



## Relieve one another's burdens

"I don't want to be a burden."

In our culture, we are often painted idealistic narratives of freedom and independence. We are told to be free from our community to pursue our dreams, or dream of the community coming around us to celebrate our dreams.

But we also have our faults, failings, and challenges. We also want to be close to people. Yet bringing these realities together is risky. Risky we might get rejected if people really know us, or if our hopes fail. So we can find it easier to disengage from others.

Data from Barna research in the US says that adults are twice as likely to say they are lonely than a decade ago. One in 5 says they are lonely. Is this because of our independence?

Galatians 6:2 pushes the call for Christians to love each other, even into working through the messiness of imperfect people working to live of Christlike lives and challenging relationships.

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

Also, Colossians 3:13:

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Helping one another to keep in step with the Spirit involves grace, a willingness to help, and a willingness to be helped. It doesn't need to be known or by all, perhaps just a few you know.

Who is supporting you, and who might you support?

- Sam Pursell

# Church News

## Ladies' Craft Afternoon

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm to 4pm.**

Ladies! You are invited to come together this Saturday for a fun afternoon at the church. Bring along any craft or knitting that you might be working on. Afternoon tea will be provided.

## Gong Men's Day

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://gongmensday.org).

## News from GAFCON

A new Diocese of the Southern Cross has now been established, with Bishop Glenn Davies taking up the responsibilities as Bishop of the new Diocese.

Please see below for the statement issued by Archbishop Kanishka Raffel:

The Diocese of Sydney is an integral part of the Anglican Church of Australia and we have no intention of leaving.

Parishes, schools and organisations in the Diocese of Sydney are not affected by this development and there will be no change to our structures. We are committed to the reform of the Anglican Church of Australia from within our existing ecclesial structures, including the General Synod.

The Diocese of the Southern Cross has been established for those elsewhere who have left their diocese because they cannot in good conscience accept the authority of those who have departed from the teaching of Christ.

It is a sadness that this new Diocese has become necessary, but I extend the hand of fellowship to the Diocese of the Southern Cross and may God bless Bishop Davies and his work.

## Financial Update (YTD 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022)

**Income \$107,098**

**Expenses \$112,527**

**Difference -\$5,429**

### The people who are serving us

9.30am Service	21 <sup>st</sup> August	28 <sup>th</sup> August	5pm Service	21 <sup>st</sup> August	28 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Welcomer:</b>	K & R Eton	B Clark/P Moore	<b>Welcomer:</b>	D Rainey	G Kyngdon
<b>Bible Reader:</b>	A Browne	K Dobbie	<b>Bible Reader:</b>	V O'Regan	M Peters
<b>Prayer Leader:</b>	D Orange	D Young	<b>Prayer Leader:</b>	M Peters	R Hannam
<b>Kids' Program:</b>	M Klasson/ P Moore	R Hannam/ V O'Regan	<b>Afternoon Tea:</b>	V O'Regan	S Stanojevic
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	B Mayhew/ J Orange	J Mills/ J Orange	<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	D Rainey	J Hoffer
<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	C Bonnici	D Orange			

**Saturday Cleaning:** A & M Peters

**Saturday Mowing:** N/A

***‘WISDOM FOR LIFE’***

# **The Fool**

**Proverbs 26:1-12**

**Sam Pursell • 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

1. Proverbs as a web of wisdom
2. Do not honour a fool
  - a. Fools need goading, not honour (1-3, 8)
  - b. Fools are a liability (6, 10)
  - c. Fools waste wisdom (7, 9)
  - d. Fools are unreformable (11-12)
3. How to exit folly

***Next Sunday...***

***‘Family’ • Sam Pursell • Readings: Philippians 2:12-30 & Proverbs 17:6, 10:1, 14:1, 21:9***

# 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

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# Prayers

## CURRENT PRAYERS

### People in need

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

### The World

Justice and equity for the many disadvantaged.

Issues of famine and starvation in many places, especially Africa.

Peace in Ukraine.

### Our World

Our leaders, Federal and State.

Our economic leaders across all areas.

The rural sector and supporting communities.

Rural churches struggling with viability questions.

### Our Ministries

Our fellowship with one another along with hospitality.

Children's Event, planned for October.

Our Bible Study Groups.

Pastoral Care issues.

### GAFCON Conference

Give thanks for the recent conference and the encouragement for all those that attended.

Pray for the newly created Diocese of the Southern Cross, Bishop Glenn Davies and Peter Palmer, the Pastor of the first member church.

## 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.