



10 Practices to Kill Pride

I recently read a short essay by Gavin Ortland called '*10 Practices to Kill Pride*'. One of Ortland's ideas to help us cultivate humility is practising gratitude. Imagine, he writes, that you've been invited to a dinner party of your favourite celebrities and you get to spend all evening in the company of the people you greatly admire. Would you catch yourself thinking: Who am I that I get to be here and talk to all these people?

Ortland argues that true humility allows us to have that experience all the time. Because it's not just celebrities that we should feel privileged to be around, but every image bearer of God. Every person we encounter, every sacred corner of this world that we inhabit bears the stamp of our Creator. And so we can walk into any situation and freely wonder at the blessings received: 'Who am I, that I get to be here? Why am I so blessed?'

We can easily see the joy that could be ours if we cultivated this kind of outlook. And yet, how difficult to practice it! In my grumbling about the school car park, for example, am I able to step back and ask: Who am I, that I get to be here? Who am I, that I should be given beautiful children, a place of learning full of caring teachers to take them to each day and a car to transport them?

I can tell you this kind of thinking is not going to come naturally in my case. Pray that we can be a thankful and humble church who reap a harvest of joy as we practise gratitude for all the Father's good gifts.

- Susan Pursell

Church News

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.

AGM - 19th March

Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) will be held on **Sunday 19th March** after the morning service, at **11.00am** in the church.

A **pot-luck lunch** will be held afterwards (further details to come).

We will be electing representatives for Wardens, Parish Council, Parish Nominators and Synod Representatives.

Nomination forms are now available, please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate.

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.

Birthdays

22nd Angela Pursell



Financial Update

(YTD 16th February 2023)

Income \$23,197

Expenses \$22,733

Difference \$464

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY - BANK DETAILS

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

The people who are serving us

| 9.30am | 19 th Feb | 26 th Feb | 5pm | 19 th Feb | 26 th Feb |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Welcomer: | D & R Slocombe | J & M Klasson | Welcomer: | D Rainey | E Stanojevic |
| Bible Reader: | G Taylor | K Dobbie | Bible Reader: | E Hick | R Slocombe |
| Prayer Leader: | D Young | R Hannam | Prayer Leader: | P Taylor | S Stanojevic |
| Kids Church: | P Moore/ V O'Regan | D & J Orange | Afternoon Tea: | H Mills | V O'Regan |
| Morning Tea: | R Hannam/ B Mayhew | C Bonnici/ C Smith | AT Clean Up: | V O'Regan | D Slocombe |
| MT Clean Up: | C Bonnici | D Slocombe | | | |

Saturday Cleaning: D & R Slocombe

Saturday Mowing: P Pratt/R Siles

Luke's Gospel

Listen to the word

Luke 8:1-21

Sam Pursell • 19th February 2023

1. Jesus' disciples (1-3)
2. Parable of the soils (4-15)
3. Parable of the lamp (16-18)
4. Jesus' family (19-21)

Next Sunday...

'Jesus' universal power' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Psalm 2:1-12 & Luke 8:22-39

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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Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

The World

Inflation and the rising cost of living hitting the most vulnerable.

World leaders.

Ukraine as the killing continues and spring offensives loom.

Our World

NSW Election on 25th March.

Cost-of-living pressures.

Rising violence in many communities.

Our Immediate World & Ministries

Out-reach efforts via Playmakers, Community Pantry, Youth and SRE especially.

March AGM - a sound new Parish Council as a result.

Our giving and how we apply it to God's Glory.

Leadership wisdom at all levels.

Our People

Those who mourn.

Others with particular needs at the moment.

Pastoral care needs to be met as sensitively as possible.

Families and those on the fringe.

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 3 OF 4)

Government

The Premier and NSW politicians.

World Focus

The continent of Asia.

Mission Partners

Stewart Continuing Ministries - training leaders of the persecuted church in ministry.

Organisations We Support

Youthworks and the Bible Society.

Word Ministry Training

Ministry Training and Development (MT&D) and the Ministry Training Strategy (MTS).

Staff and Senior Leadership

Wardens and Parish Councillors.

Children and Youth Ministry

Kids' Church.

Adult Ministry

Seniors.

Local Evangelism

Outreach to emergency services and community groups.

Members unable to attend church

Those house-bound or living in nursing homes including Bob & Margaret Abrahams, Olga Covetz, Audrey Ford, Lily Lyddiard and Harry Witte.

Local Public Schools

Oak Flats Public, Balarang Public and Oak Flats High.

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.