



## Aspirational living

What are your life aspirations for those around you?

What do you hope for your spouse, or kids, or your siblings?

Very often when we ask a child 'what do you want to be when you grow up?' the expectation is that the answer is framed in terms of a particular job. At one level, this is right, and working is one God-given aspect of who we are. Made in God's image, we are workers.

But how many would expect an answer 'When I grow up, I want to be a Christian.' Or, 'I want to be godlier and more mature in 5 years' time.'

Our aspirations for life and growth are so often secular and devoid of God's plan for our growth. The reality that if we are truly to flourish in life, truly be human, we are to take on the likeness of Christ. For he who perfectly images God in human form.

What then do you want to be, and how can you and those around you start working towards it?

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:8-9)*

- Sam Pursell

# Church News

## 5pm Service Dinner

Join us for our monthly dinner after our 5pm service today. Cost is \$5 per person.

## Office Closed

Please note that the church office will be closed tomorrow **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Sam Absent

Sam will be away on a *Ministry Planning Retreat* from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** this week.

The Wardens will be the point of contact during this time.

## Ladies' Craft Afternoon

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm to 4pm.**

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

Afternoon tea will be provided.

## Guest Preacher

**Ken Coleman** will be our guest preacher at our services next **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

Ken will be preaching on the topic '**The King and I**' from John 10:1-18.

## Birthdays

9<sup>th</sup> Christina Paduch

## Anniversaries

## Financial Update (YTD 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022)

**Income** \$144,511

**Expenses** \$154,027

**Difference** **-\$9,616**

### The people who are serving us

9.30am Service	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5pm Service	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov
<b>Welcomer:</b>	K & R Eton	B Clark/ P Moore	<b>Welcomer:</b>	J Hoffer	D Rainey
<b>Bible Reader:</b>	R Hannam	K Dobbie	<b>Bible Reader:</b>	J Hoffer	S Stanojevic
<b>Prayer Leader:</b>	D Young	J Mills	<b>Prayer Leader:</b>	M Peters	P Taylor
<b>Kids Church:</b>	D & J Orange	P & G Taylor	<b>Afternoon Tea:</b>	E Stokes/ S Stanojevic	H Mills
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	M Klasson/ J Orange	R Eton/ R Slocombe	<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	E Stanojevic	V O'Regan
<b>Meal Clean Up:</b>	D Orange	C Bonnici	<b>Dinner:</b>	M Hanigan/ H Wagemans	
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	D Orange				
<b>Preparation:</b>					

**Saturday Cleaning:** D & J Orange/J Evans

**Saturday Mowing:** D Slocombe/C Smith

***'DISCIPLE MAKING'***

# **Persevering in ministry**

**Philippians 3:12-21**

**Sam Pursell • 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

1. Running heavenward to Christ (12-14)

2. Imitating mature Christians (15-17)

3. Awaiting Christ's return (18-21)

***Next Sunday...***

***'The King and I'* • Ken Coleman • Readings: Psalm 23 & John 10:1-18**

# 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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# Prayers

## CURRENT PRAYERS

### The World

Iran and China where persecutions are rife.  
Ukraine and Russian conflict for peace and protection for the many impacted.

Food and energy security in Europe and further afield

NATO and other world leaders as tensions rise daily.

### Our World

Our leaders as they struggle to respond to inflation and energy pressures.

Rural communities and their churches especially.

Flood victims in the Eastern States.

Genuine and timely Government responses.

Victorian State Election 11/2022.

### Our Ministries

SRE in all schools and planning for 2023 - the need for more teachers and support.

Playmakers and Pantry as major outreach exercises.

Newcomers and how we make them welcome.

### Our People

Pastoral care pressures.

Our weekly volunteers in so many areas.

Planning for 2023.

Bible Study Groups.

### People in need

Olga & John Covetz, Dave & Jan Crook,  
Auriel & Barrie Hadley, Robert & Raija  
Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Joy Meyer, Allan  
Quinn, Merv & Nola Sercombe, Mary  
Straughan, Chris & John Wilson.

## REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 4 OF 4)

### Government

Our Mayor and those serving in local government.

### World Focus

USA, Afghanistan, North Korea, Iran.

Mission to Seafarers.

### Mission Partners

Roger and Amanda Kyngdon, working with BCA in Newman, WA.

### Word Ministry Training

Mary Andrew's College and Sydney  
Missionary & Bible College (SMBC).

### Diocesan Leadership

Archbishop of Sydney, Kanishka Raffel.

Bishop of Wollongong, Peter Hayward.

### Children and Youth Ministry

Refuge, our youth group.

### Adult Ministry

Bible Study groups.

### Local Evangelism

Outreach to people in all families in our communities.

### Special Needs

Mental illness and dementia sufferers.

### Mobile Community Pantry

The Volunteer team and all those who shop each fortnight.

Give thanks for the generous community support.

*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](mailto:geoff.kyngdon@oakflatsanglican.com).*