



Praying for everything and everyone, all the time

In the scriptures, God instructs us to pray for everything and anything. There is no issue too great, which we cannot bring before God, nor any matter too small. The prayers of world leaders are acceptable to God, as well as those of small children.

Like any relationship, regularity in speaking to God is necessary to keep it healthy. Perhaps you need to restart the habit of setting aside some time in your day to pray to God? Today is the perfect to start, even now you could pause to pray.

We can pray any time and place. Ask God for wisdom before an important meeting, or peace as in bed as you lie awake thinking about something, or in thanks for any number of good things you experience each day.

In writing to the Ephesian church, Paul adds something which we may neglect—prayer as a service for others. All Christians face a spiritual battle in living for Jesus each and every day. Amongst other means of encouragement, pray that God would help others to stand fast in the righteousness, peace, truth and salvation we have in Christ. Practically, you could use the church directory, or the prayer slip to aid you for names. If you cannot think of something to pray for someone, feel free to ask them politely. If they don't share much or are unwilling, don't berate or interrogate them. They know, God knows—and you can still pray generally for them, entrusting them to the Lord.

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
(Ephesians 6:18)*

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Diocesan Day of Prayer

Our Archbishop invites us to take part in the Diocesan Day of Prayer on **Sunday 3rd May**.

A regional “Before the Throne” gathering will be held at **Dapto Anglican (2:00–3:30pm)**—a great opportunity to pray together for the spread of the gospel across our Diocese.

We'll also set aside time in next Sunday's service to pray for gospel ministry across our region.

Gardening Team

We're putting together a gardening team to help care for our church grounds and keep them looking welcoming for everyone.

No experience is needed—just a willingness to help.

Please speak to Sam or Val if you're interested in being part of the team.

Ladies Dinner

Join us for our next Ladies Dinner on **Tuesday, 5th May** at 6:30pm at church.

Dinner is \$10.

Please RSVP with Coralie and sign up to bring a meal if you're able.

We'd love to see you there!

Wollongong Women's Conference

God's Story: See Salvation Unfold, with guest speaker, Zoe Earnshaw.

Saturday 30th May, 9.30am–3.30pm at Figtree Anglican Church.

Rego includes Morning Tea & Lunch.

Tickets on sale at

wollongongwomensconference.com.

Costs:

Early bird (until 30th April)

\$50 (General) / \$45 (Concession)

Standard (until 24th May)

\$55 (General) / \$50 (Concession)

Birthdays

1st Raija Hannam

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

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Serving Roster

	<i>Sunday</i>	26th April	3rd May
<i>Saturday</i>	Welcomer:	G Kyngdon/P Moore	R Eton/P Moore
2nd May	Bible Reader:	G Taylor	B Irwin
Cleaning:	Prayer Leader:	H Mills	P Pratt
J & M Klasson	Morning Tea:	B Irwin/J Orange	R Hannam/A Kerr
Mowing:	MT Clean Up:	V O'Regan	D Orange
N/A	Kids Church:	V O'Regan	TBC

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

ANZAC Day

Thankful remembrance for those who served and sacrificed.

Comfort for veterans, families, and those carrying loss.

Gospel hope to be known clearly in times of reflection.

Our Parish

Our leaders across all ministries: wisdom, unity, and endurance.

Parish needs: Budget 2026, space, people.

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.

Our Ministries

SRE: more teachers, helpers, and open doors for the gospel.

Playmakers, Kids Club & Refuge: strong connections with families and faithful teaching

Pantry, Pilates & Praise, Craft, Dinners: clarity on next steps and gospel opportunities.

Diocese & World

Day of Prayer (3rd May, Dapto): strong attendance and gospel focus.

Global tensions (Middle East, Ukraine, Africa): peace and justice.

Persecuted church: endurance, protection, and bold witness.

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

Harley & Jane Mills

Stuart, Luran, James & Charlotte Mills

Pam & Gerry Moore

Valerie O'Regan

David & Jenny Orange