

God has spoken – through Jesus

Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. (NIV)

John 20:19b-20

One of the most surprising things I have heard recently is the news that some people are using artificial intelligence to talk to God. At least, they think they are talking to God. This isn't just searching an online Bible for answers – people are asking AI to generate spiritual guidance for their lives.

But at Easter, we celebrate something infinitely greater: God speaking to us in person. When Jesus appeared to his disciples on the first Easter day, they were 'locked away' fearing those who put Jesus to death. But Jesus appears in the midst of them, speaking 'Peace'.

It was an everyday greeting, but this was not everyday peace. It was the peace that had been bought by his pierced hands and side.

They were overjoyed to see him, not only because he had conquered death, but because his death purchased peace with God, and drove away all their fear.

AI can certainly be useful, though not without risks. But when it comes to the most important things in life, God has come to us and brought us peace through his Son.

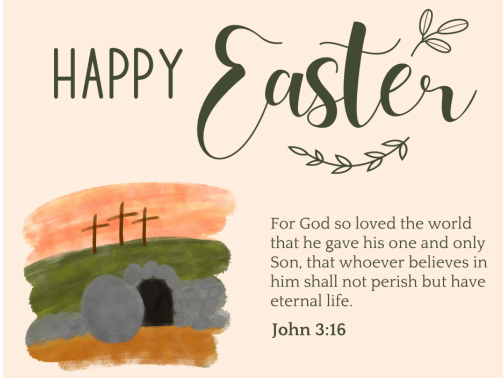
This Easter, remember that for two thousand years we have had God's Authentic Intelligence. Communication from God - in Jesus! You can 'chat' with God and hear his voice through the words of Jesus in whom, the Bible says, are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

So, why not use this season to go offline and pick up a Bible. Some questions only God can answer.

Kanishka Raffel
Archbishop of Sydney
Easter 2026

WELCOME TO CHURCH • EASTER 2026

Church News



Hope Explored

Hope Explored is an informal and relaxed three-week course for you to discover the hope of a future that is better than you could ever imagine.

Open to everyone. Register at oakflatsanglican.com/hope-explored.

Children & Youth programs

During school holidays our normal children's & youth programs take a break until after Sunday 20th April.

Activity sheets are available for children at our services.

Rosters - Term 2

The rosters for all those serving have been emailed. Please make sure you check your inbox to find out when you are serving.

Paper copies are available for pick up at the welcome desk.

Birthdays

- 4th Carmen Bonnici
Karen Laird
John Wilson
- 11th Rhonda Slocombe

Anniversaries

- 4th Josh & Ann Stavert
- 6th John & Olga Covetz

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

Saturday

11th April

Cleaning:

D & J Orange/
J Evans

Mowing:

D Paduch/P Pratt

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

Good Friday

3rd April

J & M Klasson

J Orange

D Young

J Mills/C Pratt

A Kerr

Easter Sunday

5th April

H & J Mills

A Peters

J Stavert

J Orange/M Peters

D Orange

Sunday

12th April

P & G Taylor

R Eton

V O'Regan

R Hannam/M Klasson

D Orange

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Easter 2026

Our Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday services – for visitors and participants.

Children's events, Hot Cross Buns and Egg Hunts – safe, fun and meaningful.

Opportunities to share the gospel with family, friends and our wider community.

Each Other

Younger families, one-on-one encouragement and honest fellowship.

Readiness to help others sacrificially.

People in need: Carmen Bonnici, Bronwyn Clark, John & Olga Covetz, David & Jan Crook, Jeanette Dunkeld, 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 Nation

Godly, courageous leadership, especially in discussions on fuel, food and rural security.

Justice, honesty and fairness in the May 2026 Budget.

Support for agencies working to alleviate hardship and cost-of-living pressures.

The World

For peace in global conflict zones – especially in the Middle East (Iran, Lebanon & Yemen).

Humanitarian aid to reach those in need, including refugees and families.

For justice, effective aid, and wise leadership in international and economic affairs.

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

Peter, Belinda, Zacharie & Samuel Firley

Barrie & Auriel Hadley

Paul & Hazel Hall

Robert & Raija Hamman

Erin Hick

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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Easter 2026

The foolishness and power of the cross

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Peter Hayward • Good Friday • 3rd April 2026

Easter Sunday...

'The hope of the resurrection' • Sam Pursell

Readings: Matthew 27:57-28:20 & 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

Easter 2026

The hope of the resurrection

Matthew 27:57-28:20 & 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

Sam Pursell • Easter Sunday • 5th April 2026

1. The hope of Jesus' resurrection (Matthew 27-28)

2. The hope of our resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12-34)

Next Sunday...

'Hope that makes a difference' • Robert Meischke • **Readings:** Isaiah 40:1-11 & Philippians 1:1-11