



Difference and belonging

Sometimes we may wonder where we fit in at church. If I am not rostered on for a job, am I needed? If there are no other people of my exact age, with the same interests and life situation, do I fit in? But the Christian church is God's model of diversity and unity. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul compares the church to the human body:

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. (1 Cor. 12:12-16)

Christianity is the most globalised and culturally diverse religion in the world. It is for all people, and incorporates everyone who trust in Christ into the church. It translates across ages, languages, people groups and political systems. Inside the church the full spread of society is welcomed and represented. Outside of certain essentials, living for Christ can be expressed in many ways.

Within the church gathering and community, our differences strengthen one another. Where the parts of a human body rely on one another. So too our differences contribute and help others to grow up into Christ and live for him. Be it through your presence, your Christlike words and prayers, or specific roles, you can and do bless others at church!

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Service of Thanksgiving

A warm welcome the family and friends of Samuel Nwagbara and Natalie Husson as we give thanks to God for their son, Henley, and celebrate his place in the family alongside big brother Alfie, in a special Thanksgiving Service.

Kids Church Picnic!

A reminder that families are invited to join us next **Sunday 15th February at 12:30pm** for a picnic.

We'll meet at The Red Lamp Playspace (1 Reddall Parade, Lake Illawarra).

Ladies Dinner - first for 2026!

Join us for our first Ladies Dinner of the year on **Tuesday, 17th February at 6:30pm** in the church.

Please sign up to bring a meal or dessert or see Coralie to see how you can help.

Cost is \$10 if no meal is brought.

We'd love to see you there!

Birthdays

12th Olga Stoilykovic

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

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Serving Roster

<i>Saturday</i> 14th February	<i>Sunday</i> 8th February	15th February
Cleaning: J & M Klasson/B Clark	Welcomer: P Moore & J Stavert	J & M Klasson
Mowing: Z Adams/D Paduch	Bible Reader: J Dunkeld	A Bentink
	Prayer Leader: G Kyngdon	J Stavert
	Morning Tea: C Bonnici/B Mayhew	J Mills/R Slocombe
	MT Clean Up: V O'Regan	D Slocombe
	Kids Church: M Klasson	R Hannam

Luke's Gospel

Persist in prayer

Luke 18:1-8

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1. Do not give up praying (v. 1)
2. God cares and is just (v. 2-8a)
3. Will Jesus find you faithful? (v. 8b)

Next Sunday...

'God justifies the humble' • Sam Pursell • Readings: Isaiah 57:14-21 & Luke 18:9-14

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.



Scan for the online 'Contact Us' form

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Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Thanksgiving

Give thanks for Ed and Resh and their marriage. Pray that God would bless their union with love, joy, and faithfulness, that their home would be a place of peace and hospitality, and that they would grow together in Christ-likeness.

Give thanks for Samuel and Natalie, and for their children Henley and Alfie. Pray that our church family would warmly support and encourage them, and that Henley would grow in wisdom, faith, and love for the Lord.

Key Outreach Ministries

Playmakers, Pantry, Kids Club, Refuge & SRE.

For sound beginnings and vision for 2026.

Gospel clarity for all who will hear more about Jesus and His mercy.

All leaders and teams.

Our People

Genuine love and care for each other.

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

Stuart, Lauran, James & Charlotte Mills

Pam & Gerry Moore

Valerie O'Regan

David & Jenny Orange

David Paduch & family