



A New Start: Meeting with God's family

A sixth part of living as a Christian is meeting together as the church.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

When we meet together as a church, it is not just to receive (teaching, friendship, morning tea!), but it also is a time where we give. When John Donne wrote that 'no man is an island' it was in reference to the interconnectedness of all people. For a Christian, God does not save us through Christ to be 'islands,' but part of a connected group of believers.

In meeting together, we gain something more than when it's just me and my Bible. We gain a mutual encouragement which cannot be gained by downloading sermons, and remote connection. We learn about love and good deeds, but we also stir one another up to live them out! Our presence, our interactions and our prayers keep us going in Christ, until his return. Frequently meeting together with other Christians supercharges our life as Christians.

We all know the power of good and bad habits, and gathering together is one of the best, in the light of Christ's return. That day, of course, is one of judgement or salvation depending on whether we trust in Christ and continue with him until then. So with that in mind, let's make it our habit to meet together as a congregation, and encourage each other to keep living for Jesus.

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Children’s programs

Our regular children’s programs are **taking a break** during the school holidays and will **resume after Sunday 20th July**. In the meantime, activity sheets are available for children during our Sunday service.

2025 National Grandparent Conference

Saturday 23rd August at 9am - 4:30pm
St Paul's Castle Hill & livestream.

A special day to inspire and equip grandparents to invest in the lives of their grandchildren.

In-person: \$68 (*early-bird*) / \$85

Early bird ends 23rd July

Online: \$28

Book online at ngmlegacy.com.au.



Birthdays

6th John Klasson & James Mills
11th Phil Pratt

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

12th July

Cleaning:

J & M Klasson/B Clark

Mowing:

N/A

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

KC helper:

6th July

H Mills/P Moore

B Irwin

V O'Regan

R Hannam/M Klasson

C Bonnici

N/A

13th July

J & M Klasson

TBC

H Mills

C Bonnici/J Mills

J Orange

N/A

Genesis 12-25

Investing in God's promise

Genesis 23:1-20

Sam Pursell • 6th July 2025

1. The death of Sarah (v. 1-2)
2. Possessing the land (v. 3-16)
3. Investing in God's promise (v. 17-20)

Next Sunday...

'The promise continues' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Genesis 24:1-33 & Genesis 24:34-25:11

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 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

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

One Another

For safe travels and refreshment during the school holidays, and for the Slocombes as they travel long-term.

For grace in daily living, devotion, and generosity.

Encourage one another with love, prayer, and acts of kindness.

Those in ongoing need: Bronwyn Clark, John & Olga Covetz, Kevin & Ruth Eton, Barrie & Auriel Hadley, Robert & Raija Hamman, Pauline Kirby, Graeme & Marianne Krout, Pam Moore & family, Debbie Paget, Resh Prasad, Merv & Nola Sercombe, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, Glenda & Peter Taylor, Robyn Thomas, Helen Wagemans, John Wilson.

Our Nation

For Premier Chris Minns and the NSW Government to lead with justice and compassion.

For those impacted by the wild weather on the east coast this week.

Give thanks for the SES, Fire Rescue, and other emergency services.

Our World

For peace in Ukraine and the Middle East, and wisdom for world leaders.

For safety for Christians and aid workers in conflict zones.

For Bolivia's upcoming election and for justice and stability in South America.

Uphold the persecuted church in Africa, Asia, and beyond.

REGULAR PRAYERS (Cycle 3 of 4)

Church ministries

Kids Church, Kids Club, Playmakers playgroup.

Youth ministry.

School Scripture (SRE).

Bible Study groups.

Pilates & Praise.

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 Margaret Abrahams, Olga Covetz, Lily Lyddiard, Pat Pepper, Merv Sercombe.

Staff & 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

Kathy Bruce

Bronwyn Clark

Wayne Clark

John & Olga Covetz

Dave, Jan, Sienna, Abigail & Ashkan Crook