



Jesus truly knows us

Recently on the radio, it was observed that people no longer just want politicians who look like them (i.e., skin colour or gender etc.), but politicians who feel what they feel. People seek emotional representation. Empathy is a more and more important characteristic of a leader. So, when it seems like someone has a tin ear to a problem, that's a problem.

It means people want to see political leaders reach out and care for the hurting, or those who have experienced disaster. It also means that people want their political leaders to get angry and fired up, at what angers them. This applies to all groups in society and politics.

We all want to be known, understood, cared for, and represented. But while our politicians and government can in some way represent us, they will not be able to know us, as we want to be known, or satisfy the issues that are on each of our hearts. We put government in the place of God.

But God can do, what government cannot. God knows us all through and through. He made us all, in our differences. He knows what we think and what we feel. God helps us speak to himself, the highest power. God represents us, to himself.

In our prayers, *'the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans'*. (Romans 8:26)

In our struggles, we know Jesus *'himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted'*. (Hebrews 2:18)

In our grief, we know *'Jesus wept'*. (John 11:35)

Jesus knows what we go through, the Spirit helps us in our prayers, and God has made a way that everything can be redeemed and restored. What many of us hope for in our politicians, has been realised in God.

- Sam Pursell

Church News

New Flower Stands!

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Andy Peters and the Oak Flats Men's Shed, who put together the lovely new flower stands on our stage.



SISMB Fundraiser Night

Thursday 4th August, 7 - 8pm.

Albion Park Presbyterian Church.

Come along and hear from our teachers what has been happening at Albion Park and Oak Flats High.

Gold coin donation at the door.

Gong Men's Day

Saturday 3rd September, 9am - 1:30pm @ Figtree Anglican Church.

Speaker: Mark Smith, the new Senior Minister at St Michael's, Wollongong.

Tickets: \$40/\$30 (concession).

Register at gongmensday.org.

Wollongong Women's Conference

Saturday 20th August @ UoW.

Join the Women of the Illawarra at the Wollongong Women's Conference 2022: **THE WILL OF GOD** as we explore what the Bible has to say about God's guidance and our freedom to choose!

An event of The Gospel Coalition Australia - Illawarra. Register at wollongongwomensconference.com.

Birthdays

3rd Ethan Dobbie
David Paduch

Anniversaries

3rd David & Christina Paduch

Financial Update (YTD 28th July 2022)

Income \$98,029

Expenses \$102,800

Difference **-\$4,771**

The people who are serving us

9.30am Service	31 st July	7 th August	5pm Service	31 st July	7 th August
Welcomer:	G & P Taylor	D & J Orange	Welcomer:	V O'Regan	G Taylor
Bible Reader:	R Hannam	R Eton	Bible Reader:	D Rainey	J Hoffer
Prayer Leader:	V O'Regan	R Hannam	Prayer Leader:	V O'Regan	P Taylor
Kids' Program:	D & J Orange	B Firley/ J Mills	Afternoon Tea:	G Taylor	M Peters
Morning Tea:	M Klasson/ B Mayhew	R Hannam/ G Taylor	Meal Clean Up:	P Taylor	A Peters
Meal Clean Up:	C Bonnici	R Hannam			

Saturday Cleaning: G & P Taylor/C Bonnici

Saturday Mowing: N/A

‘WISDOM FOR LIFE’

Get Wise

Proverbs 1:1-19

Sam Pursell • 31st July 2022

1. About the book of Proverbs (1)

2. The purpose of Proverbs (2-6)

3. The entry point to wisdom (7)

Next Sunday...

‘Implant wisdom in your heart’ • Sam Pursell • Readings: Proverbs 3:1-26 & Proverbs 4:1-23

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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Safe Ministry Representative: Harley Mills - 0409 562 932 - harley.mills@oakflatsanglican.com

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY - BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican **BSB:** 633 000 **Account:** 164 385 841

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

People in need

Lenore Armour's niece (Tamara), Jean Beetles, Olga & John Covetz, Dave & Jan Crook, Auriel & Barrie Hadley, Joy Meyer, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Mary Straughan, Chris & John Wilson.

The World

Ukraine - peace on just terms.

The thousands who mourn across the region.

European leaders with wisdom.

Our World

Our leaders, especially federally.

Freedom of thought and expression.

Our Industrial sector.

Christians and churches in rural and regional areas.

Our Ministries

Sustainability of SRE at Oak Flats and Balarang.

Ministry Team - cooperation, Biblical insight, and wise decision making.

Soup Sunday on 31st July; good fellowship and connection.

Our People

All members who are currently dealing with or affected by COVID.

Those dealing with chronic illness, pain or disability.

Those continuing to mourn; Arthur family, Sherida Findell, Pam Moore, Hanojevic, Simpson and Uren families.

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.

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.