



## Praying for our daily bread

*“This, then, is how you should pray...*

*Give us today our daily bread.” (Matthew 6:9, 11)*

Every fortnight in church we say the Lord’s prayer together, and I wonder whether the line about our food is the one we might take most for granted. Or is it just me? All my life, I have never been in want of sustenance.

At the moment however, there are concerns about fuel and fertiliser shortages diminishing the ability of farmers in Australia being able to plant and harvest their crops. How this will play out regarding the cost and availability of food and produce remains to be seen.

*The eyes of all look to you,*

*and you give them their food at the proper time.*

*You open your hand*

*and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Psalm 145:15-16)*

The Psalmist notes that ultimately God provides for all creatures, animal and human alike. If we think about Jesus’ instruction to pray for daily bread, it is not only a reference back to the manna given by God to the Israelites in the desert, but that his provision comes through both natural and human means. At every point—from cosmology, geology, geography, biology, economy, and culinary—God sovereignly directs all affairs which lead our nourishment.

So, while we must take responsibility in working for our daily bread—both individually and collectively—it is also ultimately God who provides for all our needs. So, we should not neglect to pray to him for our supply of food, and give thanks for that which we receive.

- Sam Pursell

# Church News

## Post AGM appointments

We give thanks that **Dave Crook** has accepted Sam's invitation to serve as **Rector's Warden**, and **Pete Firley** has been appointed to **Parish Council**.

## Easter Services

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

On **Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April**, we will have our service at **9:30am** after which children are invited to join us for a special Easter Egg Hunt. Grab some flyers to invite your neighbours, friends and family.

## Rosters - Term 2

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



## Birthdays

- 31<sup>st</sup> Susan Pursell
- 1<sup>st</sup> Cynthea Smith
- 4<sup>th</sup> Carmen Bonnici
- Karen Laird
- John Wilson

## Anniversaries

- 4<sup>th</sup> Josh & Ann Stavert

## Give Electronically

### BANK DETAILS

**Name:** Oak Flats Anglican

**BSB:** 633 000

**Account:** 164 385 841

## Serving Roster

	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Welcomer:</b> G Kyngdon/V O'Regan	J & M Klasson	H & J Mills
<b>Cleaning:</b>	<b>Bible Reader:</b> J Stavert	J Orange	A Peters
P & C Pratt/ R Hannam	<b>Prayer Leader:</b> P Pratt	D Young	J Stavert
<b>Mowing:</b>	<b>Morning Tea:</b> B Mayhew/R Slocombe	J Mills/C Pratt	J Orange/M Peters
N/A	<b>MT Clean Up:</b> A Kerr	P Pratt	D Orange
	<b>Kids Church:</b> K Laird	N/A	N/A



# 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](http://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

### Middle East & Surrounding Regions

For truth, wisdom and genuine peace discussions.

Leaders and world bodies to act justly and for peace.

The humanitarian and refugee crisis, especially in Lebanon.

### Australia

The fuel crisis and rising cost of living across Australia.

Rural communities, winter crops and food supply concerns.

Wisdom for federal and state leaders.

### Ministry Needs

**Kids Club & Refuge BBQ:** safety, good contacts and gospel opportunities.

**SRE:** ongoing opportunities and school connections.

**Playmakers and Pantry:** relationships and gospel conversations.

Wisdom as the new Parish Council meets and plans.

### One Another

Sharing the workload and faithfulness in serving.

Willingness to help and care for one another.

**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 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

Brian Dixon

Jeanette Dunkeld

Kevin & Ruth Eton

Peter & Joy Evans

Sherida Findell