

## Are we hungry for all God has for us?

So many books, both Christian and secular have been written about finding contentment, finding happiness and being all you were born to be. In control and confident. For some of us, there is a hunger for more in life. Here is where a danger lies...where do you look as a Christian? Do we look online to self-help blogs? Look to the One who has redeemed us. His Word is alive and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword.

The idea of "Hungering for more of God" has been going through my mind lately and I have been looking up scripture for an understanding of what that is and what it looks like in my everyday life, and yours too.

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled. (Mathew 5:6, NIV)*

*As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for you, my God. (Psalm 42:1, NIV)*

These are just two instances, yet there is much more in scripture about not getting spiritually comfortable, but wanting all that God has for us, daily. To hunger for more relationship with Him through His Spirit, because Jesus, God's Son came to restore our fractured relationship with God. Such a kind and good Holy God. Let's not lose sight though, that we do have a part in this.

Hungering is not about trying to earn what is a gift, but being aware of having too much world and not enough Word in our lives. We need daily input into our spirits; they get battered every day by so much around us. Let's be intentional in our faith.

- Kathy Bruce

# Church News

## Ladies Craft Afternoon

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.


## Parenting in a Consent and Respect World

The digital age has increased the sexualisation of children and teens, raising concerns for parents and teachers. In this seminar, Marshall Ballantine-Jones will explore how online influences shape young minds and behaviours, and share six practical strategies to help children build resilience, resist pressures, and develop healthy relationships.

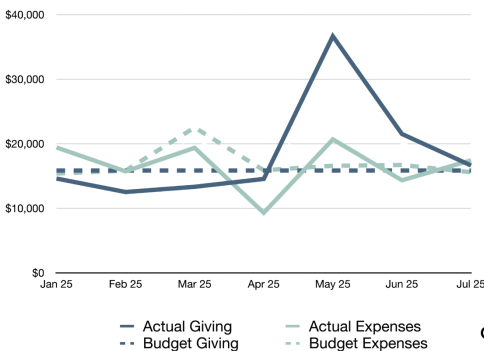
 **Where:** Calderwood Christian School

 **When:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August

 **Time:** 7.00–8.30pm

 **RSVP:** Register online at [tinyurl.com/MarshallSeminar25825](https://tinyurl.com/MarshallSeminar25825)

## Finance Update (to the end of July 2025)



**July Giving**  
We exceeded the budget by \$785



**Giving Year to date**  
We have exceeded the budget by \$18,857

## Give Electronically

### BANK DETAILS

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

## Serving Roster

**Sunday**

**30<sup>th</sup> August**

**Cleaning:**

P & C Pratt/R Hannam

**Mowing:**

N/A

**24<sup>th</sup> August**

**Welcomer:**

A Bentink & P Forrester

**Bible Reader:**

G Taylor

**Prayer Leader:**

H Mills

**Morning Tea:**

C Bonnici/M Klasson

**MT Clean Up:**

J Mills

**Kids Church:**

V O'Regan

**31<sup>st</sup> August**

**TBC**

B Irwin

J Stavert

C Bonnici/B Mayhew

**TBC**

K Laird

*Authentic Ministry: Power in Weakness*

# **Resurrection confidence**

**2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10**

**Sam Pursell • 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

1. Outwardly ruined, inwardly renewed (v. 16-18)

2. Desiring our eternal body (v. 1-5)

3. Courageous in life and death (v. 6-10)

***Next Sunday...***

*'Ambassadors of Christ'* • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Isaiah 49:8-9a & 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

# 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

**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 Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Graeme & Marianne Krout, Pam Moore & family, David Paduch, Debbie Paget, Resh Prasad, Merv & Nola Sercombe, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, Glenda & Peter Taylor, Robyn Thomas, Helen Wagemans, John Wilson.

### Outreach & Ministries

**Playmakers:** reaching young families.

Friday Kids & Youth: leaders - Harley, Val, Karen, Sam & Joy; recent helpers - Ed, David O & Jenny.

**Pantry:** morning tea & Bible talk.

**Bible Study groups:** thanksgiving for leaders' willingness and preparation.

**Sunday Services:** that people would be encouraged in faith, and newcomers would feel welcomed.

### Church leadership

**Parish Council:** wisdom as they meet monthly to discuss church matters.

**Wardens & Treasurer:** guidance in stewarding finances and property for God's glory.

**Future Leaders:** that God would raise up new men and women to serve in leadership roles.

### Our World

Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East.  
Middle East: hostages to be released, food supplies to reach those in need & medical teams assisting casualties.  
Wisdom for NATO, USA, UK, and UN leaders working towards peace.

## 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

Resh Prasad

Phil & Coralie Pratt

Sam, Susan, Ed, Mary & Angela Pursell

Allan Quinn

Jeanette Riley