



## Serving God and others in mission

Often in life once we have established our favoured way of doing something, we are set for life. Favourite breakfast – something involving bacon and eggs. Favourite music – mostly what was recorded before I turned 30. Favourite way of running church ministry – whatever I've been doing the past 10 years.

But when the apostle Paul's life was saved by Jesus Christ, it was transformed as well. But his mode of operating likely stands in contrast to yours or mine. Firstly, all he does is in consideration of God, and for God's glory. He gives thanks to God for all he has, and all he eats (v. 30). Secondly, he readily lays down his preferences for others, that he would show God's love to them, through sharing the gospel.

*So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God— even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. (1 Corinthians 10:32-33)*

There are things in our life and church ministries which are essential (the Bible, prayer, preaching salvation through Christ alone by faith alone), but many others are just familiar and comfortable to us. Patience and persistence are virtues, but sometimes we also need to make changes to reach a different group with the good news. But are we willing to make the change which will cause extra work and discomfort for us?

Change may mean going out of our way to connect with someone we don't already know, making a phone call, buying a coffee or lunch, or spending some money on petrol (or diesel!) for a visit. Change means altering in some way how we run kids club, pantry or church. There is more flexibility in how we live and share the gospel than we think. Paul of course is exhorting us from his model, who lays down his life and preferences for others— Jesus Christ.

*Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)*

- Sam Pursell

# Church News

## Guest preacher

Today we welcome Robert Meischke as he continues to share from Philippians, chapter 1.

Please take the chance to welcome him and say hello!

## Children & Youth programs

Playmakers, Kids Club & Refuge Youth all start for the term this week!

Kids Church will begin next Sunday.

Please keep these groups in your prayers.

## 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.

Sam will be running the course on **Sundays at 3pm on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, and 10<sup>th</sup> May.** Please see him if you are interested.

## Birthdays

21<sup>st</sup> Peter Firley  
Adrian Lovell (*Mission Partner*)  
24<sup>th</sup> John Covetz  
Coralie Pratt

## Introduction to Pastoral Care

**5 day course - Fridays in May 9am to 2:30pm.**

\$165/\$100 concession. Shellharbour City Anglican Church

Register before 23 April via Anglicare online ([anglicare.org.au/events-courses-training/courses](http://anglicare.org.au/events-courses-training/courses)).

## Anglicare Disaster Recovery Volunteers needed

Anglicare is seeking Disaster Recovery Volunteers to support communities affected by bushfires, floods, and other emergencies. With training provided and flexible commitment, you can offer practical care and compassion when it's needed most.

Learn more and register your interest online: [anglicare.org.au/disaster-recovery/](http://anglicare.org.au/disaster-recovery/).

## Anniversaries

## Give Electronically

### BANK DETAILS

**Name:** Oak Flats Anglican

**BSB:** 633 000

**Account:** 164 385 841

## Serving Roster

*Saturday*

**18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Cleaning:**

D & R Slocombe

**Mowing:**

Z Adams/J Klasson

*Sunday*

**Welcomer:**

**Bible Reader:**

**Prayer Leader:**

**Morning Tea:**

**MT Clean Up:**

**19<sup>th</sup> April**

E & R Stanojevic

J Stavert

G Kyngdon

B Mayhew/J Mills

P Pratt

**26<sup>th</sup> April**

G Kyngdon/P Moore

G Taylor

H Mills

B Irwin/A Kerr

V O'Regan

# Suffering for the good news of Jesus

Philippians 1:12-30

Robert Meischke • 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

1. For the gospel

2. No Fear

3. Take the risk

*Next Sunday...*

NEW SERMON SERIES - GENESIS 25-25 • *'The undeserved mercy of God'*

Sam Pursell • Readings: Romans 9:6-16 & Genesis 25:12-34

# 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

### World & Conflict

The Middle East, Iran, Ukraine & Russia - pray for a just and lasting peace.

Christians and missionaries in conflict zones - for safety and faithful witness.

For those suffering, grieving, and displaced.

Global leaders - for integrity, cooperation, and accountability.

That nations would act justly and learn from these conflicts.

### Provision & Security

Global food and fuel security - especially for vulnerable nations.

Aid agencies - for access, resources, and effectiveness.

Australia - for wise leadership amid cost-of-living pressures.

### Church life

All ministries as Term 2 commences.

Bible Studies and Sunday services.

Mission partners (CMS, AFES, BCA, others) - for endurance and fruitfulness.

Diocese Day of Prayer (3 May) - that many would gather and seek the Lord.

**People in need:** Bronwyn Clark, John & Olga Covetz, David & Jan Crook, Jeanette Dunkeld, Kevin & Ruth Eton, Barrie & Auriel Hadley, Robert & Raija Hannam, Pauline Kirby, Lili Kovacevic, 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

Lili Kovacevic

Graeme & Marianne Krout

Geoff Kyngdon

Karen Laird

Barbara Mayhew