



A New Start: Meeting the world

Our final focus of starting off as a Christian is life outside the church.

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. (Colossians 4:5-6)

In every sphere of life, Christians should be consistent: before God, with Christians and with those who don't believe. But the difference in dealing with those who do and don't believe in Christ calls for wisdom and a readiness to display his love in word and deed.

This doesn't mean perfection, but presents the reality of forgiveness, and ongoing renewal in Christ. Presenting ourselves as perfect—no matter how good we are—inevitably communicates hypocrisy, for in this life we will never be completely free from sin.

For our conversations to be wise and seasoned with salt, involves a manner and content which has been transformed by Jesus. The love, hope and joy we now find in Christ, should affect what we prioritise in life, and how we respond to what happened to us. It also should change what we say. While God has created us with unique personalities, the Holy Spirit also changes us to become more like Jesus himself.

A new life in Christ, before the world, doesn't mean inserting John 3:16 into every conversation, but gospel realities should permeate everything we do and say. Yet, there certainly will be occasions to quote, read and talk about the Bible with people in answering them in regards to the Christian hope we have!

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Pursell family on holidays

Sam, Susan and the family will be away from **Monday 14th to Sunday 20th July**. The church office is open during regular hours and our Wardens (Andy Peters and Ed Stanojevic) are also available if any matter arises.

Geoff Kyngdon absence

Geoff Kyngdon (*Warden and Prayer Coordinator*) will be serving as a locum in Newman, Western Australia, until mid-October. He remains contactable during this time via phone or email if needed. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he serves the church there.

Guest Preacher next Sunday

Next Sunday we welcome **Trevor Ackman** as our guest preacher. Trevor is a retired Anglican Minister and solicitor who lives in Kiama.

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.

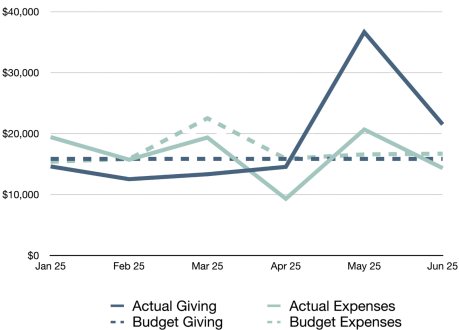
Protecting against Cyber Scams

In response to recent cyber scams—and to better protect the personal data of our members—we have now enabled two-factor authentication (2FA) for all users on *Elvanto*, our church management system.

All users will be prompted to set up 2FA using an authenticator app, available on smartphones and some desktop password managers.

If you need assistance with this process, please contact Val in the office.

Finance Update (to the end of June 2025)



June Giving
We exceeded the budget by \$5,660



Giving Year to date
We have exceeded the budget by \$18,072

Birthdays

14th Annabelle Meek
(Mission Partner)

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

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

Serving Roster

19th July

Cleaning:

P & C Pratt/R Hannam

Mowing:

N/A

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

13th July

J & M Klasson

J Orange

H Mills

C Bonnici/J Mills

J Orange

20th July

R Prasad/E Stanojevic

P Evans

D Young

B Mayhew/J Orange

D Orange

Genesis 12-25

The promise continues

Genesis 24:1-25:11

Sam Pursell • 13th July 2025

1. Finding a wife for Isaac (v.1-9)
2. God guides his promise (v.10-67)
3. The death of Abraham (v.1-11)

Next Sunday...

'Joseph: A Study in Forgiveness' • Trevor Ackman
Readings: Ephesians 4:31-5:2 & Genesis 42:3-17

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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Wardens: Geoff Kyngdon - 0417 044 565;

Andy Peters - 0414 799 001; Ed Stanojevic - 0405 970 434

Pastoral Care: Rhonda Slocombe - 0400 679 703 - rhonda.slocombe@oakflatsanglican.com

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Safe Ministry Representative: Harley Mills - 0409 562 932 - harley.mills@oakflatsanglican.com

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Our People

For the bereaved - may they know the comfort and hope that come through Christ.

Safe travels and refreshment during the school holidays.

Ask for open hearts to see and serve those around us.

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.

Missions

CMS and the Lovells in Bolivia - for safety, wisdom, and gospel fruit.

Support AFES at UOW as they reach students for Christ.

Our Nation

State and Federal leaders - to lead with justice and compassion

For individuals and families affected by cost-of-living pressures.

Our World

For those affected by catastrophic flooding in Southern Texas and New Mexico.

Wisdom and restraint among world leaders in areas of growing tension.

Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East, and for aid to reach those in crisis.

REGULAR PRAYERS (Cycle 4 of 4)

Making Disciples of Jesus in Oak Flats

Engage

That we would engage people from our community with the grace and love God has shown to us.

Evangelise

That we would share the good news about Jesus with all people and see conversion.

Establish

That we would teach people to know and obey Christ's teaching.

That we would be true friends with people in our church.

That we would love one another and support one another in life's challenges.

Equip

That we would raise up workers for the gospel harvest.

That we would train people to various ministry roles, giving them skills, encouragement and space to flourish.

Church members

Brian Dixon

Jeanette Dunkeld

Kevin & Ruth Eton

Peter & Joy Evans

Jenni, Flynn & Rhys Faulconbridge