

Resting in the sovereignty of God

Consider what God has done:

Who can straighten

what he has made crooked?

When times are good, be happy;

but when times are bad, consider this:

God has made the one

as well as the other. (Ecclesiastes 7:13-14)

I don't know if you have had a good week. Or a bad week. Often we have a sense of how a week might go, but we never truly know. The week we think will be horrendous, turns out to be not too bad. And the week we think will be easy and carefree holds a tragedy. Anxiety about the future can eat us up. But if we did know the future, would it be best for us? Some people have very strong memories of events that happened in the past, and it can be debilitating. Hyperthymesia is extremely rare and involves a kind of constant remembering of certain events. Imagine if we knew our future and much how it would consume us.

Thankfully, the Bible lifts the burden of knowing all from us, onto God. But not only is God all knowing, he is also all powerful. Even if we knew all that was coming our way in life, could we change it?

God takes us through both time of blessing and affliction. In the ups and downs he cares, refines and sustains us. We either praise him or are reminded our constant need of his sustaining help. Whatever comes, good or bad, we know that he has greater things in store in heaven.

So where does that leave us? It leaves us able to plan lightly, and take each period as it comes. We can rest in God's sovereignty, in all we do, whatever he may bring that week.

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Southern Cross & Eternity Magazines

The latest issue of Southern Cross is available online at <u>magazine</u>. sydneyanglicans.net.

Or you can pick up a copy at the welcoming desk.

The Eternity Magazine is also available at the welcoming desk.

Office Closed - Monday 6th June

Please note that the Church office will be closed on Monday 6th June.

Ladies' Dinner

The next Ladies' Dinner will be on **Tuesday 21**st **June**, starting at **6:30pm**.

Susan Pursell is our guest speaker.

Registration will be open shortly.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Financial Update (YTD 2nd June 2022)

Income \$70,700 Expenses \$76,500 Difference -\$5,800

The people who are serving us 9.30am Service 5th June 12th June 5pm Service 5th June 12th June R Eton Welcomer: B Clark Welcomer: G Kvngdon D Rainev Bible Reader: G Taylor Bible Reader: J Evans J Orange E Stanojevic **Prayer Leader:** D Young J Mills Prayer Leader: P Taylor V O'Regan D&J Kids' Program: P&G Afternoon Tea: S Stanoievic E Stokes Orange **Taylor** Meal Clean Up: J Hoffer V O'Regan C Bonnici/ C Bonnici/ Morning Tea: R Slocombe M Klasson D Slocombe R Hannam Meal Clean Up:

Saturday Cleaning: Cleaning: D & R Slocombe Saturday Mowing: N/A

'Called Out'

Christ: the power of God

1 Corinthians 1:10-2:5 Sam Pursell • 5th June 2022



2. The foolish, powerless Christ (18-25)

3. God works power through weakness (26-2:5)

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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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.

For those that are grieving

Continue to uphold the family and friends of those who are mourning the loss of someone dear to them.

Think in particularly of Sherida Findell, Ed & Sandra Stanojevic & Pam Moore, as well as their families.

Pray that they would trust God and know his love in this difficult time.

Scripture in schools

Give thanks for SRE in our local primary schools and Oak Flats High School.

Pray for wisdom, love and energy for teachers, and for students to respond with keen ears and soft hearts.

The World

Pray for Ukraine peace on just terms, the Russian developments and the health of the Russian President.

Remember NATO leadership and the plans for expansion. US gun violence sadly keeps rolling on.

Food security is an increasing issue for all nations and the Refugee crisis.

Our World

The lost millions of Australia.

The new Federal Government.

Our farmers and graziers and our part in feeding the world.

Winter and the pressures it can bring for many.

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.