



Safety in what?

Australia is a very safe country. Perhaps today, it is safer than it ever has been. Yet no matter how protected we are, there is a consistent and overriding call for things to be more harm free. Safety is good, but life cannot be made completely risk-free, and attempts to do so can have unhelpful consequences.

When it comes to children, we acknowledge that some risk is necessary for growth and development. Where once playgrounds were being designed with safety as the overriding concern, adventure play is now replacing bland and boring designs with more interesting and developmentally appropriate objects.

Similarly, when it raising children as disciples of Jesus, it is good for parents can be careful with the major influences in a child's life. But no parent is omniscient or omnipotent over a child's external environment or internal thoughts. Nor should they be. Sometimes Christians err in this regard by considering themselves the shield of 'safety' in protecting their children from the influences of the world. However, upon adulthood (or earlier) the child has felt so constrained they long to be free of the suffocating form of Christianity they experienced, or are so unprepared for the world outside the Christian bubble that they are overwhelmed.

Proverbs 14:26-27 gives us wisdom on this point. Christian parents need to teach that the Lord is our absolute shield in life, and in him we have safety and security. In fearing him is a fountain of knowledge for how to live well and turn away from evil. In him and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we even have safety and restoration through suffering and death. The greatest safety which can be given is knowledge of how to know and fear the Lord God.

*Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress,
and for their children it will be a refuge.*

*The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
turning a person from the snares of death. (Proverbs 14:26-27)*

- Sam Pursell

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2023

Church News

Note of thanks

Thank you to Ruth Eton and her friend Kim, who worked incredibly hard to clear the front garden bed and plant new flowers. Great job!

Office Closed

The church office will be closed next week and will re-open on **Monday 8th May**, as Val is on leave. Sam and the Wardens are available if needed.

Ladies' Dinner

This **Tuesday 2nd May** is our next Ladies' Dinner. We meet at our church and start at 6.30pm.

Guest speaker is Dianne Hillier from Anglicare. Dinner is \$10 - please register online or see Coralie to RSVP.

5pm Service Dinner

Join us for our monthly dinner after our 5pm service next Sunday, 7th May. \$5 per person.

Church Member Directory

We will be producing a new Church Member Directory.

Please head to bit.ly/3AfPtYX to update your details or check the printed copy available on the welcome desk.

Gong Men's Day

Saturday 3rd June, 9am - 2:30pm @
Figtree Anglican Church.

Speaker: Dr Brian Rosner, speaking on the topic '*The Self Made Man?*'.

Tickets: \$55/\$45 (concession).

Register at gongmensday.org.

Birthdays

1st Raija Hannam

Anniversaries

5th Harley & Jane Mills

Financial Update

(YTD 27th April 2023)

Income \$58,316

Expenses \$58,320

Difference **-\$4**

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY - BANK DETAILS

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

The people who are serving us

9:30am	30 th Apr	7 th May	5pm	30 th Apr	7 th May
Welcomer:	B Clark/ P Moore	G Kyngdon/ P Moore	Welcomer:	D Rainey	R Slocombe
Bible Reader:	R Eton	R Thomas	Bible Reader:	E Hick	D Rainey
Prayer Leader:	D Orange	J Stavert	Prayer Leader:	P Taylor	H Mills
Morning Tea:	M Klasson/ B Mayhew	C Bonnici/ R Hannam	Afternoon Tea:	S Stanojevic	E Stokes
MT Clean Up:	C Bonnici	R Hannam	AT Clean Up:	D Slocombe	E Stanojevic
Kids Church:	P Taylor	J Mills	Dinner:	N/A	P & J Evans

Saturday Cleaning: A & M Peters

Saturday Mowing: D Slocombe/P Taylor

Back from the dead???

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Paul Hall • 30th April 2023

1. "I died..."

2. Recall vs Resurrection

3. The Christian's hope

Next Sunday...

NEW SERMON SERIES - Forgiveness • *'The God who forgives'* • Sam Pursell

Readings: Colossians 1:21-23; 2:13-14 & Romans 3:21-26; 4:3-8

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.

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

Peace in Ukraine.

World leaders including NATO.

Our World

State and Federal leaders.

The May Budget.

Children & families as school resumes.

Our Ministries

Kids Ministry including Kids Church, Kids Club and SRE.

Mobile Pantry - Phil's Bible talk.

Bible studies.

Ladies dinner this Tuesday.

Our Dear People

Those traveling - Geoff K to QLD, Slocombe's to Victoria and Val to QLD.

Grandparents setting a Christian example for them to follow.

Geoff K's Grandsons broken arm & John's Grandson scalded hand.

Children & families in our 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.

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

Carol & Zac Adams

Ida Aichatz

Lenore Armour

Carmen Bonnici

Dave, Jan, Sienna, Abigail & Ashkan Crook

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.