

# The gift of mutual encouragement

It is wonderful to have the Lovells visit us today, and this week. In Romans 1, Paul writes:

I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles. (Romans 1:11-13)

By meeting in person, Paul wanted to provide a spiritual gift to the Roman church, the encouragement of their faith. And this gift goes both ways – his faith would be encouraged by them as well.

Meeting with our mission partners is interesting to hear the cultural differences across the world, even the work itself and supporting it. But it also provides opportunity to fortify one another's faith in Jesus Christ.

Though it can be challenging due to various circumstances, it is worth striving to meet together that a fruitful ministry (harvest) can occur in our congregation. So, make the most of encouraging the Lovell's, and being encouraged by them.

- Sam Pursell

# **Church News**

## Coffee and Dessert night

Join us this **Wednesday 28**<sup>th</sup> **March** at **7pm** for a special coffee and dessert night with Adrian and Anita.

## 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.

#### **Easter Services**

Join us at **9.00am** for a special **Good Friday** service on Friday **7**<sup>th</sup> **April** with Hot Cross Buns.

On Easter Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, we will have the one service at **9:30am** after which children are invited to join us for a special Easter Egg Hunt.

## **AGM Appointments**

We give thanks to God for our new office holders in 2023. Pray that they will work well together to bring the gospel of Jesus to Oak Flats and beyond.

Our **Wardens** are Geoff Kyngdon, Andy Peters and Peter Taylor.

Our **Parish Councillors** are Peter Firley, Harley Mills, David Orange, Phil Pratt, Rick Siles and Ed Stanojevic.

Our **Nominators** are Geoff Kyngdon, Magda Peters, Phil Pratt, Rhonda Slocombe and Ed Stanojevic.

Our **Synod** Representatives are Geoff Kyngdon and Harley Mills.

## **Birthdays**

26thPaul Hall31stSusan Pursell27thDianne Young1stCynthea Smith28thMia Klasson

## **Financial Update**

(YTD 23rd March 2023)

Income \$41,458 Expenses \$42,809 Difference -\$1,351

#### GIVE ELECTRONICALLY - BANK DETAILS

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

## The people who are serving us

9.30am 26th Mar 2nd Apr 26th Mar 2nd Apr 5pm Welcomer: D & J Orange R Eton/ Welcomer: V O'Regan G Kyngdon P Moore Bible Reader: **G** Taylor D Rainey Bible Reader: D Young R Slocombe Praver Leader: E Stanoievic P Taylor Prayer Leader: Afternoon Tea: P Taylor V O'Regan S Stanojevic G Taylor Kids Church: P Moore/ M Klasson/ AT Clean Up: D Rainev P Taylor G Taylor J Mills Dinner: H Wagemans Morning Tea: R Eton/ R Hannam/

M Klasson B Mayhew MT Clean Up: K Eton R Hannam

Saturday Cleaning: D & J Orange/J Evans Saturday Mowing: N/A

# Luke's Gospel

# The Road of Emmaus

# Luke 24:13-35 Adrian Lovell • 26th March 2023

Introduction: An amazing story

Scene 1: on the road

Next Sunday...

Scene 2: at the table		
Scene 3: In Jerusalem		
Conclusion:		
2.		
3.		

'The transfiguration' • Sam Pursell • Readings: Psalm 6:1-10 & Luke 9:28-36

## 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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**Prayer Coordinator:** Geoff Kyngdon - 0417 044 565 - geoff.kyngdon@oakflatsanglican.com **Safe Ministry Representative:** Harley Mills - 0409 562 932 - harley.mills@oakflatsanglican.com

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# **Prayers**

#### **CURRENT PRAYERS**

#### The Broader Immediate

State Election on the 25th: for any Christians who may be standing; for honesty and integrity to be found in all who are elected.

Party leaders to lead knowing they are accountable for all their actions as we all are.

#### The Local Immediate

Our New Parish Council and Sam as he leads it. For those elected and/or appointed to participate fully with wisdom in setting priorities and acting on them.

Sufficient resources to support all initiatives; old or new.

#### The World

Peace in Ukraine after 12 months of conflict. The refugees and those supporting them.

Famine and poverty across the world; food and energy security.

#### **Our World**

Our leaders at all levels - Christian especially.

Public sector workers.

## **Our Fellowship**

The Lovell's visit - fellowship & encouragement.

Those in our midst who are going through difficult time.

## People in need

Olga & John Covetz, Dave & Jan Crook, Auriel & Barrie Hadley, Robert & Raija Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Colleen McDonall, Joy Meyer, Debbie Paget, Pat Pepper, 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 Andrews 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.