



Worldwide cost of living challenges

From Anglican Aid's May prayer focus:

The rising cost of fuel is affecting everyone worldwide. However, for those already living in vulnerable economies, the increase in fuel prices impacts other areas of life. Anglican Aid's partners are feeling this strongly.

Two teachers at Bethel Rufin School (Pakistan) handed in resignation notices because they couldn't afford to travel to work. Herbertpur Christian Hospital (India), the home of Anugrah Disabilities, currently cannot access enough gas cylinders for their usual cooking operations.

Among Anglican Aid's partners in the world's poorest nations, a critically ill man in the Diocese of Gitega (Burundi) couldn't be reached by an ambulance due to a lack of fuel. His neighbours then carried him for two and a half hours to receive medical attention. Furthermore, in the Democratic Republic (DR) of Congo, building costs have already increased, with an iron bar doubling in price.

In countries where fuel, food and other supplies are already difficult to come by, an interruption to the supply chain makes communities living in poverty even more vulnerable to shortages in necessities. Our partners greatly appreciate your prayers.

Pray for Anglican Aid partners struggling with high fuel prices

- Give thanks that God is sovereign over world events.
- Pray for availability and stability in fuel supply, and a lowering of fuel prices.
- Pray for both world and community leaders. May God give them strength and wisdom as they manage resources, the needs of people and world events that are outside of their control.
- Pray for peace throughout the world, particularly in Iran, Lebanon, DR Congo and Pakistan.

To support Anglican Aid in prayer or financially, visit anglicanaid.org.au.

Matt King – Anglican Aid

WELCOME TO CHURCH • SUNDAY 3RD MAY 2026

Church News

Church Office Closed

The church office is temporarily closed until further notice.

Valerie is with her family at this time, as her dad has entered palliative care and is now in the final days of his life.

Please keep Valerie and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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.

Ladies Dinner

Join us for our next Ladies Dinner this **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:

Standard (until 24th May)

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

Birthdays

Anniversaries

5th Harley & Jane Mills

9th Peter & Glenda Taylor

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

	<i>Sunday</i>	3rd May	10th May
<i>Saturday</i>	Welcomer:	R Eton/P Moore	A Bentink & P Forrester
9th May	Bible Reader:	B Irwin	A Stavert
Cleaning:	Prayer Leader:	D Young	P Pratt
P & C Pratt/R Hannam	Morning Tea:	R Hannam/A Kerr	M Klasson/B Mayhew
Mowing:	MT Clean Up:	D Orange	J Mills
N/A	Kids Church:	TBC	TBC

Genesis 25-35

The Lord is with you

Genesis 26:1-33

Sam Pursell • 3rd May 2026

1. God's continuing presence (v. 1-6)

2. In fear and failure (v. 7-11)

3. In envy and conflict (v. 12-22)

4. In blessing and peace (v. 23-33)

Next Sunday...

'Deceiving for a blessing' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Genesis 26:34-27:29 & Genesis 27:30-28:9

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

Diocesan Prayer Focus

Safety and encouragement as many gather, including locally at Dapto.

Unity, fellowship, and shared purpose across our region.

Church Life

Sunday services: Sam as he prepares, and hearts ready to hear and respond.

Bible studies and leaders: faithful teaching, care, and growth.

Pastoral care: attentiveness, timely support, and wise action where needed.

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, John Wilson.

Ministries & Outreach

Playmakers, Kids Club & Refuge: safety, joy, helpers, and Gospel clarity.

SRE: strong school connections, encouraged teachers, and receptive students.

Pantry, Pilates & Praise: meaningful relationships and Gospel witness.

Mission & Leadership

Mission partners: fruitfulness and endurance.

Diocesan leadership: Wollongong Bishop and team, and planning for upcoming transitions.

Parish leaders: encouragement, wisdom, and perseverance.

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, Albion Park & Lake Illawarra 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

David Paduch & family

Debbie Paget

Phil & Coralie Pratt

Sam, Susan, Ed, Mary & Angela Pursell

Allan Quinn