



You can pray

In our Sunday services we have a number of opportunities for open participation. Set prayers and prayers of confession can be said aloud, creeds declared, songs can be sung, and we have a time for open prayer in the service.

While some of us pray often, I want to encourage us all to take up this opportunity. As church, we come together as a spiritual family, united by faith in Jesus Christ. It is good for us to pray together.

So, if you haven't done it in a while, or have never tried; why don't you have a go at praying out aloud?

Some people are happy to do this off the cuff, but they can also be prepared. The following can be a good stimulus.

- Each week Geoff Kyngdon and Val prepare some weekly prayer points, along with a cycle of regular prayer points.
- We read two passages of the scriptures every week and hear at least one explained and applied as well.
- Perhaps you have read something in the Bible, a Christian book, or have a concern for yourself or others which you could bring to God in prayer.
- What can you praise God for, in his attributes, actions, or in your life?

Just as you can take out the prepared slip from the bulletin each week, you could come prepared with a piece of paper, or a post it note, or a memo on your phone with a prayer written down to help you to pray with others.

It is not our impressive words in prayer which make a worthy prayer, but that which is said to him in faith in Jesus Christ. How could you have a go?

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Kids' Church Picnic

Join us after our morning service **today at 12pm** for a Kids' Church Picnic.

BYO food & drinks plus chairs or picnic rug. Location will be **Central Park**, Oak Flats.

Regular Ministries have resumed!

Kids Church, Kid's Club and Refuge all resumed their programs this week.

Our playgroup, 'Playmakers' will begin this Tuesday, 7th February.

Please remember the leaders and children in your prayers.

Pilates & Praise returns

Pilates & Praise will be returning **tomorrow at 10:30am** and continues during the term.

5pm Service Dinner

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

Birthdays

Bible Study Groups

This year we are asking everyone to sign up for a Bible study group, even if it's the same group you were in last year. Please use the [online form](#) or see the office.

Ladies' Dinner

The first Ladies' Dinners for 2023 will be held on **Tuesday 14th February**.

6.30pm in the church, cost \$10. Please register via the sign-up sheet at church or [online](#).

Lovell's Information Evening

The Lovell's are coming to Oak Flats on **Thursday 16th February**.

Join us **from 7pm** here at the church for an information evening.

We would love people to volunteer to bring something to share for supper. See the sign up sheet for more details.

Anniversaries

7th Merv & Nola Sercombe

Financial Update

(YTD 2nd February 2023)

Income \$14,880

Expenses \$20,635

Difference **-\$5,755**

The people who are serving us

9.30am	5 th Feb	12 th Feb
Welcomer:	D & J Orange	K & R Eton
Bible Reader:	K Eton	P Moore
Prayer Leader:	P Taylor	V O'Regan
Kids Church:	B Firley/ R Hannam	M Klasson/ J Mills
Morning Tea:	M Klasson/ J Mills	C Bonnici/ J Orange
MT Clean Up:	P Pratt	D Orange

5pm	5 th Feb	12 th Feb
Welcomer:	D Slocombe	R Slocombe
Bible Reader:	J Evans	P Evans
Prayer Leader:	H Mills	E Stanojevic
Afternoon Tea:	R Slocombe	G Taylor
AT Clean Up:	D Slocombe	D Rainey
Dinner:	E Stanojevic/ S Stanojevic	

Saturday Cleaning: P & G Taylor/C Bonnici

Saturday Mowing: J Klasson/D Orange

Luke's Gospel

Accepting who Jesus is

Luke 7:18-35

Sam Pursell • 5th February 2023

1. Who is Jesus? (18-23)
2. Who is John? (24-28)
3. Who is this generation? (29-35)

Next Sunday...

'The joy of forgiveness' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Habakkuk 3:1-19 & Luke 7:36-50

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

Focus on Mission

The World

All Bible-based Christian Missions that preach the Good News: CMS, Moore College & MOCLAM Course, WEC, Bible Society, OMF (Overseas Missionary Fellowship) in SE Asia and China especially, MERF, Voice of the Martyrs, FEBC.

Bible Translators.

Unreached people groups.

Anglican Aid.

Our Immediate World

CMS North Australia, BCA, Bible Society, Anglicare: all areas including Mobile Community Pantry, Anglican Aid, MTS, SMBC, Anglican Youth Works, SRE & other bodies.

Our Personal Involvement

Praying for Mission constantly.

Going and encouraging others to think about doing so.

Our children and young people in terms of training and encouragement regardless of their ages.

Our People

Personal prayers and how do we encourage greater interest.

Communications and feedback.

Use of Prayer Diaries.

Engaging the younger families and people.

People in need

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

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 1 OF 4)

Government

Our King, 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.

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.