



Make the cake

Over the next month, in the lead up to Christmas, we have many opportunities to connect with people and share the hope we have in Jesus Christ. We will have outreach activities like a women's dinner, pantry lunch, gingerbread event, Christmas carols and Christmas itself. Youth and children's groups will have a special Christmas focus. It is important that we share the gospel at these events, and we will have a speaker at each. But the 'gospel talk' is just the icing on the cake of evangelism.

Billy Graham's evangelistic crusade in 1959 is famous for its success. What is less famous is all the youth ministry work in the lead up to it. In her book *'From a Ministry for Youth to a Ministry of Youth: Aspects of Protestant Youth Ministry in Sydney 1930-1959'*, Ruth Lukabyo writes about how in those years youth ministries transformed from being run for youth, to be run by youth. Supported and guided by older Christians, real gospel work was done by youth to their friends.

She says, *"In all these organisations, the young people stepped up to take the leadership and ownership. They gave the talks, gave their testimonies, invited friends, organised activities, organised camps, and shared their faith with friends."*

Those who brought their friends to Billy Graham had already been evangelising their friends for years. His success, under God, came on the back of work of many faithful Christians of all ages over a long period of time.

What's my point? We all contribute to 'making the cake' when it comes to evangelism. Evangelism is never just about 'the talk.' We trust that God speaks through the Bible and the preached word. But that is not all we can do when making new disciples. The ministry of the many Christians who speak up—out in homes and at the shops, the school gate, around tables at the gingerbread event or pantry lunch, after the carols—is vitally important too.

I will preach the gospel this Christmas, and it's just as important that we all do too.

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Ladies' Christmas Dinner

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

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

UoW Mission

We are still looking for people to help out with food for the visiting mission team (Fri 10th to Sun 12th Dec).

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

Rosters - Term 1 2022

It is time to prepare the rosters, and this will be for the whole of **Term 1 (January through to 10th April) 2022**.

Please advise your unavailability to the Church Office as soon as possible.

Birthdays

5th Joy Evans
10th Kevin Eton
11th Ada Kyngdon
(Mission Partner)

Financial Update

(YTD 2 December 2021)

Income \$196,860

(includes Government grants worth \$30,375)

Expenses \$181,415

Difference \$15,445

Christmas Gingerbread House Event

Saturday 11th December at 3pm.

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.

Christmas Day Service

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

Regional Summer Prayer Diary

Contact the office if you would prefer a hard copy of the Summer Regional Prayer Diary.

Southern Cross & Eternity Magazines

Pick up a hard copy of the latest issues of Southern Cross and Eternity magazines at the welcome desk.

Anniversaries

10th John & Mia Klasson
11th Peter & Joy Evans

The people who are serving us

9.30am Service	5th Dec	12th Dec	5pm Service	5th Dec	12th Dec
Welcomer:	R Slocombe	J Mills	Welcomer:	D Rainey	J Hoffer
Bible Reader:	R Hannam	R Eton	Bible Reader:	J Hoffer	E Hick
Prayer Leader:	J Mills	H Mills	Prayer Leader:	V O'Regan	V O'Regan
Kids' Program:	R Hannam/ V O'Regan	B Firley/ R Slocombe	Afternoon Tea:	J Orange	G Taylor
Morning Tea:	R Eton/ B Mayhew	C Bonnici/ G Taylor	Meal Clean Up:	D Orange	J Hoffer
Meal Clean Up:	C Bonnici	P Taylor			

Cleaning Saturday: P & G Taylor/C Bonnici

Mowing Saturday: J Klasson/A Peters

Songs of Christmas 1: Mary's Song

Luke 1:26-56

Sam Pursell • 5th December 2021

1. Jesus will upend the world
2. Jesus is the fulfilment of God's promises
3. Jesus is the one to put your faith in

Next Sunday...

Songs of Christmas • 'Zechariah's Song' • Luke 1:67-80 • 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 Cry 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.

COVID-19

Ask that God would be merciful and slow the spread of the new Covid variant in the community. Pray for comfort for those who are anxious about travelling over the holidays to be with friends and family, due to the new variant.

Primary & High School SRE

Give thanks for the scripture assembly that was held at Balarang last Thursday that was well attended.

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

Christmas Events and Services

Give thanks for the positive reception to the Gingerbread House Event (11th Dec) and the Pantry Christmas lunch (16th Dec). Pray that people attending will know the real meaning of Christmas.

Pray that the 5pm Carols service on 19th December, and the 9am Christmas Day service would see many members of our wider community join us to hear us sing and share about Jesus.

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 3 OF 4)

Government

Our Mayor and those serving in local government.

World Focus

USA, Afghanistan, North Korea, Iran.

Mission to Seafarers.

Mission Partners

Roger and Amanda Kyngdon, working with BCA in Newman, WA.

Word Ministry Training

Mary Andrew's College and Sydney Missionary & Bible College (SMBC).

Diocesan Leadership

Our Archbishop and our Bishop.

Children and Youth Ministry

Refuge, our youth group.

Adult Ministry

Bible Study groups.

Local Evangelism

Outreach to people in all families in our communities.

Special Needs

Mental illness and dementia sufferers.

Mobile Community Pantry

Pray for the Volunteer team and all those who shop each fortnight.

Give thanks for the generous community support.