



Raising children in the faith

Parents play a vital role in raising children into adulthood in life and faith. While there's much to discuss about children in the church, Deuteronomy 6:4-7 places them the primary responsibility.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 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.

Firstly, adults must take responsibility for their own love and knowledge of God. Do we truly know and love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, and strength? Do we delight in the Lord Jesus, who he is and all that he has done and will do? We must take responsibility for ourselves, to be growing, healthy, and lively Christians.

Then, from the faithful adult, conscientious teaching flows to the children. What the parent learns is repeated and passed on to the next generation. This involves all of word of God, and can happen anywhere, anytime, whether at home, on the road, in the morning or evening.

These instructions and conversations will vary depending on a child's age. When they're young more direct, while as they grow older more deliberative. We must train them to think for themselves and explore the depths of God's salvation in Christ, as well as how to live it out in the world.

It's often too easy for adults to complain about children, finding it a stress-relief valve. However, God has given adults the good responsibility of modelling and raising the next generation. Therefore, the task is before us to take up and teach the young to faithfully know and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- Sam Pursell

Church News

SISMB Coffee & Dessert Night

Thursday 7th 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.

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** (10th, 17th, 24th and 31st).

Ladies Dinner

Our next Ladies Dinner is coming up on **Tuesday, 12th August at 6:30pm**, meeting at church.

Our guest speaker for the evening is **Stacie Pakula**.

If you're not bringing a meal to share, the cost is **\$10 for dinner**.

Please sign up on the sheet provided or let **Coralie** know you're coming.

We'd love to see you there!

Office Closed

Please note that the **church office** will be **closed for the next two weeks** while Val, our Parish Administrator, is on leave. Phones and emails will still be monitored, but responses may take a little longer than usual - thank you for your patience and grace during this time.

Birthdays

6th Alex Bentink

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

Sunday

9th August

Cleaning:

A & M Peters

Mowing:

N/A

3rd August

Welcomer:

B Firley/V O'Regan

Bible Reader:

A Bentink

Prayer Leader:

J Stavert

Morning Tea:

P Forrester/B Irwin

MT Clean Up:

C Bonnici

Kids Church:

M Peters

10th August

M Peters/R Prasad

A Stavert

P Pratt

C Bonnici/R Hannam

A Peters

M Klasson

Authentic Ministry: Power in Weakness

Changing ministry and an unchanging gospel

2 Corinthians 1:12-2:13

Sam Pursell • 3rd August 2025

1. Not fickle, but faithful (v. 12-22)
2. Seeking joyful faith and forgiveness (v. 23-13)

Next Sunday...

'Glorious ministry of life' • Sam Pursell

Readings: Exodus 34:29-35 & 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:18

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

Our People

Encouragement as we all live and minister in a fallen world.

Travelling or serving elsewhere: Geoff Kyngdon, Karen Laird, Rhonda & David Slocombe.

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

SRE: Thanks for the opportunities to freely teach in the schools in the face of opposition.

Playmakers: Open hearts to the Gospel.

Friday Kids & Youth: Harmony as the ages fellowships together.

Pantry: Phil Pratt's Bible talk. For softened hearts to the Gospel.

Ladies Dinner: For an encouraging night of fellowship, and for Stacie Pakula as she speaks.

Our World

Those struggling with the rising cost of living and housing pressures.

Police, emergency services, and prison chaplains as they serve under pressure.

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

Pauline Kirby

John & Mia Klasson

Graeme & Marianne Krout

Geoff Kyngdon

Karen Laird