



Why creeds?

If the Bible is sufficient for salvation and godly living (2 Tim. 3:14-17), we might ask: What is the purpose of creeds and confessions? Here are a few reasons, drawn from Carl Trueman's book *Crisis of Confidence*:

1. Better public than private

When asked about what the Bible teaches, no one proceeds to read aloud Genesis 1:1-Revelation 22:21. Rather, we all have summaries of the Bible's teaching in our minds. Making these explicit clarifies our beliefs for communication and makes critique possible. A private creed is just as, or perhaps more, susceptible to being placed over scripture than under it, compared to a public one. Having public statements give further transparency for governance, leadership and teaching ministries.

2. Not starting from scratch

Some aspects of the Scriptures and the knowledge of God are straightforward and understood easily, but others involve more thorough consideration. Creeds bring clarity and concision on matters such as the gospel, the incarnation, and the Trinity, so that they can be established across the church and taught to newcomers. It would be painful if one had to justify the details of the Trinity from scratch each week.

3. Doctrinal summary

While many things can be learned from the Bible, a good creed summarises the most important. A creed can quickly teach an outline of the Christian faith, in a way which can be recalled and later confirmed as trusted. At a baptism, the Apostle's Creed serves as a summary of the Christian faith. Similarly, when teaching, a creed establishes standards of doctrine, drawn from the Bible.

4. Unity

When we recite a creed together, it's a wonderful moment of unity, as we affirm what we believe are the core principles of Christian faith.

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Toys 'n' Tucker

There is still time to donate to Toys 'n' Tucker. Simply buy something extra while you're shopping to donate. We can provide a list of suggested items.

75th Anniversary - Sunday 7th Dec

Our 75th celebration is next week! Join us at 9:30am for a Thanksgiving Service, followed by lunch.

Ladies Christmas Dinner

Join us this **Tuesday 2nd December** at 6:30pm 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.

Rosters for Christmas & January

It is time to prepare the rosters, and this will be for over the Christmas period and January 2026.

Birthdays

- 1st David Slocombe
5th Joy Evans

Please **advise your unavailability** to the Church Office as soon as possible.

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 & Pantry letterbox drop

Can you grab a pile of brochures for our Christmas Celebrations and Pantry flyers and deliver them to our neighbourhood? Grab a pile, mark down your name, and hit the streets this week!

CMS Stamp Collecting

If you have any stamps you'd like to donate towards CMS, bring them to church and place them in the large brown box located on the Book Stall shelf.

Anniversaries

- 1st Peter & Belinda Firley
4th Roger & Amanda Kyngdon
(Mission Partners)

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

Saturday

6th December

Cleaning:

D & J Orange/J Evans

Mowing:

A Peters/D Slocombe

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

Kids Church:

30th November

D & R Slocombe

P Moore

D Young

C Bonnici/J Orange

D Orange

R Hannam/K Laird

7th December

J & M Klasson

J Evans

J Stavert

P Forrester/B Irwin

D Slocombe

B Firley/J Orange

We Believe: The Nicene Creed

One, holy, catholic and apostolic church

Ephesians 2:4-20 & Ephesians 4:4-6

Sam Pursell • 30th November 2025

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

1. One Church

2. Holy Church

3. Catholic Church

4. Apostolic Church

Next Sunday...

'Building God's holy temple' • Sam Pursell
Readings: 1 Peter 2:4-10 & Nehemiah 2:11-20

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

Praise & Thanksgiving

Thanks to God as we reflect and rest in Him and start thinking about 2026.
Financial support above and beyond.
Good fellowship, sound teaching & safety in ministry.

Our Church

All ministries: finishing well & strong for 2025. Planning for 2026

Services & Events: Toys 'n' Tucker, 75th anniversary service, Pantry Christmas lunch (11th December) , Carols & Christmas services.

Those in ongoing need: Carmen Bonnici, 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.

Australia

All leaders to act justly. Our Local Members.
Federal tensions rising along with inflation.
Cost-of-living and housing.
Remote communities and community volunteers.

The World

Areas of tension: Middle East, Lebanon, Yemen, Iran, Ukraine, Central America.
Christians living under pressure. Safety for missionaries.
USA - relations with other countries and civil disobedience.
All Christian leaders to speak out.

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

Jeanette Riley
Merv & Nola Sercombe
David & Rhonda Slocombe
Cynthea Smith
Ed Stanojevic