



## Be strong and courageous

Some weeks you can see that all the balls you are juggling will hit the ground, and you just wonder where they will land. It causes me to take to heart the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:33-34:

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

In my Bible reading this morning I was directed to the first chapters of Joshua. With the uncertainty of what crossing over into the promised land will bring, God repeatedly says to Joshua and the people, 'Be strong and courageous.' In facing their enemies, in keeping the law, in obeying Joshua's leadership, they should be strong and courageous. But these things are difficult and anxiety inducing. How can they do it? Not by their power and pluck, but with God's presence:

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)*

Our situation is not like theirs, but we too have many challenges in life. Like the Israelites, we too can be strong and courageous for we have the constant presence of God with us, even his Spirit in us. God is sovereign over all we cannot handle and cannot foresee.

I don't know what you face, but do not forget that God is with you wherever you go, and will bring you through all the mess of life. In Jesus, we can be strong and courageous. For he has overcome the world, sin and death; he is with us to the end of the age; and he and will draw all things together for good in his future kingdom.

- Sam Pursell

# Church News

## Refuge Boys update

Due to a change of circumstances, Refuge Boys youth group will be on hiatus for the foreseeable future.

## Rosters - Term 2

The rosters for all those serving have been emailed. Please make sure you check your inbox to find out when you are serving.

Paper copies are available for pick up at the welcome desk.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and the many different ways you serve our church family.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or need to make a change.

## 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.

## Christianity Explored

Christianity Explored is a seven week course that gives you time and space to think about the big questions of life.

It explores the life of Jesus, who is at the heart of the Christian Faith.

Open to everyone. Register at [oakflatsanglican.com/christianityexplored](http://oakflatsanglican.com/christianityexplored).

## Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> Carmen Bonnici  
Karen Laird  
John Wilson

## Anniversaries

6<sup>th</sup> John & Olga Covetz

## Financial Update

(YTD 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023)

Income \$415,170

Expenses \$43,857

Difference \$1,313

### GIVE ELECTRONICALLY - BANK DETAILS

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

## The people who are serving us

	9am Good Friday				
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	5pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr
<b>Welcomer:</b>	R Eton/P Moore	K & R Eton	D & J Orange	<b>Welcomer:</b>	G Kyngdon
<b>Bible Reader:</b>	R Slocombe	J Stavert	R Hannam	<b>Bible Reader:</b>	D Rainey
<b>Prayer Leader:</b>	V O'Regan	P Taylor	J Mills	<b>Prayer Leader:</b>	P Taylor
<b>Kids Church:</b>	M Klasson/J Mills	N/A	N/A	<b>Afternoon Tea:</b>	G Taylor
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	R Hannam/ B Mayhew	C Pratt/ G Taylor	R Hannam/ M Klasson	<b>AT Clean Up:</b>	P Taylor
<b>MT Clean Up:</b>	R Hannam	C Bonnici	P Pratt	<b>Dinner:</b>	H Wagemans

**Saturday Cleaning:** P & C Pratt/V O'Regan

**Saturday Mowing:** J Klasson/Z Adams

*Luke's Gospel*

# The transfiguration

Luke 9:28-36

Sam Pursell • 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

1. Be confident in him (28-29)

2. Be saved by him (30-33)

3. Listen to him (34-36)

*Good Friday...*

'The king is crucified' • Mark 15:1-41

*Easter Sunday...*

'The king is risen' • Mark 15:40-16:8

# 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

### Post State Election

Chris Minns, the new Premier.

All elected or re-elected members of both Houses.

### Pressing Community Needs

Cost of living pressures still rising.

PANTRY and its ability to cope as demand rises, especially in severe hardship cases.

### Our Dear People

Rick Siles, and his family as they mourn the loss of his mother Dacia.

For those who continue to mourn the loss of close loved ones.

Those unable to attend Church.

**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.

### All our Ministries

Our witness and words as EASTER 2023 nears.

Our services on Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, may they be welcoming and loving.

### The World

Ukraine for peace in the short term & for Russia to repent and move out.

## REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 1 OF 4)

### Government

King Charles.

The Prime Minister and federal politicians.

The Premier and NSW state politicians.

Our Mayor and local government.

Those serving in the defence forces, including chaplains.

### The World

International leaders.

The persecuted church.

### Local Community

Oak Flats Public, Balarang Public and Oak Flats High schools.

Emergency services.

Local community groups.

Indigenous communities.

The poor.

People with physical, mental illness.

People socially disconnected.

### Church members

Ida Aichatz

Carol & Zac Adams

Dave, Jan, Sienna, Abigail & Ashkan Crook

Joy & Peter Evans

Colleen McDonall

*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).*