



REMEMBER  
AND  
PROCLAIM



## 2 Corinthians Memory Verse Odyssey

2 Corinthians is my favourite book of the Bible. The message of finding strength in weakness is particularly precious to me. But also, I feel that it's the New Testament letter where we see Paul at both his most vulnerable and most resilient. His heart is well and truly on his sleeve and the depth of his feeling for Christ and his church is laid out for all to see.

In Kids Church this term, we will be embarking on a 2 Corinthians memory verse odyssey. Each week, we'll be looking at stand-out verses from the passage and working on ways to put them to memory. There are two main ways we'll tackle this:

- Memory verse cards with the entire verse on one side and a prompt on the other. The prompt is simply the first letter of each word in the verse arranged in a continuous string to aid recall.
- A playlist of songs for each of the verses

I was brought up in a church that loved the old Scripture in Song books. There's no denying a certain 80's dagginess about those songs, but there's also no denying the effectiveness of singing to aid memorisation. 30-something years on and I couldn't unlearn those verses if I tried!

To make the playlist for this term, I trawled through YouTube and Spotify to find songs for the appropriate verses. There are certainly degrees of musicality and professionalism in the recordings, but I was encouraged by just how many other believers there are out there seeking to get God's word from 2 Corinthians into their minds and hearts.

The memory verse cards will be available for everyone, not just the kids! Some verses have short versions (marked in **bold**) and extended versions. Help yourself to a memorisation card from the foyer table. Each week, more cards will appear. Buddy up and commit to the challenge with a partner. I'm still considering whether I will drag volunteers to the lectern each week and have a Verse-Off. Adults vs kids?!

But mostly I'm hoping that, if it isn't already, 2 Corinthians might become one of your favourites, too.

- Susan Pursell

# Church News

## One to one Bible reading course

A great way to grow as a Christian and encourage others is to meet together to read the Bible and pray.

In this 4 week course we will watch a video, discuss and interact on the topics of the what, why, who and how of one to one Bible reading.

Each session will be less than one hour. Sam will run the sessions on **Sunday afternoons in August at 3pm** (10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>).

## SISMB Coffee & Dessert Night

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 7-8pm**

**All Saints Albion Park Anglican Church** will be hosting a special information night for SISMB (High School Ministry).

Come along and hear from our teachers what has been happening at Albion Park and Oak Flats High and pray for this awesome ministry.

## Give Electronically

### BANK DETAILS

**Name:** Oak Flats Anglican

**BSB:** 633 000

**Account:** 164 385 841

## Serving Roster

*Sunday*

**2<sup>nd</sup> August**

**Cleaning:**

D & J Orange/J Evans

**Mowing:**

N/A

**27<sup>th</sup> July**

**Welcomer:**

A Bentink & P Forrester

**Bible Reader:**

J Mills

**Prayer Leader:**

M Peters

**Morning Tea:**

C Bonnici/M Klasson

**MT Clean Up:**

A Peters

**Kids Church:**

R Hannam

**3<sup>rd</sup> August**

V O'Regan/TBC

A Bentink

J Stavert

P Forrester/B Irwin

C Bonnici

M Peters

## The ministry of suffering and comfort

**Sam Pursell • 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

1. The church of God together (v. 1-2)
2. The God of suffering and comfort (v. 3-5)
3. The ministry of suffering and comfort (v. 4-7)
4. Relying on the God who delivers (v. 8-11)

## Next Sunday...

*'Passion and compassion'* • Sam Pursell

**Readings:** Isaiah 49:14-16 & 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:13

# 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](http://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

### Our People

David & Rhonda Slocombe as they travel.  
Geoff Kyngdon - locum in Newman, WA.  
For those who are unwell or in ongoing need.

**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 Ministries

**Bible Studies:** Give thanks for the leaders.

**SRE:** A good start for term 3. For students ready to listen and learn.

**Playmakers:** For all who attend, especially the children. Building relationships with parents and carers.

**Friday Kids & Youth:** Harmony as the ages fellowships together. Dealing with relational issues with love and care.

**Pantry:** For softened hearts to the Gospel. Wisdom in dealing with emergency cases.

### Our Nation & World

Emergency services: Police, Fire Brigade, SES.

Rural sector: for rain at the right time.

Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

Global organisations: NATO, UN, USA.

## 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 Andrews College.

Sydney Missionary & Bible College (SMBC).

Youthworks.

Bible Society.

Ministry Training Strategy (MTS).

Gafcon.

### Church members

Erin Hick

Yvonne Hurst

Ken Illiffe

Ben, Adrianna, Elena & Henrik Irwin

Amy Kerr