



## 'The Jesus I Never Knew' - Jodi's story

What happens when the Jesus you thought you knew turns out to be someone far greater? In this story from Naomi Reed's *'Every Moment, Everywhere'*, Jodi discovers grace she could never earn and a God who truly fixes what we cannot.

"When I was 11, our mother died. It was sudden and unexpected. I'm the eldest of four, with a significantly disabled younger sister and two younger brothers. Afterwards, I carried a lot of hurt.

After school, I went to university in Albury, country New South Wales, and I had to find my own accommodation. I stumbled across a Presbyterian church that rented out their manse to students. It was directly across from the uni bar, so I applied! In the application, you had to say you were a Christian, and I lied. I didn't think there were any real Christians anymore!

But when I got there, it took me about three weeks to realise that three of the students were actually Christians. There was one girl who was kind and friendly... She would pray to God and read her Bible. She spoke about God as if he was someone she knew quite well. I was really intrigued by that.

Eventually I went with her to campus Bible study. They were reading the Gospel of John together... I thought, 'Wow, this is not the Jesus I knew!'

I remember the first time I read Romans 8:1. It really resonated with me. We are not condemned. There is nothing his death cannot cover! We can't fix it ourselves, but he can."

Jodi's story reminds us that God often works through simple, genuine friendship. May we live in such a way that our love for Jesus naturally overflows into the lives of those around us.

- Valerie O'Regan

*If you wish to read Jodi's full story, along with many other Australian faith stories, the book is available at [koorong.com](http://koorong.com)*

**WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

# Church News

## Guest Preacher

Today we welcome **Trevor Ackman** as our guest preacher.

Please take the opportunity to encourage him after the service.

## Sam on leave

Sam has been on leave up until today. He will be back on deck as of tomorrow,

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.**

Give thanks for his time away, safe travels and for the Pursell family as they welcome him home.

## Church Spring Cleaning

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am**

Come for as long as you can, even if it's just for an hour or two.

There is a list of jobs that you can sign up to complete on the day (or in your own time).

Contact Harley for more information.

## Next Sunday - 28<sup>th</sup> September

**Guest Preacher:** Jodie McNeill will be opening God's Word with us.

**Pot Luck Lunch:** let's enjoy good food and great fellowship together!

Please sign up to bring a plate of food to share.

## Rosters - Term 4

The rosters for all those serving have been emailed. Please make sure you check your inbox to find out when you are serving. Paper copies are available for pick up at the welcome desk.

## Southern Cross Magazine

The latest issue of Southern Cross is available online at [magazine.sydneyanglicans.net/](http://magazine.sydneyanglicans.net/) or you can pick up a copy at the welcoming desk.

## BCA Boxes due

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

## Anniversaries

21<sup>st</sup> Matthew Meek (*Mission Partner*)

24<sup>th</sup> Pam & Gerry Moore

## Birthdays

## Give Electronically

### BANK DETAILS

**Name:** Oak Flats Anglican

**BSB:** 633 000

**Account:** 164 385 841

### Serving Roster

*Saturday*

**27<sup>th</sup> September**

**Cleaning:**

D & J Orange/J Evans

**Mowing:**

J Klasson/P Pratt

*Sunday*

**Welcomer:**

**Bible Reader:**

**Prayer Leader:**

**Morning Tea:**

**MT Clean Up:**

**Kids Church:**

**21<sup>st</sup> September**

H Mills/V O'Regan

D Young

M Peters

J & A Stavert

C Bonnici

M Klasson

**28<sup>th</sup> September**

R Prasad/E Stanojevic

J Mills

D Young

C Bonnici/J Orange

D Orange

N/A

# Nothing But the Truth

1 John 1:1-10

Trevor Ackman • 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

***Next Sunday...***

*'Real Hope, Real Jesus'* • Jodie McNeill • **Readings:** Genesis 3:1-24 & Romans 8:18-25

# 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).

## 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 life

Comfort for those who are grieving.

**Away from Oak Flats:** Geoff Kyngdon, David & Rhonda 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, Ann Stavert, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, Robyn Thomas, Helen Wagemans, John Wilson.

**Special Events:** Spring Cleaning Day (safety, fellowship, joy in serving), and for good fellowship together at the Pot Luck Lunch.

**Music Ministry:** for volunteers who use their gifts to lead us in praise, and pray for wisdom as they prepare and choose songs.

### Parish Leadership

**Parish Council:** Wisdom and unity as they make decisions on improving our space for ministry.

**Office:** Val in her work supporting the ministries of our church.

**Ministry Leaders:** planning for Christmas and Term 4.

### The Nation & World

Wisdom and integrity for leaders, relief for cost of living and housing pressures & unity in times of division.

Peace in Ukraine and the Middle East, protection of the innocent, wise action from world leaders, and an end to violence and injustice across nations.

## 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

Tania Young

Zac & Carol Adams

Lenore & Joe Armour

Alex Bentink & Priyani Forrester

Carmen Bonnici