



The resurrection is real

We live in a sceptical, you might even say a cynical world.

Many who appreciate an Easter long weekend, are sceptical about its message - that Jesus' death was a ransom for our sins and he was raised from death as a demonstration that he is the Lord of life.

Scepticism about this has been around for as long as the message itself. From the beginning some called it foolishness. Scepticism about Jesus is not a 21st Century phenomenon.

Jesus' own disciple Thomas was not convinced of the resurrection - until an encounter with the risen Jesus took away his doubt.

Jesus' resurrection was physical and real. Death really was defeated. The gospel writers tell us the tomb was empty. Jesus not only appeared but spoke, ate, talked, and walked with people like Thomas, and people like you and me.

Have you experienced the true meaning of Easter?

You could start by visiting a local church to hear more about how Jesus' resurrection changes everything. Or pick up a gospel and read about Jesus for yourself.

This is not just another long weekend. The Lordship of Jesus is real - he is Lord over death, Lord over life, Lord over us. I hope you may learn more of him this Easter.

Kanishka Raffel
Archbishop of Sydney
Easter 2023

Church News



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.

Children programs

During school holidays our normal children's programs take a break until after Sunday 23rd April.

Activity sheets are available for children at our services.

Birthdays

11th Rhonda Slocombe

Anniversaries

Financial Update

(YTD 5th April 2023)

Income \$47,611

Expenses \$51,562

Difference **-\$3,951**

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY - BANK DETAILS

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

The people who are serving us

	9am Good Friday 7 th Apr	9:30am 9 th Apr	9:30am 16 th Apr	5pm 16 th Apr
Welcomer:	K & R Eton	D & J Orange	G Kyngdon/ V O'Regan	Welcomer: E Stokes
Bible Reader:	J Stavert	R Hannam	P Moore	Bible Reader: E Stanojevic
Prayer Leader:	P Taylor	J Mills	D Young	Prayer Leader: V O'Regan
Morning Tea:	C Pratt/ G Taylor	R Hannam/ M Klasson	C Bonnici/ B Mayhew	Afternoon Tea: H Mills
MT Clean Up:	C Bonnici	P Pratt	R Hannam	AT Clean Up: D Rainey

Saturday Cleaning: J & M Klasson/B Clark

Saturday Mowing: N/A

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

The World:

Peace in Ukraine.

NATO leaders following Finland's membership being confirmed.

Russian restraint in the face of the decision.

Those who continue to mourn in the Region.

Our Immediate World:

The new NSW Government.

For sound and partisan leadership for the whole State.

Christian freedoms under serious threat.

Our Ministries

Key outreach efforts: PLAYMAKERS and PANTRY.

Wisdom and boldness for all involved for the cause of the Gospel.

The future of youth ministries.

Our Dear People

Those with special needs, known to us.

Others just struggling with life in our pressured world.

School Holiday safety.

Rick Siles and family as they continue to mourn the loss of Dacia.

People in need:

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

REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 2 OF 4)

Mission Partners

Adrian and Anita Lovell, training Christian leaders in Bolivia with the Church Missionary Society (CMS).

Roger and Amanda Kyngdon, working with Bush Church Aid (BCA) in Newman, WA.

Southern Illawarra Schools Ministry Board (SISMB) supporting High School scripture in Oak Flats and Albion Park High schools.

Matthew Meek, ministry to overseas university students with AFES.

Stewart Continuing Ministries, training leaders of the persecuted church.

Grahame and Patty Scarratt, providing distance training for ministers in Latin America.

Christian Organisations

Evangelism and New Churches.

Moore Theological College.

Mary Andrew's College.

Sydney Missionary & Bible College (SMBC).

Youthworks.

Bible Society.

Ministry Training Strategy (MTS).

Church members

Belinda, Peter, Zacharie & Samuel Firley

Pauline Kirby

Geoff Kyngdon

Harley & Jane Mills

Valerie O'Regan

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.

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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Easter 2023

The King is Risen

Mark 15:40-16:8

Sam Pursell • Easter Sunday 9th April 2023

1. The disappointing king

2. The vindicated king

3. The saving king

Next Sunday...

'Misunderstanding Jesus' • Sam Pursell • Readings: Psalm 7:1-17 & Luke 9:37-50