



Has God suddenly left us all alone?

World events throughout 2025 have continued to weigh heavily on our hearts. In the Middle East, killings have persisted despite ceasefires. Ukraine and Russia remain locked in daily conflict. Christians continue to be killed in places such as Nigeria, even amid US-backed efforts to curb rebel violence in the north. Iran and Syria sit at breaking points, while poverty and famine show little sign of easing.

In short, the misery of millions has not improved, despite the tireless work of many agencies seeking to bring relief. If you are unsure, simply read the Anglican Aid Prayer Diary.

Here in the “Lucky Country,” we have largely stood removed from many of these global crises; that is until December 14 and the events at Bondi. Terrorism and violent death moved from distant headlines to the green grass and golden sands of our own world-famous beach. Our sense of safety was profoundly shaken. The sudden death in early 2026 of someone well known to many has only deepened that sense of loss.

Last year, a Year 6 SRE student at Balarang Public School asked a thoughtful question. We were talking about lives changed through encountering Jesus, particularly Zacchaeus, perched in the sycamore tree, wanting to see Jesus but not to be confronted by Him. The student asked, *“How can I tell when God is working in my life?”*

How do you answer that in just a few words? After speaking about prayer, reading the Bible, and God’s constant presence, all I could finally say was this: *you will know when the hand of God is at work in you.*

God never leaves us alone, and He never will. When we do not understand what is happening, He always does. Romans 8:26 reminds us that when we do not know how to pray, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us before the throne of God.

So keep praying, and stay close to His Word.

- Geoff Kyngdon

Church News

Pursell family on holiday

Sam, Susan and the family are away until **Tuesday 20th January**.

The church office is open during regular hours and our Wardens (Geoff Kyngdon, Andy Peters and Ed Stanojevic) are also available if any matter arises.

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.

Lovell's visit

Our CMS link missionaries, Adrian, Anita, Matias and Maya Lovell, will be joining us on **Sunday 25th January** and Adrian will be preaching.

After the service we will share together in a potluck lunch. Please **sign up to bring a plate of food to share**.

Term 1 Rosters

It is almost time to prepare the next roster for Term 1.

In order to assist with efficient rostering and smooth carry out of duties, please advise if you will be unavailable during the period of **Sunday 1st February through to Sunday 5th April**.

If you would like to serve, or have any questions regarding the rosters, please contact Val.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

12th Phil & Coralie Pratt

14th David & Rhonda Slocombe

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

Saturday

17th January

Cleaning:

A & M Peters

Mowing:

J Klasson/D Paduch

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader: E Stanojevic

Prayer Leader: J Stavert

Morning Tea: C Bonnici/M Klasson

MT Clean Up: J Orange

11th January

P Moore/V O'Regan

E Stanojevic

J Stavert

C Bonnici/M Klasson

J Orange

18th January

D & J Orange

G Taylor

D Young

R Hannam/B Mayhew

A Peters

The Promise Fulfilled

John 3:1-17

Geoff Kyngdon • 11th January 2026

1. Why

2. When & Where

3. Where to for us in 2026

Next Sunday...

Geoff Kyngdon

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

Our Nation

For the Bondi community as it grieves and heals.

For our leaders, that they would act with wisdom, courage, humility, and integrity. That decisions would be made for the good of others, not self-interest.

For wisdom amid budget pressures, inflation, cost-of-living stress, the housing crisis, poverty, and homelessness.

World Issues

For peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Iran, and Venezuela.

For sound leadership, wise aid, and responsible global cooperation.

For Christians, missionaries, and mission agencies in areas of conflict.

Church & Community

For rest and recovery, safety in travel, and faithfulness in services.

For clarity and vision as planning continues for 2026. For volunteers, especially SRE, and for those who faithfully pray.

For those mourning the loss of loved ones, especially the Johnston family.

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, O'Regan family, Merv & Nola Sercombe, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, Helen Wagemans, John Wilson.

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

Jeanette Dunkeld

Kevin & Ruth Eton

Peter & Joy Evans

Sherida Findell

Peter, Belinda, Zacharie & Samuel Firley