



The service of speaking and being served

Last week I wrote about how we all can serve one another. Yet a few people said to me that their capacity to physically do some of the activities mentioned have been diminished in recent years. How can they now serve?

One of the most important ways of serving is 'speaking the truth in love.' Paul writes, *"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"* (Ephesians 4:15). The truth which Paul refers to here is the good news about Jesus Christ. So, we in fact serve one another when we confess how Christ has saved us, and talk about how he is working in our lives today. This speech from one to another across the church is an encouragement to keep following Jesus and a most valuable contribution to growing our faith. Sitting, eating morning tea and inspiring others in Christ is very important!

We can also pray for others without lifting a finger. Across the whole church, we have prayer on tap. We simply need to make it a regular habit of willingly offering to pray for others in their needs, as we bring our praise, requests, and sorrows before God. All Christians have access to God through prayer and we can serve other by speaking to him, even for a moment over morning tea after church. What better time is there, to serve others in prayer, that when we are already gathered as a church?

Finally, we also need to be receptive to the service of others. Pride can mean we don't transition well from thinking of ourselves as a server, to one who is served by others. Yet God teaches us humility and dependence in many ways, and receiving help is one. Similarly, recognising our limitations allows others to serve as well.

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Children & Youth programs

Playmakers, Kids Club and Refuge all start for the term this week!

Kids Church will begin next Sunday.

Please keep these groups in your prayers.

Activity sheets will still be available to complete during our service today.

Pilates & Praise

Pilates and Praise resumes for Term 4 tomorrow, **Monday 13th October at 9am.**

Come along for a time of prayer and gentle exercise.

Ladies Dinner

Join us on **Tuesday 21st October** for our next Ladies Dinner. We meet at our church and start at **6:30pm.**

Our guest speaker is **Jane Thomas**. Jane is psychologist who has worked with Anglicare.

Dinner is \$10 - please RSVP to attend or to bring a plate of food on the signup sheet.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

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Serving Roster

Saturday

18th October

Cleaning:

A & M Peters

Mowing:

N/A

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

12th October

J & M Klasson

E Pursell/G Taylor

V O'Regan

B Irwin/P Forrester

D Orange

19th October

D & J Orange

J Orange

M Peters

R Hannam/M Klasson

P Pratt

Authentic Ministry: Power in Weakness

Renewal and joy through repentance

2 Corinthians 7:2-16

Sam Pursell • 12th October 2025

1. Paul's concern for the Corinthian church (v. 2-7)
2. Godly sorrow leads to salvation (v. 8-12)
3. The refreshment of repentance and renewal (v. 13-16)

Next Sunday...

NEW SERMON SERIES We believe: The Nicene Creed

'One God, the Father, maker of heaven & Earth' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Genesis 1:1-2;
Deuteronomy 6:4-5 & Revelation 4:1-11

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.



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Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Our Church

Pantry: that shoppers would consider their need for Christ and God's Word would reach those who listen.

Pilates & Praise, Playmakers, SRE, Friday

Kids & Youth: for the leaders and attendees as they begin Term 4.

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

For locals schools, both for teachers and students as Term 4 begins.

For the lunchtime group at Oak Flats High & Joy as she assists.

For police, firefighters, and paramedics. For protection, strength, and wisdom.

Our World

Middle East: for ceasefires and hostage returns to be honoured. That aid reaches those in greatest need.

For peace in Ukraine and the withdrawal of Russian troops.

REGULAR PRAYERS (Cycle 4 of 4)

Government

King Charles.

The Prime Minister and federal politicians.

The Premier and NSW state politicians.

Our Mayor and local government.

Those serving in the defence forces, including chaplains.

The World

International leaders.

The persecuted church.

Local Community

Oak Flats Public, Balarang Public and Oak Flats High schools.

Emergency services.

Local community groups.

Indigenous communities.

The poor.

People with physical, mental illness.

People socially disconnected.

Church members

Peter & Joy Evans

Sherida Findell

Peter, Belinda, Zacharie & Samuel Firley

Barrie & Auriel Hadley

Paul & Hazel Hall