



Jesus: not a letdown

'Never meet your heroes'

People who meet their heroes are invariably let down. How could it not be the case? Every person you meet is merely human, even if they are stars in the eyes of the world. It is interesting that the advice is not to meet your hero, and keep the illusion from evaporating.

A similar phrase is 'never touch your idols, the gilding will stick to your fingers.' As a Christian, the word idol jumps out to me. It makes me think, perhaps I should meet my heroes, and ruin the temptation to idolise them.

When we read the Bible, those who might be called 'heroes' are shown for who they truly are. Each is a letdown in some way: prideful, selfish, liars, cheats, murderers, adulterers. It can be shocking if we think the Bible's intention is to get us to venerate and imitate them. Instead, what the Bible directs us to do, is imitate their faith in God. These heroes are at their best when they see God as the ultimate hero.

For in God, we find someone who is completely good, infinitely upright and wholly pure. The apostle John writes:

"God is light; in him there is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5)

The closer you get to God, the better you realise he is. There are no surprises lying under the surface or when you get up close and personal. He will never let you down.

And so, when we meet Jesus in the scriptures, we meet a hero who doesn't disappoint us in any way. He has no sin in himself, which might upset us. He heroically laid down his life to save us from God's judgement against our sin. In heaven, eternal joy will be found in his presence and knowing him more and more.

- Sam Pursell

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2022

Church News

Ladies' Dinner

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

Susan Pursell is our guest speaker and will be speaking on the topic '**What does the Bible teach about our relationship with the environment?**'

Register [online](#) or put your name on the sign up sheet at church.

Time Out

On **Thursday 23rd June** from **10am to 12pm**, all are invited for 'Time Out' at the church.

This is an informal time to gather around craft, games and morning tea. Contact Rhonda Slocombe for details.

Regional Winter Prayer Diary

The Winter Regional Prayer Diary is now [available to download](#).

Hard copies are available on the welcome desk.

Term 3 Rosters

It is time to prepare the next cycle of rosters, and this will be for the whole of Term 3 (**Mon 27th June through to Sun 18th September 2022**).

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

Birthdays

- 12th Sienna Crook
- 13th Margaret Hanigan
Allan Quinn
- 14th Robert Hannam
- 17th Eliza Kyngdon (*Mission Partner*)

Anniversaries

Financial Update (YTD 9th June 2022)

Income \$74,451

Expenses \$80,865

Difference **-\$6,414**

The people who are serving us

9.30am Service	12th June	19th June
Welcomer:	R Eton	G Taylor
Bible Reader:	D Young	K Eton
Prayer Leader:	J Mills	R Hannam
Kids' Program:	M Klasson/ J Mills	B Firley/ P Moore
Morning Tea:	C Bonnici/ M Klasson	R Eton/ J Mills
Meal Clean Up:	R Hannam	C Bonnici

5pm Service	12th June	19th June
Welcomer:	D Rainey	J Hoffer
Bible Reader:	E Stanojevic	E Hick
Prayer Leader:	V O'Regan	D Orange
Afternoon Tea:	E Stokes	J Orange
Meal Clean Up:	V O'Regan	D Orange

Saturday Cleaning: J & M Klasson/B Clark

Saturday Mowing: D Slocombe/C Smith

'Called Out'

Christ crucified: the wisdom of God

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Sam Pursell • 12th June 2022

1. Christ crucified: the wisdom of God (6-10a)
2. The Holy Spirit teaches the mind of God (10b-13)
3. The Spirit-filled person knows God (14-16)

Next Sunday...

'Powerful & wise church growth' • Sam Pursell • Readings: 2 Chronicles 3:1-17 & 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

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.

The World

- Peace in Ukraine on terms that can lead to a return to some degree of normality.
- The people in the Region, including Russians.
- Millions throughout the world who starving.
- US gun law debates

Australia

- Our leaders at all levels, especially the new Federal Government. May our Christian leaders stand up and be counted.
- Economic developments and their impact on the disadvantaged especially.
- Our Rural sector and all its communities.

Oak Flats community

- Evangelism. Key areas: SRE, Youth, Mobile Community Pantry, Playmakers
- The lost in our communities and in our families.

Our Church

- Those who attend irregularly.
- The preached word as Sam prepares and delivers.
- Our MISSION links and updates: CMS, BCA, AFES, MOCLAM.
- Our Parish leaders.

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 3 OF 4)

Government

The Premier and NSW politicians.

World Focus

The continent of Asia.

Mission Partners

Stewart Continuing Ministries - training leaders of the persecuted church in ministry.

Organisations We Support

Youthworks and the Bible Society.

Word Ministry Training

Ministry Training and Development (MT&D) and the Ministry Training Strategy (MTS).

Staff and Senior Leadership

Wardens and Parish Councillors.

Children and Youth Ministry

Kids' Church.

Adult Ministry

Seniors (Time Out).

Local Evangelism

Outreach to emergency services and community groups.

Members unable to attend church

Those house-bound or living in nursing homes including Bob & Margaret Abrahams, Olga Covetz, Audrey Ford and Lily Lyddiard.

Local Public Schools

Oak Flats Public, Balarang Public and Oak Flats High.

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.