



The church which serves

There is something beautiful and Biblical about a church in which everyone serves. Often churches operate by the 80/20 rule, where 20% of the people do 80% of the work. But the Bible teaches that each and every Christian is a gift of God to the congregation, and equipped by the Spirit to contribute in some way. Paul writes to the church in Ephesus:

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:15-16)

Having been equipped in 'the truth' about Jesus, by evangelists, pastors and teachers etc. (see v. 11), the whole congregation speaks and serves in love, building itself up. This is a very empowering picture, and the way God wants church to work. The work of the pulpit is followed through in the pews. We must learn, grow and serve, within our formal service time, but equally so before after, and throughout the week.

Children are included in this service too. We should value their contribution, as well as teach that service is a natural part of being a Christian. They may do this as their parents or carers serve, or with peers or other adults at church. They can contribute by welcoming, serving morning tea, music, audiovisual, stacking chairs, reading the Bible, praying and even cleaning!

It may feel easier to have the same 20% of people do the 80% of work (I know the best way this should be done!), but a healthy church seeks to have an increasingly wide range of people who serve.

- Sam Pursell

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025

Church News

Children programs

During school holidays our normal children's programs take a break until **after Sunday 12th October**.
Activity sheets will be available for children at our Sunday service.

Synod Summary

The **2025 Synod summary** for parishes is now available from the SDS website on the Synod page.
The summary highlights the key decisions of Synod, as well as action items for parishes.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

<i>Saturday</i> 11th October	<i>Sunday</i>	5th October	12th October
Cleaning: P & C Pratt/R Hannam	Welcomer:	P Moore/D Orange	J & M Klasson
Mowing: Z Adams/D Paduch	Bible Reader:	A Stavert	G Taylor
	Prayer Leader:	V O'Regan	V O'Regan
	Morning Tea:	C Bonnici/B Mayhew	B Irwin/P Forrester
	MT Clean Up:	J Orange	D Orange

Authentic Ministry: Power in Weakness

Devoted to God

2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

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1. Avoid being yoked with unbelievers (v. 14-16)

2. The temple of the living God (v. 16-18)

3. Bring holiness to completion (v. 1)

Next Sunday...

'Godly sorrow' • Sam Pursell • Readings: Isaiah 61:1-3 & 2 Corinthians 7:2-16

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. 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 Church

Our visitors. Our members who we might not know so well.

All our precious children and their families.
Deeper fellowship with others.

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, Eileen Stokes,
Allan Quinn, Robyn Thomas, Helen
Wagemans, John Wilson.

Our Communities

The thousands of lost on our doorsteps.
All our schools, students, teachers and
staff alike. For the school holidays.

Our Nation

For wisdom, integrity and compassion for
all leaders as they address cost-of-living
pressures, housing challenges, and social
division.

For healthy conversations and
understanding to grow across our
communities, even when we disagree.

Our World

For peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.
Wisdom for world leaders (NATO, UN,
USA, UK) to pursue peace, protect the
vulnerable, and deliver food and medical
aid.

REGULAR PRAYERS (Cycle 4 of 4)

Making Disciples of Jesus in Oak Flats

Engage

That we would engage people from our
community with the grace and love God
has shown to us.

Evangelise

That we would share the good news
about Jesus with all people and see
conversion.

Establish

That we would teach people to know and
obey Christ's teaching.
That we would be true friends with people
in our church.
That we would love one another and
support one another in life's challenges.

Equip

That we would raise up workers for the
gospel harvest.
That we would train people to various
ministry roles, giving them skills,
encouragement and space to flourish.

Church members

Dave, Jan, Sienna, Abigail & Ashkan Crook
Jenni & Matt Dawes; Flynn & Rhys
Faulconbridge
Brian Dixon
Jeanette Dunkeld
Kevin & Ruth Eton