



New Year, Same God

Whoosh! That's the sound of another year passing us by. So much has changed, and so much remains unsure. But we can be sure that God has a proper time for every year and every event.

*'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace
and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.'*

What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him. Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.' Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

So, in 2022, let us revere the Eternal Lord, rest in his salvation and live for him in Jesus Christ.

- Sam Pursell

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY 2022

Church News

Term 1 2022 Rosters

The rosters for all those serving have now been emailed. Please make sure you check your inbox to find out when you are serving.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and the many different ways you serve our church family. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need to make a change.

5pm Service

Our 5pm service will be taking a break, and will resume from **Sunday, 30th January 2022**.

Pursell family on holidays

Sam, Susan and the family will be taking a much deserved break from **Monday 3rd January to Sunday 16th January**. Our Wardens (Dave Crook, Andy Peters and Peter Taylor) will be the point of contact during this time.

Church office during holidays

The Church Office will be closed from Monday 10 January to Friday 21st January, as Val takes a holiday

In her absence, Sam and our Wardens will be monitoring our church phone, emails and dealing with any issues that arise.

Birthdays

6th Barrie Hadley

Anniversaries

Financial Update

(YTD 30 December 2021)

Income \$209,486

(includes Government grants worth \$30,375)

Expenses \$293,021

(includes Solar Panels valued at \$8,449)

Difference \$6,464

The people who are serving us

	9.30am	2nd Jan	9.30am	9th Jan
Welcomer:		J Klasson		M Klasson
Bible Reader:		P Moore		J Mills
Prayer Leader:		P Taylor		D Young
Morning Tea:		C Bonnici/ M Klasson		R Eton/ J Orange
Meal Clean Up:		V O'Regan		K Eton

Saturday Cleaning: D & J Orange/J Evans

Mowing: D Slocombe/P Taylor

Summer Psalms
The Lord who forgives
Psalm 130
Sam Pursell • 2nd January 2022

1. Cry out and confess to the Lord (1-4)
2. Crave salvation, confident in Christ's redemption (5-8)

Next Sunday...

Summer Psalms • Psalm 128 • Geoff Kyngdon

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 (during school terms).

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

Changes announced by NSW health mean that **masks must now be worn inside at church** all throughout January. The usual exemptions apply.

All other rules remain unchanged at this stage:

- **QR code check-in** is mandatory at church.
- There is no limit to numbers on site.
- Doors and windows will be open to maximise ventilation.
- Maintain physical distancing of 1.5m where possible.
- Hand sanitiser is still easily accessible.
- **Please stay home if you are unwell, even if your symptoms are mild.**

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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, Dave & 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.

New Year

Give thanks to God for the way He continually sustained us during 2021. Pray for the new year, and for all those planning 2022 activities and programs for our church and community.

Pray that God would help us all to play our part, by prayer and proclamation, in God's work of bringing people to new life and continual growth in Christ.

COVID-19

Ask that God would be merciful and slow the spread of the new Covid variant in the community. Pray that with the rules coming back into effect, that people would comply and be cooperative to help slow the spread.

Pray that God would grant Australian & world Governments and others in authority wisdom in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Holidays

Pray that the members of our church community who are taking holidays will be refreshed and energised to serve God in the year ahead.

Pray that Sam and Susan would have a restful break with their kids until their return on 17th January.

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.

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 4 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

Archbishop of Sydney, Kanishka Raffel and Bishop of Wollongong, Peter Hayward.

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.