



## Instructing children about God and his salvation

Raising children in the faith involves teaching them about God and his salvation. In Deuteronomy 6:20-21, we read:

*In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the LORD our God has commanded you?" tell him: "We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand."*

In explaining the 'why' of a way of life, history is very important. For God's people in the Old Testament, it was his saving work of the Exodus that formed them as a nation. Telling this story reminded them of their past salvation, from being oppressed slaves, to their new way of life, freed by God.

For Christians, Jesus' death and resurrection is God's greater saving work - from sin and death. By teaching about this, Christian parents explain their family patterns and behaviours (cf. Deut. 6:22-25). Parents therefore should prioritise teaching the Bible. This firstly is about knowing God - his person and work in the world. Secondly it is about our response and behaviour. The order is important, for efforts to teach 'good morals and values' without knowing God put the cart before the horse. In fact, the most valuable part of the Christian faith is a relationship with God!

Today, there are many quality Bibles available for children of different ages. Reading these with children can often bring unexpected learning for parents. One friend commented that she gained a greater grasp of cohesive storyline of the Bible while reading the Jesus Storybook Bible with her kids.

If you'd like a suggestion for an age appropriate children's Bible or Christian book, speak to Susan. There are plenty to borrow and test out from the shelf in the back hall, or you can purchase one from the book stall.

- Sam Pursell

# Church News

## One to one Bible reading course

### Kicks off today at 3pm!

Explore what one-to-one Bible reading is, why we do it, who it's for, and how to get started.

Each session includes a video and discussion, all wrapped up in under an hour, led by Sam.

## Ladies Dinner - this Tuesday!

Join us at church on **12<sup>th</sup> August, 6:30pm**, with guest speaker **Stacie Pakula**.

Bring a meal to share or pay \$10 for dinner. Sign up at church or let Coralie know.

We'd love to see you there!

## Office Closed

Please note that the **church office is still closed for this next week** 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

## Anniversaries

## Give Electronically

### BANK DETAILS

**Name:** Oak Flats Anglican

**BSB:** 633 000

**Account:** 164 385 841

### Serving Roster

*Sunday*

**16<sup>th</sup> August**

**Cleaning:**

J & M Klasson/B Clark

**Mowing:**

D Paduch/P Pratt

**10<sup>th</sup> August**

**Welcomer:** M Peters/R Prasad

**Bible Reader:** A Stavert

**Prayer Leader:** P Pratt

**Morning Tea:** C Bonnici/R Hannam

**MT Clean Up:** A Peters

**Kids Church:** M Klasson

**17<sup>th</sup> August**

J & M Klasson

E Stanojevic

D Young

B Mayhew/J Mills

P Pratt

B Firley

*Authentic Ministry: Power in Weakness*

# **Glorious ministry of life**

**2 Corinthians 2:14-3:18**

**Sam Pursell • 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

1. Paraded as captives, with a pungent message (14-17)
2. Commended by the Holy Spirit (1-3)
3. Competent and confident because of God (4-6)
4. A more glorious ministry than Moses (7-18)

***Next Sunday...***

*'The power is from God'* • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Psalm 116:1-19 & 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

# 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](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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