meal Clean Up: P Taylor

Cleaning Saturday: P & G Taylor/C Bonnici

Mowing Saturday: D Orange/D Slocombe

CHURCH NEWS

Children & Youth Ministry

Kids' Church

Thank you to all the parents/carers for hanging in there! **Kids' Church will be returning next week** when our services also resume.

TOTS Playgroup

Restart date for TOTS to be confirmed.

Kids' Club

Harley and the team are looking forward to meeting on site from **Friday 29th October**, 4pm to 5:30pm for Kid's Club.

Youth

Refuge Youth will resume on **Friday 5th November**, from 7pm.

Virtual morning tea

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

Southern Illawarra Schools Ministry Board (SISMB)

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](#). If you wish to contribute to the program, purchase

Part-time SRE teacher position available

SISMB are looking to hire a 2 day p/t position for SRE teacher at Albion Park and Oak Flats High school for 2022.

To view the full advertisement, click here: [SISMB SRE Teacher](#).

BIRTHDAYS

24th Harry Witte

25th Ruth Eton

ANNIVERSARIES

FINANCIAL UPDATE

(YTD 21 October 2021)

Income \$171,693

(includes Government grants worth \$26,771)

Expenses \$157,508

Difference \$14,185

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