



Training the future

As most of you know, I recently got a new puppy, Kenobi. We have been attending puppy preschool for the last couple of weeks, and he will graduate soon. As I have been thinking about training I was reminded about the passage Proverbs 22:6:

*Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*

Throughout Scripture, God is pretty clear about the responsibility He places in the hands of parents. None is more clear than Deuteronomy 6:6-7: “

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up..”

Those who are parents have a responsibility to teach children what matters to God. It doesn't mean forcing them into a certain set of beliefs or rituals; rather, it means demonstrating a real faith – one that puts the focus on loving God and loving others. However, I believe that we all have this responsibility as the church and family of God. Children are going to learn about the world around them and their role in it. If they don't learn from us, they will learn from someone else. Children are sponges - they soak up everything, both good and bad.

So, how are you training the future generation? Do you imitate and walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us? Children often imitate what they see. They learn how to act by seeing how we act. They'll only know how to love by seeing how we love. If they are imitating us, and we are imitating God, then the children in our church will grow up knowing what it means to follow Christ.

- Valerie O'Regan

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.

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

16th Samuel Firley
17th Sam Pursell
21st Peter Firley
Adrian Lovell (Mission Partner)

Introduction to Pastoral Care

**5 day course - Wednesdays in May
9.00am to 2.30pm.**

\$300 / 150 concession. Shellharbour City Anglican Church

Register before 26 April via Anglicare (anglicare.org.au/events-courses-training/courses).

The Gospel Coalition Illawarra Regional Ministry Conference

Monday 1st May from 2.30-9pm at Wollongong Baptist Church.

Rev. Dr. Gavin Perkins will be speaking on the theme of Total Dependence (the power of the gospel and prayer).

The cost is \$15 including dinner. Tickets and more information at bit.ly/TGCAIllawarra.

Anniversaries

16th Matthew & Evelyn Meek
(Mission Partners)

Financial Update

(YTD 13th April 2023)

Income \$50,517

Expenses \$51,563

Difference ~~-\$1,046~~

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY - BANK DETAILS

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

The people who are serving us

9:30am	16 th Apr	23 rd Apr	5pm	16 th Apr	23 rd Apr
Welcomer:	G Kyngdon/ V O'Regan	J & M Klasson	Welcomer:	E Stokes	E Stanojevic
Bible Reader:	P Moore	K Eton	Bible Reader:	E Stanojevic	J Evans
Prayer Leader:	R Hannam	D Young	Prayer Leader:	V O'Regan	P Taylor
Morning Tea:	C Bonnici/ B Mayhew	J Mills/ R Slocombe	Afternoon Tea:	H Mills	G Taylor
MT Clean Up:	R Hannam	D Slocombe	AT Clean Up:	D Rainey	P Taylor

Saturday Cleaning: D & R Slocombe

Saturday Mowing: P Pratt/R Siles

Luke's Gospel
Misunderstanding Ministry
Luke 9:37-50
Sam Pursell • 16th April 2023

1. Rely on God's power (37-43)
2. Listen carefully to Jesus' words (43-45)
3. Welcome all into the kingdom (46-48)
4. Camaraderie with Christians (49-50)

Next Sunday...

'Determined discipleship' • Sam Pursell • Readings: Psalm 8:1-9 & Luke 9:51-62

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

World points of serious conflict:

Middle East; Jerusalem; Palestine; Lebanon; Iran; Syrian civil war; Myanmar: civil unrest. China; USA; Northern Ireland; Ukraine & Russia.

East Africa Hunger Crisis.

NATO and the newest member state Finland.

Fears of a World-Wide Recession starting in 2023.

Our World:

Cost of living conflicts; energy issues biting deeper as winter nears.

Homelessness on the rise across the country.

May Federal Budget.

The Voice and the challenge of healing division across our nation.

Domestic violence on the rise.

Our Hope:

Our Sovereign God. His inerrant Word; a Word for all seasons.

His gift to us of prayer.

His promise to never desert us ever.

Our Dear People

Those with special needs known to us.

Others facing serious family issues including illness.

Our families with young children especially. School Holiday safety.

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 3 OF 4)

Church ministries

Kids' Church, Kids Club, Playmakers playgroup.

Youth ministry

School Scripture (SRE).

Bible Study groups.

Anglicare Community Pantry

Women's and Men's ministry.

Ministry to seniors.

Members unable to attend church

Those house-bound or living in nursing homes including Bob & Margaret Abrahams, Olga Covetz, Audrey Ford, Lily Lyddiard, Merv Sercombe, Chris Wilson.

Staff and Senior Leadership

Our Minister Sam Pursell, his wife Susan and their kids Ed, Mary and Angela.

Valerie O'Regan (Parish Administrator).

Wardens and Parish Councillors.

Diocesan Leadership

Archbishop of Sydney, Kanishka Raffel.

Bishop of Wollongong, Peter Hayward.

Church members

Pam Moore

David & Jenny Orange

Andy & Magda Peters

Phil & Coralie Pratt

Ann, Josh, Emmy & Arthur Stavert

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.