



Render to Caesar...

The federal election is over and we now have a new government. We ought to be grateful for this smooth transition of power. Sadly, in some other countries corruption and bloodshed often stain the process. Whatever we think of the policies and actions of particular political parties, there are clear Biblical principles we must apply to our relationship with governments.

Jesus said “.....render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” (Matthew 22:21)

Clearly, allegiance to God is our first priority and trumps all others. However, in this world, we are under earthly authorities to whom we are called to submit if doing so does not contravene God's revealed will. Why?

Paul elaborates, “*Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.*” (Romans 13:1)

It is God who sovereignly invests earthly rulers with the authority to govern (even the oppressive Roman Empire!), and they are accountable to Him. So....

Paul concludes, “*For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, (4) for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.*” (Romans 13:3-4)

Governments are to work for the good order of society and we are to play our part in co-operating with them in doing what is right and good for all.

- Phil Pratt

Church News

Mission Partner Emails

Are you Our Mission Partners, such as the Lovells (CMS), the Kyngdons (BCA) and Matthew Meek, send regular email updates. These updates include their latest prayer points.

If you haven't already signed up to receive this emails directly, please see Val.

Office Closed - Monday 30th May

Please note that the Church office will be closed on Monday 30th May.

Val and Sam will be attending the Wollongong Regional Ministry Conference this week (Mon 30 May to Wed 1 June).

Birthdays

Anniversaries

31st Kevin & Ruth Eton

Financial Update (YTD 26th May 2022)

Income \$67,427

Expenses \$73,241

Difference -**\$5,814**

The people who are serving us

9.30am Service	29th May	5th June	5pm Service	29th May	5th June
Welcomer:	P Taylor	B Clark	Welcomer:	D Rainey	V O'Regan
Bible Reader:	R Eton	A Browne	Bible Reader:	E Hick	J Evans
Prayer Leader:	D Orange	D Young	Prayer Leader:	H Mills	P Taylor
Kids' Program:	P & G Taylor	D & J Orange	Afternoon Tea:	H Mills	S Stanojevic
Morning Tea:	B Mayhew/ J Orange	C Bonnici/ R Slocombe	Meal Clean Up:	J Hoffer	J Hoffer
Meal Clean Up:	C Smith	D Slocombe			

Saturday Cleaning: D & J Orange

Saturday Mowing: P & C Pratt/V O'Regan

'Called Out'

Out of Corinth, into Christ

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Sam Pursell • 29th May 2022

1. A holy church (1-3)

2. A rich church (4-7)

3. A faithful God (8-9)

Next Sunday...

'Christ: the power of God' • Sam Pursell • Readings: Isaiah 29:13-16 & 1 Corinthians 1:10-2:5

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.

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, 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.

Family and friends of Marlene Arthur

Give thanks to God for the life of Marlene, who passed away this week.

Pray that her friends and family will find comfort in the hope of the resurrection of the dead for those in Christ Jesus.

Pray in particular for Pam Moore, who has been caring for Marlene.

Texas School Tragedy

Pray for the families of the victims who tragically died earlier this week.

Pray for comfort during this time of grief.

Ukraine situation

Continue to pray for Ukraine and peace on just terms.

Pray for Russia as it tries to mitigate/resolve its illegal actions with some credibility.

Federal Election

Give thanks for our political leaders and for a democratic political system where leadership can be transferred peaceably without violence or fear.

Pray that the politicians elected last Saturday would serve Australia with integrity.

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 1 OF 4)

Government

Our Queen, The United Nations, other major governments.

World Focus

The continent of Africa.

The persecuted church.

Mission Partners

Adrian and Anita Lovell, training Christian leaders in Bolivia.

Grahame and Patty Scarratt, providing distance training for Word ministers in Latin America.

Organisations We Support

Church Missionary Society (CMS).

Word Ministry Training

Moore Theological College.

Staff and Senior Leadership

Our Minister Sam Pursell, his wife Susan and their kids Ed, Mary and Angela.

Children and Youth Ministry

Playmakers, our playgroup for toddlers.

Adult Ministry

Our ministry to seniors.

Local Evangelism

Our schools ministry - scripture (SRE).

Special Needs

Those who are poor and needy.

The growth of the gospel among our Indigenous communities.

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.