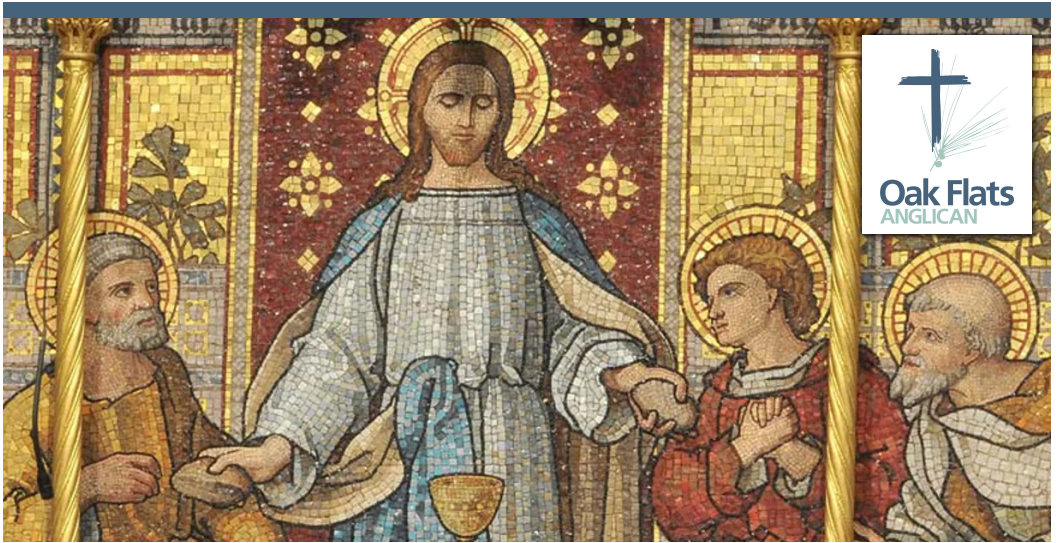




Mistakes in describing Jesus

As with the Trinity, there are errors into which we can fall when thinking about Jesus. These often centre on the nature of the incarnation, that Jesus is fully God and fully man.

Docetism – this denies Jesus' full humanity. It claims that Jesus only appeared to become human, with his physical existence an illusion. It comes from the Greek word *dokeo*, meaning 'to think, seem or appear.' It aims to honour God, but undermines the substitutionary salvation of Christ for us.

For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. (Hebrews 2:17)

Adoptionism – this denies Jesus' full divinity. It claims that Jesus was born normally as a human, and was later adopted as the Son of God – often taught to be at his baptism. However, the New Testament makes clear that Jesus is always God, who became man in his incarnation.

Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. (Philippians 2:5-7)

Nestorianism – this speaks about Jesus as if he is two persons, rather than one. It claims that the man Jesus is a different person to the divine Son of God, and switches between the two at different times during his life. But the Bible teaches that in the incarnation Jesus has two natures, divine and human, present at all times in one person.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. (John 1:14)

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Ben Irwin's Baptism

Join us today to celebrate Ben's baptism on **Sunday 23rd November at 1pm** at **Elliot Park** (48 Headland Parade, Barrack Point). 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 4th December**. See Sam for details.

75th Anniversary - Sunday 7th 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.

Rosters for Christmas & January

It is time to prepare the rosters, and this will be for over the Christmas period and January 2026. Please **advise your unavailability** to the Church Office as soon as possible.

Birthdays

24th Valerie O'Regan
29th Ashkan Myers

Ladies Christmas Dinner

Join us at 6.30pm on **Tuesday 2nd December** at our church for our final Ladies Dinner for the year.
Trinette Stanley from Anglicare is our guest speaker. Please sign up to bring a plate of food to share.

Christmas Celebrations

Dates for your diary:

- **Sunday 21st December** - annual Community Carols at **5pm** on the grass.
- **Thursday 25th December** - Christmas Day service at **9am**.

Christmas flyers will be ready soon, alongside the Pantry flyer for delivery in a letterbox drop.

Anniversaries

27th Adrian & Anita Lovell
(Mission Partners)

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

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

Serving Roster

<i>Saturday</i> 29th November	<i>Sunday</i> 23rd November	30th November
Cleaning: A & M Peters	Welcomer: R Prasad & E Stanojevic	D & R Slocombe
Mowing: N/A	Bible Reader: D Young	P Moore
	Prayer Leader: M Peters	D Young
	Morning Tea: J & A Stavert	C Bonnici/J Orange
	MT Clean Up: A Peters	D Orange
	Kids Church: B Firley/R Slocombe	R Hannam/K Laird

We Believe: The Nicene Creed

Holy Spirit: The Lord, worshipped and glorified

John 14:15-27, 15:26 & Acts 2:1-21

Sam Pursell • 23rd November 2025

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

1. The Holy Spirit, the Lord God
2. Who proceeds from the Father and Son
3. Who has spoken through the prophets

Next Sunday...

'One holy catholic and apostolic church' • Sam Pursell
Readings: Ephesians 2:4-20 & Ephesians 4:4-6

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

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 & Jan Crook, Kevin & Ruth Eton, Barrie & Auriel Hadley, Robert & Raija Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Graeme & Marianne Krout, Pam Moore & family, Debbie Paget, Resh Prasad, Merv & Nola Sercombe, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, Helen Wagemans, John Wilson.

Preparing for Christmas

Wisdom and vision. Encouraging support. Safety. Catering with support. Boldness in inviting people to join us.

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 3 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

Andy & Magda Peters
Resh Prasad
Phil & Coralie Pratt
Sam, Susan, Ed, Mary & Angela Pursell
Allan Quinn