



Household Bible reading

Something which we try to do each dinner time is read the Bible. It doesn't always happen, but nevertheless it something we desire. For family Bible reading and prayer is one avenue for us to pass on the faith to our children, and also live as a household who knows and serves the Lord. We keep things short and simple, and more important than acquiring more knowledge of the Bible is that we grow in knowing God.

Perhaps if you don't already, you could begin reading the Bible with others in your household? With the kids in mind, we cycle through various children's Bibles, reading one story at a time. If you would like to buy a new children's Bible, there are some available on the bookstall. Similarly, you could borrow one from the back hall shelf. Apart from saying grace before the meal, our prayer continues to be a work in progress!

For teenagers and adults, reading a passage or chapter from the actual Bible, along with a few questions is a good practice. This is where inductive study skills come into play -

What is the main idea?

What is confusing?

What does it tell us about God?

How does Jesus fulfil the promises of the passage?

What can we learn, be rebuked or corrected by, or put into practice?

As with most exercises, a little bit more often is better than overdoing it and never doing it again. So, some wisdom is needed in how you might do this. The goal is not daily Bible reading in itself, but having a household where adults and children know the Christ's love for them, and who know and love him in turn.

But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. (Joshua 24:15)

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)

- Sam Pursell

Church News

AGM Appointments

We give thanks to God for our new office holders in 2026. Pray that they will work well together to bring the gospel of Jesus to Oak Flats and beyond.

Wardens are Ed Stanojevic and Geoff Kyngdon. Sam will appoint a Rector's Warden soon.

Parish Councillors are Alex Bentink, Harley Mills and Ann Stavert.

Nominators are Geoff Kyngdon, Harley Mills, Phil Pratt, Edward Stanojevic and Joshua Stavert.

Synod Representatives (3 year term) are Harley Mills and Joshua Stavert.

Kids Church sign-in

Parents, a reminder to please **sign your child(ren) in for Kids Church each week** (the sheet is located on the foyer desk). This is a requirement of our Safe Ministry practices.

Rosters - Term 2

It is time to prepare the next cycle of rosters for Term 2 (**Mon 6th April through to Sun 28th June**). Please advise your unavailability to the Church Office as soon as possible.

Southern Cross Magazine

The latest issue of Southern Cross is available [online](#) or you can pick up a copy at the welcoming desk.

Birthdays

26th Paul Hall
27th Dianne Young
28th Mia Klasson

Easter Services

Join us at **9:00am** for a special **Good Friday** service on **Friday 3rd April** with Hot Cross Buns and guest preacher, **Bishop Peter Hayward**.

On **Easter Sunday, 5th April**, we will have our service at **9:30am** after which children are invited to join us for a special Easter Egg Hunt.



Give Electronically - Bank Details

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

Serving Roster

Saturday

28th March

Cleaning:

A & M Peters

Mowing:

Z Adams/J Klasson

Sunday

22nd March

Welcomer:

A & M Peters

Bible Reader:

M Peters

Prayer Leader:

H Mills

Morning Tea:

M Klasson & R Slocombe

MT Clean Up:

D Slocombe

Kids Church:

J Evans

29th March

G Kyngdon/V O'Regan

J Stavert

P Pratt

B Mayhew/TBC

A Kerr

K Laird

Luke's Gospel

The saved who serve

Luke 19:11-27

Sam Pursell • 22nd March 2026

1. When is the kingdom coming? (v. 11)
2. What will you do until then? (v. 12-14)
3. Faithful service rewarded (v. 15-19)
4. Rebels rejected (v. 16-27)

Next Sunday...

'Triumphal and tragic entry' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Zechariah 9:9-13-14 & Luke 19:28-44

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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Safe Ministry Representative: Harley Mills - 0409 562 932 - harley.mills@oakflatsanglican.com

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

World Conflicts

The ongoing conflict in the Middle East, including Iran and Israel.

Continuing conflict affecting Ukraine and tensions in Lebanon.

Protection for Christians and missionaries in the region.

Peace and wise leadership for nations involved.

Australia

Economic pressures, fuel supply and rising costs.

Those in rural and regional communities feeling strain.

Government to act with wisdom and care for the vulnerable.

Church Life

Welcoming visitors and caring for those on the fringe.

Faithful preaching and encouragement through our gatherings.

Good conversations and gospel opportunities.

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 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.

Evangelise

That we would share the good 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

Bronwyn Clark

Hinea Clark

John & Olga Covetz

Dave, Jan, Sienna, Abigail & Ashkan Crook

Jenni & Matt Dawes; Flynn & Rhys

Falconbridge