



The Church of England at Oak Flats – building dedication in 1951

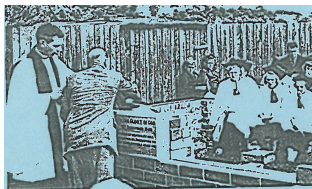
Although uncertain, it seems that church services began to be held at Oak Flats, by the Rev. Gee in 1938-39. Later, the Rev. Edwards, when Rector of Jamberoo, held services at a Public Hall, until it was demolished, and they lapsed for several years. Another beginning was made by the Rev. Gee just before he left Dapto Parish, and, with the permission of Mrs. T. Kerr, the first service was held at the Post Office Store on September 21st, 1947. A Building Fund was opened with a donation of £100 from Mr. W. H. Waters. In February, 1949, the Right Rev. G. H. Cranswick, visited the centre, and was the first Bishop to preach at Oak Flats. When Mrs. Kerr left the district, Church services were held at the home of Mr. W. H. Waters, and there a Sunday School was started. A block of land in Fisher Street was then given by a Dapto parishioner, but there was some delay before a Church building could be started.

In May, 1950, the Progress Hall became the meeting-place for Church services and for the growing Sunday School, and an appeal was made for donations to the Building Fund. The foundation stone of the building was set by Mr. Webb on Advent Sunday, December 3rd, 1950, the Sunday nearest St. Andrew's Day. The Ven. Begbie, Archdeacon of Camden and Rural Dean of Wollongong, gave the address, the text being that engraved on the foundation stone, Nehemiah 2:20. Through the help of Albion Park Church Committee, the adjoining block of land was purchased in May, 1951, thus providing for a future building programme.

St. Andrew's School Church is of brick with tiled roof, and is 40 feet long and 24 feet wide. The building cost £2,342, including fees, but excluding furnishings (which are valued at about £350). Of this amount £1,600 is a private loan obtained through the Parish Council, and £500 is from the Church Building Loans Fund. So far £165 has been given by Oak Flat parishioners and £120 from the rest of the parish.

The visit of the Archbishop of Sydney to dedicate the Church is an occasion for great rejoicing among the Oak Flats people, and parishioners in general share with them in the realisation of the hopes of many years.

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025



Mr. P.J.G. G. Webb (Auriel Hadley's grandfather) setting the **foundation stone** of St. Andrew's Oak Flats on **Sunday 3rd December 1950** (Andrew's Sunday), with Rev. Victor A Evans, Rector of Dapto and Albion Park.

Church News

75th Anniversary

We give thanks to God for His goodness and faithfulness through the generations as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary. Please stay for lunch following today's service.

Ben Irwin's Baptism

Join us today to celebrate **Ben's baptism** at **1pm** at **Elliot Park** (48 Headland Parade, Barrack Point). All are welcome!

Toys 'n' Tucker

THANK YOU for your generosity in collecting & donating for Toys and Tucker. We're grateful for your willingness to support those in need in our community.

Summer Regional Prayer Diary

The latest Wollongong Regional Prayer diary is now available to [download](#). Printed copies are also available.

Birthdays

10th Kevin Eton
11th Ada Kyngdon
(Mission Partner)

Anniversaries

10th John & Mia Klasson
11th Peter & Joy Evans

Christmas Celebrations

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

Christmas & Pantry letterbox drop

Help us share the news!

Pick up a bundle of Christmas and Pantry brochures, write your name down, and deliver them in our neighbourhood 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 brown box located on the Book Stall shelf.

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

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

Serving Roster

Saturday	Sunday	7 th December	14 th December
13th December	Welcomer:	J & M Klasson	D & J Orange
Cleaning:	Bible Reader:	J Evans	J Stavert
J & M Klasson/B Clark	Prayer Leader:	H Mills	H Mills
Mowing:	Morning Tea:	P Forrester/B Irwin	C Bonnici/J Mills
Z Adams/D Paduch	MT Clean Up:	D Slocombe	D Slocombe
	Kids Church:	B Firley/J Orange	J Evans/TBC

75th Church Anniversary

Building God's holy temple

Nehemiah 2:11-20

Sam Pursell • 7th December 2025

1. The rebuilding of the walls

2. The church which God builds

Next Sunday...

'One baptism for the forgiveness of sins' • Sam Pursell

Readings: Matthew 28:16-20; Ephesians 4:4-6 & Romans 6:1-14

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 Outreach Ministries

Playmakers, Friday Kids & Youth: Finishing well for 2025. Planning for 2026.

SRE: Good relationship & communication with schools for start up in 2026.

Pantry: Christmas Lunch - 11th December. Clear gospel message.

Our Church

Praise God for His goodness across the past 75 years, and ask that our church would keep growing in faith, love, and gospel witness.

Give thanks for the generosity shown through Toys 'n' Tucker.

Carols service on 21st December. Pray for good weather and community engagement.

For all who are travelling; road safety.

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, O'Regan family, 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.

REGULAR PRAYERS (Cycle 1 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

Sandra Stanojevic

Josh, Ann, Emmy & Arthur Stavert

Olga Stoilykovic

Eileen Stokes

Mary Straughan