



A light that cannot be extinguished

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.*

Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)

This year, a pall of darkness was cast over Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights. The attack that brought that darkness targeted the Jewish community — our fellow Australians.

So, it is understandable that we have mixed feelings as we approach Christmas. How can we celebrate when there is such darkness in the world, and it has come so close?

The Bible speaks poignantly into this very moment. Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote: *“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.”*

For Christians, that light is Jesus.

Christmas isn't escapism. Christmas is God's rescue. The God of justice and mercy comes into this rebellious and messed up world where evil plays havoc, to bring the light of life. Hope was born when Jesus came into the world.

Later, Isaiah speaks of a time when all conflict will end and God will establish a government of peace and justice forever. How can this be?

“For, to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Those familiar words of Christmas speak with even deeper power amid the terrible events we have witnessed in recent days.

God has not turned his back on us; this Christmas let's turn to Him in faith, love and hope.

Kanishka Raffel

Archbishop of Sydney

Christmas 2025

Church News



Merry Christmas

We're delighted that you could join us for Christmas. We pray that you might be encouraged by God to see the world his way, and to understand Christmas as a time of rejoicing for the miraculous gift of God with us, Emmanuel.

Christianity Explored

Christianity Explored is a six-week course that gives you time and space to think about the big questions of life. It explores the life of Jesus, who is at the heart of the Christian Faith. Open to everyone. Register at oakflatsanglican.com/christianityexplored.

Children & Youth programs

During school holidays, our normal children's and youth programs take a break until February. Activity sheets will be available for children at our services.

Birthdays

26th Sherida Findell
Pam Moore
Resh Prasad
27th Ed Stanojevic

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

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

Serving Roster

Saturday

27th December

Cleaning:

D & R Slocombe

Mowing:

N/A

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

Thursday
25th December

D & J Orange

J Orange

V O'Regan

N/A

N/A

Sunday
28th December

J & M Klasson

R Slocombe

P Pratt

J Mills/J Orange

A Kerr

The God who serves

Philippians 2:1-11

Sam Pursell • 25th December 2025

1. Jesus serves us at Christmas (v. 6-8)
2. In return, we serve him and others (v. 9-11, v. 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.



Scan for the online 'Contact Us' form

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Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Remembering Bondi 2025

Those who mourn the death of loved ones.

The injured: those still in hospital - the two Police officers especially. The injured at home as they seek to move on. Those who witnessed the tragedy.

Our State Leaders: for wisdom as law changes are considered. Public Servants as they draft and discuss laws and regulations.

Our National Leaders: acceptance of responsibility where appropriate and quickly.

Christmas

That this Christmas our hearts would be focused on Jesus, and that many would come to know the hope He brings.
Our witness to newcomers and visitors.
For those who struggle at this time of year.

One Another

Care and concern for each other.
Safety for those travelling.

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.

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.

Evangalise

That we would share the goods 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

Alex Bentink & Priyani Forrester
Carmen Bonnici
Ashleigh & Jake, Willow, Theo & Sebastian Browne
Kathy Bruce
Bronwyn Clark