



One step at a time

Across our whole church, there are many things which we do. Chief among them is gathering to hear from God's word in the Bible, and pray to and praise our Lord God. But we are a varied bunch. Some of us are Christians, some are seeking to find more about Jesus Christ. Some of us are feeling wonderful, full of joy and thanks to God, others are suffering and downcast. Some of us find times of prayer like a bubbling brook between us and God, others find prayer a dry, hard grind to talk to him. All this is to say that in our life with the Lord Jesus, we are in different places of maturity, we face different circumstances, and we have different temperaments. Yet growth happens one step at a time.

So, I want you to reflect – what is your next step? What do you think, feel or sense that you need to grow in? What do you need to trust God more in? What do you see instructed in the Bible, which you are not doing? Or something you are doing, which you should not? Is there something which you need to work out?

The Holy Spirit is at work within us, helping us to grow. God also has given us each other as the body of the church, for the same end. This includes people with special gifts and roles, which will help us all become more mature in Christ. So, take some time and reflect upon yourself. What do you need to grow in? I would be delighted to talk with you, pray, make some suggestions or a plan, and generally direct you in whatever may be needed. What is your next step?

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:16)

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Bishop Hayward's Retirement & Farewell

Peter Hayward will officially conclude his ministry as Bishop of Wollongong on 29th August. We thank God for his faithful service and continue to pray for Peter and Julie in this next season.

A regional farewell and thanksgiving evening will be held at Dapto Anglican on **Monday 24th August at 7pm**. Everyone is welcome - please let Sam know if you plan to attend.

If you would like to contribute a message/photo for a farewell book (needed by the end of July) or make a financial contribution toward a farewell gift, please speak to Sam or Val.

Ladies Craft Afternoon

Saturday 6th June from 2pm to 4pm.

Bring along any craft, knitting, or creative project you're working on and enjoy a relaxed afternoon together.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

No need to RSVP - just come along!

Upcoming Conferences

- **Wollongong Women's Conference**
Saturday 30th May @ Figtree Anglican, 9:30am-3:30pm.
Registration closes at midnight tonight. Book online: wollongongwomensconference.com.
- **Gong Men's Day**
Saturday 13th June @ Figtree Anglican, 9:30am-2:30pm.
Registrations via facebook.com/gongmensday.

Birthdays

26th Jan Crook

Anniversaries

31st Kevin & Ruth Eton

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

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Serving Roster

	<i>Sunday</i>	24th May	31st May
<i>Saturday</i>	Welcomer:	A Kerr/J Stavert	D & R Slocombe
31st May	Bible Reader:	D Young	P Evans
Cleaning:	Prayer Leader:	TBC	G Kyngdon
D & R Slocombe	Morning Tea:	R Hannam/M Klasson	J & A Stavert
Mowing:	MT Clean Up:	R Eton	P Pratt
N/A	Kids Church:	V O'Regan	V O'Regan

Genesis 25-35

Treat out of trickery

Genesis 29:1-30:24

Sam Pursell • 24th May 2026

1. The trickster tricked (v. 29:1-30)
2. The hated shown love (v. 29:31-30:24)
3. God's discipline and humble worship

Next Sunday...

'Deceit and departure' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Genesis 30:25-31:21 & Genesis 31:22-55

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

Church Life & Fellowship

Sunday services, preaching, welcoming, and fellowship.

Newcomers, pastoral care, and Bible study groups.

Encouragement, kindness, practical support for one another and for those grieving.

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, Cynthea Smith, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, John Wilson.

Mission & Outreach

CMS, Anglican Aid, AFES, Bible Society, and mission partners.

Playmakers, SRE, Pantry, Kids Club, and other ministries.

Faithfulness, follow-up, and Gospel opportunities.

Australia

Wise leadership amid housing and cost-of-living pressures.

Rural and remote communities; safety and provision.

Emergency needs, employment pressures, and support for Aboriginal and mixed communities.

World Needs & Conflict

Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine/Russia, and Africa.

Wisdom for leaders making difficult decisions.

Refugees, aid workers, and safe delivery of relief.

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

Helen Wagemans

John Wilson

Dianne Young

Tania Young

Zac & Carol Adams