



## Give thanks for mothers

On Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for our mothers. And we can honour them.

The 5th commandment urged the Israelites to honour their mothers, and Paul says the same for Christians in Ephesians 6:1-3:

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honour your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."*

Honouring our mother will look different at different times of our life. Whether we are a child, or an adult. Whether we are cared by our mother when we are young, or whether we are caring for her in her old age. Whether she is close to us, or estranged. Whether she is living, or no longer alive.

The command forces us to take seriously the relationship with the person we have spent most time with – for our mothers, even from the womb! Through our mothers, we have been given life.

If your mother is no longer with you, is there something you could give thanks to God for her, in prayer? If she is alive, what else could you add, to honour her?

How can you thank God and honour your mother today?

- Sam Pursell

# Church News

## Happy Mother's Day

We pray for all the mothers of the parish and wish you each a very special day, thanking you for your love and for the important role you play in our families, our church and our society.



## Birthdays

7th Tania Young

## Scripture Teacher needed

We are looking for someone to join the SRE teaching team for Term 2 at Oak Flats Public School.

Talk to Sam or Val if you are interested in knowing more. Commitment is for a Thursday afternoon, for 2 lessons.

## Men's Dinner

This **Tuesday 10th May** is our next Men's Dinner. We meet at our church and start at 6.30pm.

Guest speaker is Matthew Meek, Director of FOCUS at AFES. Dinner is \$10 - please register [online](#) or see Coralie to RSVP.

## 'Loving the Lovells' - save the date Sunday 22nd May.

Graeme Sedorenko from CMS will be our guest preacher on the 22nd May.

We will be having a special Bolivian themed lunch, and hearing an update about Adrian and Anita Lovell.

## Anniversaries

9th Peter & Glenda Taylor

## Financial Update (YTD 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022)

Income \$54,842

Expenses \$64,486

Difference **-\$9,644**

### The people who are serving us

9.30am Service	<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Welcomer:</b>	J Mills	C Smith
<b>Bible Reader:</b>	R Hannam	K Dobbie
<b>Prayer Leader:</b>	V O'Regan	P Taylor
<b>Kids' Program:</b>	D & R Slocombe	B Firley/ P Moore
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	J Orange/ C Smith	C Bonnici/ R Eton
<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	D Orange	K Eton

5pm Service	<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Welcomer:</b>	D Slocombe	R Slocombe
<b>Bible Reader:</b>	P Evans	J Hoffer
<b>Prayer Leader:</b>	M Peters	V O'Regan
<b>Afternoon Tea:</b>	M Peters	S Stanojevic
<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	D Rainey	V O'Regan

**Saturday Cleaning:** J & M Klasson/B Clark

**Saturday Mowing:** N/A

*Jonah: The Lord Who Saves*

# **The LORD relents**

**Jonah 3:1-10**

**Sam Pursell • 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

1. God's grace to Jonah
2. God's grace to Nineveh
3. God's grace to the world

***Next Sunday...***

'The compassion of the LORD' • Sam Pursell • Readings: Psalm 86:1-17 and Jonah 4:1-11

# 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 Bible study group

Our midweek Bible study 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](http://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.

## Weekly prayer meeting

Saturday, 7:30am (online via Zoom)

A time to share, to encourage, and to pray for one another. Come join us and experience and power of prayer!

Contact Geoff Kyngdon for details.

Scan for the online 'Contact Us' form



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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

Jean Beetles, Olga & John Covetz, Dave & Jan Crook, Sherida & Gary Findell, Auriel & Barrie Hadley, Raija & Robert Hannam, Joy Meyer, Pam Moore, Paduch family, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Greg & Sue Vickery, Chris & John Wilson.

### Mother's Day

This Mothers Day, give thanks for all mothers and pray that we will honour them. Pray that you will strengthen mothers to love their families well.

Pray for those who find this day difficult that the Lord will deeply comfort them with his love.

### Gary Findell

Pray for Gary as his health deteriorates and enters Palliative care.

Pray for strength and courage for Sherida and the family during this difficult time.

### Kyngdon's in Newman

Pray for Amanda (and Emily) who has arrived in Port Hedland to prepare for the delivery of their baby.

Pray for Roger and the older children who are back in Newman.

### Ukraine

Pray peace in Ukraine, the people impacted especially the children. Pray that Russia will cease its unlawful actions and become a part of the solution and not just the perpetrators of evil.

### Federal Election

For wisdom for Scott Morrison, Anthony Albanese and all potential MPs as a federal election approaches, that candidates and voters will work to promote the welfare of all in our society

## 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 prayer chain. He can be contacted on either 0417 044 565 or [geoff.kyngdon@oakflatsanglican.com](mailto:geoff.kyngdon@oakflatsanglican.com).*