



Where did they go? What did they do when they got there?

Following Pentecost (Acts 2), persecution of the early Christians ramped up dramatically. Thousands were added to the Church “overnight” and could not be ignored. Suddenly the leaders realised killing Jesus had failed to kill the sect, but fuelled its growth. What should be done next to avoid further growth.

Under severe pressure, few of us act wisely. The Romans and Jews were no different and together they moved to persecute Christians out of house and home, forcing many to flee to other domiciles. They were difficult times of great suffering as they did so, but this action failed quell Church growth.

The movement of people (refugees) became known as the great dispersion (diaspora) as people fled. What did they do as they went and eventually settled elsewhere? They spread the Good News, set up caring communities and went on serving the Lord.

In our society, we have immigrant groups known as the diaspora from a range of nations. NCNC ministers to groups from the Sub continent, Nepal and others places The World has come to us in turn we can introduce many to the Hope of Jesus.

In Newman the diaspora is evident with growing numbers from Africa, the Philippines, NZ, and Pacific Island nations. Some are believers, most have only come for the work and big salaries.

We may be free from serious persecution, but as we “move” homes or travel or just live in our communities, we are a modern dispersion and can easily tell all who might listen of the only Hope lasting into Eternity.

In Matthew 28, Jesus left us with the Great Commission, with no opt out clause. What are we to do? *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...”* NASB. It is a big challenge just like the Big Truck that welcomes all to Newman.

- Geoff Kyngdon

Further reading: “The Rise and Rise of Christianity” By Rodney Stark AD

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST 2025

Church News

Office Reopening

Val is back from her time off (welcome back!), and normal church office hours will resume from tomorrow, **Monday 18th August**.

Thank you for your patience and grace over the past two weeks while she was on leave.

Southern Cross Magazine

The latest issue of Southern Cross is available online or you can pick up a copy at the welcoming desk.

Ladies Craft Afternoon

Saturday 30th August, 2pm to 4pm.

Ladies! You are invited to come together for a fun afternoon at the church.

Bring along any craft or knitting that you might

be working on.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

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BANK DETAILS

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Serving Roster

<i>Sunday</i>		17th August	24th August
23rd August			
Cleaning:	Welcomer:	J & M KlassonA Bentink & P Forrester	G Taylor
P & C Pratt/R Hannam	Bible Reader:	E Stanojevic	H Mills
Mowing:	Prayer Leader:	D Young	C Bonnici/M Klasson
N/A	Morning Tea:	B Mayhew/J Mills	J Mills
	MT Clean Up:	P Pratt	V O'Regan
	Kids Church:	B Firley	

Authentic Ministry: Power in Weakness

God's glory shines through cracked jars

2 Corinthians 4:1-15

Sam Pursell • 17th August 2025

1. Ministry motivation, method and message (1-6)

2. Power in a paper cup (7-9)

3. Life in the midst of death (10-12)

4. Believing leads to speaking (13-15)

Next Sunday...

'Our hope is in God' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Isaiah 38:9-20 & 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

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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