



Conservative or Progressive?

Is Christianity fundamentally conservative, or radically progressive? You may easily identify with one or other of these labels, but do we see all the forces at play in our faith? Christianity is a deeply conservative religion. Moreso that conservatives who want to return to life 50 years ago, our life and faith is directed by a canon of scriptures which is 2000- 4000 years old. They reveal the eternal Lord God whose plans for the world existed before creation. These include heavenly, universal and transcultural truths. Christians hold to historical doctrines of the church, and take into account the insights of previous generations back to Jesus' day as we seek to know God and live for him.

Christianity is a profoundly progressive movement. From the mandate given in the garden of Eden to fill the earth and subdue it, God gives us directions to transform the creation we live in. Creativity, innovation and reordering through our work reflects the creator Lord God, in whose image we are made. When sin entered the world, another dimension of change has been needed, where every human, and human system is now in lack, by degrees of rejection of God. No person or community in history has 'made it' and doesn't need changing in some dimension. Furthermore, Christianity seeks the greatest scope of revolution. Deep inside of us, the Holy Spirit renovates our will, character and desires; Jesus places us in renewed relationships with all tribes, nations and languages in the church; and we work now in the world for its common good, looking forward to the age to come, where the whole creation will be made new by God, far beyond what it was even in the garden of Eden. No wonder Christianity has changed the world.

This is not to advocate for some 'middle ground' but we need to observe both dynamics. Perhaps we need to be more conscious to 'contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people' (Jude 3), or to be "transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:18) being like stars, illuminating and transforming God's world.

- Sam Pursell

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026

Church News

Church Member Directory & Photos

We will be producing a new hard copy Church Member Directory soon.

Please head to bit.ly/3AfPtYX to update your details or check the printed copy available on the welcome desk.

Over the next couple of weeks, Val will also be taking photos for the online directory (Elvanto). Please let her know if you do not wish to have your photo taken.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) - delayed by one week

Due to a slight delay, our AGM will be held will now be held on **Sunday 15th March** after the morning service, at 11am in the church.

We will be electing representatives for Wardens, Parish Council, Synod Representatives & Parish Nominators.

Note: Wardens & Parish Councillors seeking election are required to have **completed Safe Ministry training**.

A pot-luck lunch will be held afterwards - please see sign-up sheet for details.

BCA Boxes due

Please return your **Bush Church Aid (BCA)** coin box for counting as March is the collection month.

World Day of Prayer Service 2026

Friday 6th March, 10am, Albion Park Uniting Church, Russell St

This year's theme is "I will give you rest: Come..." Matt 11:28-30. The service has been written by Nigerian Christians.

Birthdays

6th Bronwyn Clark

Hazel Hall

7th Peter Taylor

8th Ben Kyngdon (*Mission Partner*)

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

Saturday

7th March

Cleaning:

D & R Slocombe

Mowing:

N/A

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

Kids Church:

1st March

A Kerr & V O'Regan

H Mills

M Peters

C Bonnici/R Hannam

P Pratt

R Slocombe

8th March

A Bentink & P Forrester

M Peters

G Kyngdon

A Kerr/R Slocombe

H Mills

R Hannam

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

Ministries Underway

Praise God for solid beginnings.
For all leaders and team and their supporters.
Dealing with relational issues.
Open hearts to the Gospel.
Assessing space needs and finding the best solutions.

Our Church

SRE at Oak Flats and Balarang Public - pray for the SRE teachers, for care, diligence & energy.
Planning for the AGM on Sunday 15th March. Willing people to fill positions.
Our Sunday services - open hearts for believers and seekers.
Pastoral Care concerns.
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.

Our Families

For those facing financial, housing, schooling or health pressures.
Ask for generosity, hospitality, practical support and regular prayer in homes.

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

Olga Stoilykovic
Eileen Stokes
Mary Straughan
Peter & Glenda Taylor
Robyn Thomas