



Is the promised One enough?

Isaiah 7:14 records a promise of God, repeated in Matthew 1:23, “*The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.*” The promised one came, as foretold. He did all that was spoken about Him and His life became the substitute for ours. Is the promised One enough?

Sitting with a very godly woman this week, the chatter turned to the difference of being alone and being lonely. That flowed to deeper thoughts. My mind started thinking about my personal walk with Jesus, and reliance on God. Then onto the involvement of Holy Spirit in my everyday living. Each one of us either are or will travel through some deep and dark places: a medical report that changes our plans or family situation or our living situation might suddenly change without anything we can do about it.

We can say we are never alone because we have the Holy Spirit within us. All true if we have accepted the gift from God, Jesus, as Lord of our life. But, how do we live that? How do we bring the Holy Spirit into more of our lives, with more transparency with the Lord? It certainly is a challenge to “Go to God” before seeking out a human friend—and we are wiser, I think, if we have that sequence in place. Nevertheless, the people God puts in our lives to uphold and carry us are irreplaceable, and I have been so very grateful for those in my past who carried me to God prayerfully. As Christmas approaches, may we carefully and prayerfully reject the spirit of “Hurry” and bring each day before our wonderful Saviour and commit each thing to Him. Everything will be done, and you hopefully will know that God has prepared the way.

God’s Word says in Matthew 6:33 “*Seek first the kingdom of God...*” Lay your plans and needs before His Throne and let Holy Spirit guide you. So, yes! The promised One is enough! May your Christmas season be blessed with all Peace and Joy that flows from our Father in heaven.

- Kathy Bruce

Church News

Christmas & January Rosters

Val has not been able to finalise the rosters for the remainder of December and January due to family circumstances. It will be completed on Monday 15th and emailed out shortly after.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

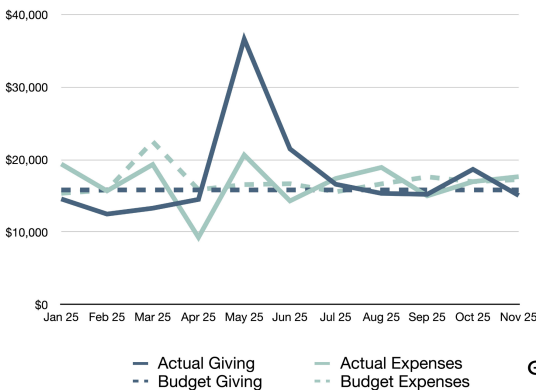
Christmas Celebrations

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

Birthdays

- 15th Christopher Meek (*Mission Partner*)
16th Charlotte Mills

Finance Update (to the end of November)



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.

Anniversaries

- 15th Paul & Hazel Hall



November Giving
We fell behind the budget by \$761



Giving Year to date
We have exceeded the budget by \$19,850

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

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

Serving Roster

Saturday

20th December

Cleaning:

P & C Pratt/R Hannam

Mowing:

J Klasson/A Peters

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

14th December

D & J Orange

J Stavert

H Mills

C Bonnici/J Mills

J Mills

21st December

A Kerr/V O'Regan

E Stanojevic

M Peters

M Klasson/B Mayhew

A Peters

We Believe: The Nicene Creed

One baptism, the Forgiveness of Sins

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

Sam Pursell • 14th December 2025

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

1. One baptism

2. Forgiveness of sins

Next Sunday...

'The resurrection of the dead, and the life to come'

Sam Pursell • Readings: John 11:17-27 & 1 Corinthians 15:12-24; Revelation 21:1-5

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

For all ministries as they finish for 2025.
Pray for a restful & refreshing break for all leaders. For 2026 planning.
Safety for those who will travel over Christmas.

Pray for Sam as he and the family take a break in January. Give thanks for those preaching while he is away.
For any visitors that may come during the holidays - may we be a welcoming church.

People in 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.

Christmas

Carols Service: For many from the community to join us. For good weather and safety. For those who have planned and helped.
Those who will find Christmas 2025 a struggle.
Pray that people seeking answers will find God and His peace this Christmas.
Protect and deliver those who must celebrate Christmas amid persecution and oppression.

Our World

Ongoing wars - Ukraine & Russia; Middle East - Israel & Palestine.
Cost of living, plus affordable housing & control of interest rates.
Church leaders as Christmas nears, and the hope of Jesus.

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

Peter & Glenda Taylor

Robyn Thomas

Helen Wagemans

Emilie, Nate & Jemimah Watson

John Wilson