



The Branch

In our Men's Bible Study we have been looking at Zechariah. It forms part of God's word to the returning Jews after being exiled in Babylon, and provides encouragement for them to build the temple in which God will make His name to dwell with His people.

However, it is a word that lifts the eyes of God's people to a fulfillment of which building the temple is a step, and it centres on one figure: the Branch. After the line of kings from David ended, God promised to raise up a new king from David's line, like a shoot sprouting from a stump, hence the name 'Branch'.

So to Joshua (not the Joshua who defeated Jericho!) who was the high priest of the day, God says this:

"Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day." (Zechariah 3:8-9)

It is not too hard for us to see this side of the cross that the Branch is Jesus and that the removal of the iniquity of this land was fulfilled on the day of Jesus' crucifixion when He said: "It is finished"!

God was true to His word! All God's promises will be fulfilled and find their "Yes" in Jesus, so we can be supremely confident that our faith, confidence and trust in Him will never be disappointed. (Isaiah 28:16 and Romans 10:11). Are you trusting the Branch?

- Phil Pratt

Church News

Church Office Closed

The church office is temporarily closed until further notice.

Valerie is with her family following the passing of her father last week.

Olga Covetz's Funeral

We warmly invite you to join us in giving thanks and celebrating the life of Olga Covetz, the wife of John & a long time member of our church and community.

Olga's funeral will be held on **Friday 15th May** at H.Parsons Funeral Home, 4 Princes Hwy, Dapto, with the service **commencing at 12pm.**

Please uphold John and the Covetz family and friends in prayer as they grieve her loss.

Gong Men's Day

Saturday 13th June @ Figtree Anglican, 9:30am-2:30pm.

Keynote Speaker: Mal York, Dean of Students - Moore College.

This year's theme is "**The Leader Who Follows**", exploring servant leadership as a model for all believers in Jesus.

Cost: \$55 (\$45 concession), includes lunch.

Registrations via facebook.com/gongmensday.

Birthdays

14th Tania Young

16th David Crook

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

Saturday

16th May

Cleaning:

D & J Orange/J Evans

Mowing:

D Paduch/P Pratt

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

Kids Church:

10th May

A Bentink & P Forrester

A Stavert

P Pratt

M Klasson/B Mayhew

J Mills

TBC

17th May

D & J Orange

A Bentink

J Stavert

R Eton/J Mills

P Pratt

V O'Regan

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

Special Needs & Health

Comfort for those who mourn, especially the families of Olga, Laurie, and Carmen.

John Covetz & family, and for Olga's funeral on Friday.

Lily, Cynthia, and others facing health struggles.

People in need: Bronwyn Clark, John 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, Merv & Nola Sercombe, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, John Wilson.

Families & Church Life

Younger families facing cost of living, housing, fuel, and schooling pressures.

Wisdom in balancing work, home life, discipline, and family devotions.

Bible study groups, weekly services, children's ministry, and welcoming newcomers.

Genuine love, encouragement, and care within our church family.

Leadership, Ministry & Witness

Playmakers, SRE, Pantry, youth ministries, and other outreach opportunities.

Courage to share the gospel with family, friends, neighbours, and community contacts.

Perseverance, patience, and wisdom in all ministry and leadership.

Mission, Nation & World

CMS, AFES, BCA, Anglicare, Anglican Aid, and mission partners worldwide.

Peace and justice in Iran, Ukraine, Lebanon, and Yemen.

Australia's leaders, drought-affected communities, and those facing food insecurity.

REGULAR PRAYERS (Cycle 3 of 4)

Church ministries

Kids Church, Kids Club, Playmakers playgroup.

Youth ministry.

School Scripture (SRE).

Bible Study groups.

Pilates & Praise.

Anglicare Community Pantry.

Women's and Men's ministry.

Ministry to seniors.

Members unable to attend church

Those house-bound or living in nursing homes including Margaret Abrahams, Lily Lyddiard, Pat Pepper, Merv Sercombe.

Staff & Senior Leadership

Our Minister Sam Pursell, his wife Susan and their kids Ed, Mary and Angela.

Valerie O'Regan (Parish Administrator).

Wardens and Parish Councillors.

Diocesan Leadership

Archbishop of Sydney, Kanishka Raffel.

Bishop of Wollongong, Peter Hayward.

Church members

Merv & Nola Sercombe

David & Rhonda Slocombe

Cynthia Smith

Ed & Resh Stanojevic

Josh, Ann, Emmy & Arthur Stavert