



## Modelling our faith

When discipling others, sometimes we explicitly teach, yet at all times we implicitly model what it means to live for Jesus. This occurs across all the ages and stages in a church congregation, and is particularly relevant for Christian parents raising children. Paul writes:

*Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)*

Taking responsibility for our own love of Christ and holiness, is an important way to grow others. This is not about perfection, but the ever-constant endeavour to follow the Lord Jesus. When we are loving, joyful, gracious to others, gentle, self-controlled, forgiving and patient, we set an example of Christlikeness, and display what it means to follow him.

Thinking as a parent, in the moments when I am impatient, cranky, harsh (and all the rest), how do I model the importance and means of regaining control of myself, changing my behaviour and apologising to those I have treated poorly? Likewise forgiving others, and not being embittered towards them? These actions are good for our relationships in the first instance, but also are a teaching moment. This is important for adult Christians to learn, and vital for children.

Our Christian faith is lived out between me and God, and also in relation to other people. We may fixate on an individualistic faith, and not realise the effect we have on the network of people and relationships around us. Our Christlikeness is a blessing, and can encourage others, and cause them to change for the better in following him.

Humanity is far from perfect, in fact, sinful and evil. Yet Jesus dwelt among us, saved us and set an example for us. He renews us now, through the power of the Holy Spirit. And he works through each of us, one towards another, to live with Christ as Lord of our lives.

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.

- Sam Pursell

**WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2025**

# Church News

## Rosters - Term 4

It's time to prepare the Term 4 rosters, which will run from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September through to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

If you serve in any capacity, please check your availability and advise the office of any dates you are unable to serve. This helps us ensure all areas are covered and our services run smoothly.

Thank you for your faithful service and for being a blessing to our church family!

## Spring Regional Prayer Diary

The latest Wollongong Regional Prayer diary is now available to [download](#).

Printed copies are also available on the welcome desk.

## BCA Boxes due

It's box opening time!

If you've been collecting coins for Bush Church Aid (BCA) please return them for counting.

## Birthdays

31<sup>st</sup>     Theo Browne

## Anniversaries

## Give Electronically

### BANK DETAILS

<b>Name:</b> Oak Flats Anglican	<b>BSB:</b> 633 000	<b>Account:</b> 164 385 841
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## Serving Roster

<i>Saturday</i> <b>6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<i>Sunday</i> <b>31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>Cleaning:</b> J & M Klasson/B Clark	<b>Welcomer:</b> P & J Evans	H Mills/P Moore
<b>Mowing:</b> A Peters/TBC	<b>Bible Reader:</b> B Irwin	J Stavert
	<b>Prayer Leader:</b> J Stavert	D Young
	<b>Morning Tea:</b> C Bonnici/B Mayhew	P Forrester/B Irwin
	<b>MT Clean Up:</b> H Mills	C Bonnici
	<b>Kids Church:</b> K Laird	R Hannam

*Authentic Ministry: Power in Weakness*

# **Ambassadors of Christ**

**2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2**

**Sam Pursell • 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

1. Persuading others (v. 11-15)
2. Reconciling the world to Christ (v. 16-19)
3. Ambassadors with an appeal of salvation (v. 20-2)

***Next Sunday...***

*'Wholehearted ministry'* • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Jeremiah 1:4-19 & 2 Corinthians 6:3-13

# 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

### Church family

Thank God for the fellowship we share in Christ.

Growth in love, holiness, and godliness.

**Travelling & serving elsewhere:** Geoff

Kyngdon, 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

**Pantry, Playmakers, SRE, Friday Kids & Youth**

For all the leaders and supporters. Wisdom in leading at all times.

For all the Gospel opportunities in "group" or one on one.

For God to work in the hearts of the unsaved.

### Community and World

Those in need locally (the lonely, unemployed, struggling families).

Wisdom for our government and leaders.

Police incident in Porepunkah, Victoria.

Peace in conflict areas and relief for those suffering injustice or natural disasters.

## REGULAR PRAYERS (Cycle 2 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

Merv & Nola Sercombe

David & Rhonda Slocombe

Cynthea Smith

Ed Stanojevic

Sandra Stanojevic