



Waiting

Have you been in the queue at the checkout? On phone hold? Waiting feels like such a waste of time because nothing is happening and you often can't do anything about it!

Would it surprise you to learn how often God asks us to wait for Him?

Psalm 27:14 *Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*

Psalm 40:1 *I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.*

Psalm 62:5 *For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.*

Psalm 130:5 *I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope....*

Sometimes God places us in situations where we do not know what to do. However, we still feel the need to do something... and therein lies the problem! We want to be in control! Waiting forces us to acknowledge God is in control, exercises our patience and drives us to trust Him for the outcome and its timing. We may not be able to see what it is, and it may be a better/different outcome for us than the one we want. Either way, waiting on God does not mean nothing is happening! Trusting in His perfect love for us is the key to waiting patiently and expectantly.

Isaiah 49:23 “.....you will know that I am the LORD; those who hopefully wait for me will not be put to shame.” (NASB)

No one who waits for the Lord is ever disappointed!

- Phil Pratt

Church News

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 this **Tuesday 14th February**.

6.30pm in the church, cost \$10.

Please register via the sign-up sheet at church or [online](#).

Please see the flyer for all Ladies' events planned for 2023.

Lovell's Information Evening

Maya has been granted Australian permanent residency! The Lovell's are now planning to stay in Australia until the end of November.

In light of this news, the planned information evening this week has been postponed. They will visit us later in the year.

Angela Pursell Baptism

Join us next **Sunday 19th February** as we celebrate the baptism of Angela Pursell.

The baptism will be held at the 9:30am service followed by morning tea.

SISMB Commissioning Service

On **Thursday 2nd March** at 7pm, All Saints Albion Park Anglican Church will be hosting the SISMB Commissioning Service.

SISMB supports high school scripture in Oak Flats High and Albion Park High.

Please save the date, and be praying for the service.

Southern Cross Magazine

The latest issue of Southern Cross is available [online](#) at magazine.

Or you can pick up a copy at the welcoming desk.

CMS Stamp collecting

Thank you to all who have given their stamps towards the collection for CMS.

The brown box (located on the book stall shelf) is available all year.

Financial Update

(YTD 9th February 2023)

Income \$19,525

Expenses \$22,086

Difference **-\$2,561**

The people who are serving us

9.30am	12 th Feb	19 th Feb	5pm	5 th Feb	19 th Feb
Welcomer:	K & R Eton	D & R Slocombe	Welcomer:	R Slocombe	D Rainey
Bible Reader:	P Moore	G Taylor	Bible Reader:	P Evans	E Hick
Prayer Leader:	V O'Regan	D Young	Prayer Leader:	E Stanojevic	P Taylor
Kids Church:	M Klasson/ J Mills	P Moore/ V O'Regan	Afternoon Tea:	G Taylor	H Mills
Morning Tea:	C Bonnici/ J Orange	R Hannam/ B Mayhew	AT Clean Up:	D Rainey	V O'Regan
MT Clean Up:	D Orange	C Bonnici			

Saturday Cleaning: P & G Taylor/C Bonnici

Saturday Mowing: R Siles/D Slocombe

Luke's Gospel

God's amazing forgiveness

Luke 7:36-50

Sam Pursell • 12th February 2023

1. The snooty saint

2. The forgiven sinner

Next Sunday...

'Listen to the Word' • Sam Pursell • Readings: Psalm 1:1-6 & Luke 8:1-21

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 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.