



University of Wollongong Mission 2021

From December 10-12 (Friday-Sunday morning) we will be visited by a mission team from Wollongong University. This follows on from their National Training Event (NTE) conference, held each year with other university groups.

At the conference, the students are taught each year with a program that builds through Exegesis (understanding a Bible passage in context), Biblical Theology (Bible overview), Systematic Theology, and each time how to teach what they have learned. The mission following the conference sends these students out to churches across Australia nearby their universities.

Last year we had a small team visit, which was great for evangelism, and the encouragement of both our church and the team.

This year the team will come to the Sunday morning service, Gingerbread house event, Kids Club, Refuge Youth Group, doorknock and flyer houses, and even put on a car wash!

This mission is not just about them coming to us, but us partnering together in the gospel of Jesus. Chapter 1 of Philippians testifies to the joy of the apostle Paul in their – partnership in the gospel, growth in knowledge and insight of Jesus, preaching of Jesus Christ. I hope that this team encourages you in this way.

There are some practical things we can do to support the mission:

1. Speak to the team members, get to know them and encourage them in their faith, and in their life and university studies.
2. Feed them!
 - a. We will provide lunch on Saturday and Sunday
 - b. A supply of morning and afternoon tea which they can eat as they see fit
 - c. Hosting team members for dinner on Saturday night, in groups of 2-3

Please pray for the team, its preparation and the ministry and fellowship we will share together. Let me know if you can assist in any way.

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Ladies' Christmas Dinner

Join us at **6.30pm** on **Tuesday 7th December** at our church for our final Ladies Dinner for the year.

Bookings essential: bit.ly/ofladies or see Val.

UoW Mission

Are you able to help provide food to the visiting mission team from the University of Wollongong? They will be here from Friday 10th December to Sunday 12th December.

There are a couple of ways you can help:

- Provide lunch on Saturday or Sunday;
- Supply some morning and/or afternoon tea which the team can eat as they see fit; or
- Host team members for dinner on Saturday night, in groups of 2-3.

Complete the [online form](#) or talk to Sam/Val for further information

Birthdays

29th Ashkan Crook
1st David Slocombe

Christmas Gingerbread House Event

Saturday 11th December at 3pm.

This event is for everyone: young, old, engineers, decorators and the sweet-toothed.

Each house will cost \$15 and can be built by 1-2 people. [Booking](#) is essential and friends are definitely welcome!

Carols on the grass

Sunday 19th December - our *annual Community Carols* at **5pm** on the grass. More specific details to come.

Christmas Day Service

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day service at **9am**.

Anniversaries

1st Peter & Belinda Firley
4th Roger & Amanda Kyngdon
(Mission Partners)

Financial Update

(YTD 25 November 2021)

Income \$192,437

(includes Government grants worth \$29,250)

Expenses \$174,839

Difference \$17,598

The people who are serving us

9.30am Service	28th Nov	5th Dec	5pm Service	28th Nov	5th Dec
Welcomer:	K Eton	R Slocombe	Welcomer:	V O'Regan	D Rainey
Bible Reader:	P Moore	R Hannam	Bible Reader:	D Rainey	J Hoffer
Prayer Leader:	R Hannam	J Mills	Prayer Leader:	V O'Regan	A Peters
Kids' Program:	D & J Orange	R Hannam/ V O'Regan	Afternoon Tea:	M Peters	J Orange
Morning Tea:	C Bonnici/ M Klasson	R Eton/ B Mayhew	Meal Clean Up:	A Peters	D Orange
Meal Clean Up:	P Pratt	C Bonnici			

Cleaning Saturday: D & R Slocombe

Mowing Saturday: N/A

Lamentations 5: Praying and waiting in hope

Lamentations 5:1-22

Sam Pursell • 28th November 2021

1. Remember, look and see Lord (1)
2. The disgrace of the Israelites (2-18)
3. Restore and renew us, Lord (19-22)

Next Sunday...

Songs of Christmas • 'Mary's Song' • Luke 1:38-56 • Sam Pursell

Information about our Church

Your kids are welcome

Children are welcome to stay with you during church. Kids church starts roughly 15 mins into the 9:30am service.

You may also take your child to the Babies' Room at the rear of the church to watch us live on a TV.

Check out our bookstall

View our quality selection of Christian books for sale at the bookstall located at the rear of the church.

Join a small group

Our midweek small groups are great for connecting with others. To join a group, contact the office.

We are filming church (9:30am service only)

For those unable to attend, we are streaming and recording video at live.oakflatsanglican.com. You may be filmed.

Kids and Youth programs

In school terms, we offer a range of midweek programs for toddlers, children and youth.

COVID Safety Practices

- everyone is required to check in.
- all are welcome regardless of vaccination status.
- Singing is allowed although unvaccinated people may attend the service they may not sing.
- masks need to be worn indoors
- maintain physical distancing of 1.5m where possible.
- frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned after each service.

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GIVE ELECTRONICALLY - BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

People in need

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

Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill (NSW State)

Pray that many will speak out against the VAD Bill and that the politicians will be wise in their discussions and decisions in regards to this matter.

Religious Discrimination Bill (Federal)

Pray for the nation and our nation's leaders as they come together to debate the bill.

Local Council Election

Pray for the upcoming Local Council election on Saturday 4th December, that people of integrity may be elected, who will govern with godly wisdom.

Christmas Preparations

Pray for our church as we make preparations for our Christmas services and other events, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

HSC Exams

Pray for all students as the HSC exams continue.

Farmers

Pray for farmers and the impact of the recent rain.

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 and Youth Ministry

Kids' Church.

Adult Ministry

Seniors (Prime Time).

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 and Lily Lyddiard.

Local Public Schools

Oak Flats Public, Balarang Public and Oak Flats High.

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.