



## Why SRE Matters to All of Us

In Newman I was asked questions about Sydney Diocese that initially surprised me. They all came from visitors; one a Reformed Church Perth couple the others from the son of the first Anglican Rector in Newman (C 1969), who was visiting with his mother and brother.

The questions, on different Sundays, followed the same line: Why has Sydney remained so strong and committed to the Gospel truth in the face of many others wavering and becoming liberal? The following reasons were suggested:

- Commitment to the inerrant Word of God as the ultimate authority.
- Support of Moore College against threats to alter its focus in training women and men for ministry.
- Overall leadership (Archbishops, Synods, and others)
- SRE in the schools.

Why SRE? Since the 1880s, ministry in the Public Schools has been strongly supported. Initially, it reached children from Church families, but over time this has changed, now it represents prime Evangelism reaching more unreached young people weekly than most parishes do via all other ministries. Many students hear the Gospel for the very first time and, some have been saved. Over the years a good few have entered full-time ministry. Is it any wonder SRE opposition remains so active? Darkness will always oppose the "Light of the World," but we have the victory in Him while the battles go on.

A final suggestion was that the questioners read: *"The Foundations of Public Prosperity Evangelical Christians in Australian History 1740-1914"* by Stuart Piggins and Robert Linder. Not a tome for everyone, but well worth the effort especially if you enjoy history.

Romans 8:26-28 says it all. Please keep praying for SRE and support this key ministry.

- Geoff Kyngdon (Psalm 104)

# Church News

## Ben Irwin's Baptism

Join us as we celebrate Ben's baptism on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 1pm** at **Elliot Park** (48 Headland Parade, Barrack Point). Let's gather together to encourage Ben, support him in his faith, and give thanks to God for this wonderful moment.

All are welcome!

## Toys 'n' Tucker

A reminder to buy something extra (food & toys) to donate and also to sign up to help collect at IGA Oak Flats on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

See Sam for details.

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Join us as we celebrate **75 years of God's faithfulness** in Oak Flats!

A **Thanksgiving Service** will be held at **9:30am**, followed by a **Fellowship Lunch** that will be provided.

Come and give thanks for God's goodness through the generations!

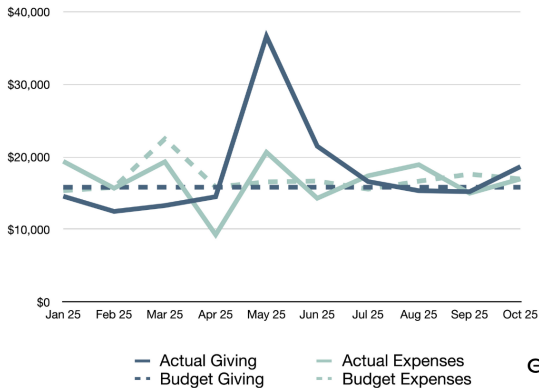
## Birthdays

19<sup>th</sup> Stuart Mills  
David Orange

## Anniversaries

16<sup>th</sup> Barrie & Auriel Hadley

## Finance Update (to the end of October)



**October Giving**  
We fell exceeded the budget by \$2,845



**Giving Year to date**  
We have exceeded the budget by \$20,611

## Give Electronically

### BANK DETAILS

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

## Serving Roster

### Saturday

**22<sup>nd</sup> November**

### Cleaning:

D & R Slocombe

### Mowing:

P Pratt/D Slocombe

### Sunday

### Welcomer:

### Bible Reader:

### Prayer Leader:

### Morning Tea:

### MT Clean Up:

### Kids Church:

### 16<sup>th</sup> November

A & M Peters

P Evans

H Mills

C Bonnici/R Slocombe

D Slocombe

R Hannam/M Klasson

### 23<sup>rd</sup> November

R Prasad & E Stanojevic

D Young

M Peters

J & A Stavert

A Peters

B Firley/R Slocombe

*We Believe: The Nicene Creed*

# **Jesus: Ascended, reigning, and will return to judge**

**Acts 1:1-11 & Acts 7:51-60**

**Sam Pursell • 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

1. Jesus ascended to heaven

2. Jesus is reigning now

3. Jesus will return to judge all

**Next Sunday...**

*'Holy Spirit: The Lord, worshipped and glorified'*

**Sam Pursell • Readings: John 14:15-27, 15:26 & Acts 2:1-21**

# 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

### Our Church

Looking out for others. Acts of kindness, care, and support. Calls, visits, gifts, prayer. 75th anniversary service, Toys 'n' Tucker, Carols & Christmas services.

**Those in ongoing need:** Bronwyn Clark, John & Olga Covetz, David Crook, Kevin & Ruth Eton, Barrie & Auriel Hadley, Robert & Rajja Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Graeme & Marianne Krout, Pam Moore & family, Debbie Paget, Resh Prasad, Merv & Nola Sercombe, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, Robyn Thomas, Helen Wagemans, John Wilson.

### Our Outreach Ministries

SRE, Playmakers, Kids Club & Refuge: weekly gospel opportunities to children, parents, and community.

Pantry ministry in a hard season, with many blessings.

Personal opportunities each day with family, friends, and community.

### Our Nation

Leaders at all levels. Justice and fairness in budget decisions.

Rural and remote communities. Rising rural crime.

The homeless and those on the margins. Ongoing housing challenges.

### Our World

Areas of tension: Middle East, Ukraine, Central America.

Christians living under pressure. Safety for missionaries.

International bodies (UN, ASEAN, EU) and key global leaders, especially in the US and EU.

## 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

Pam & Gerry Moore

Valerie O'Regan

David & Jenny Orange

David Paduch & family

Debbie Paget