



Resolutions Fade, God's Promises Endure

June has arrived. Is it time to review those New Year Resolutions, or have they been forgotten as the 2026 gloss began to fade and life's pressures did not disappear?

Resolutions made in haste rarely last very long. Good intentions can be well meant, but end up as just words lacking substance, failing to drive any lasting life changes. The Latin phrase *Actis non Verbis* is still quoted and translates: "Actions, not just Words".

Thankfully, our wonderful God does not speak and forget to act in our best interests. His eternal "resolutions" are watertight, never failing to deliver as promised. The Old Testament is littered with the promise: "*I will be your God, and you will be my people.*"

In Genesis 3, after the Fall, He promised the Messiah, Jesus, would come; and He did. He promised He would rise again after the crucifixion; and He did. The promise of the Holy Spirit, further revealed throughout Scripture, was wonderfully fulfilled at Pentecost.

Some are old enough to remember "Promise Boxes" containing small scrolls bearing one of God's promises. You picked one out, studied it, and were hopefully encouraged. You can still buy them in differing guises, often in book form.

Did you make New Year resolutions and fail to keep them? Do not fear; just join the billions across the world who did the same thing.

God never fails His promises. Hebrews 13:5 reminds us: "*Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.'*" (NASB)

Thankfully, God's promises are not like our resolutions. He always keeps His word.

- Geoff Kyngdon

Church News

Hot Soup Sunday

Join us after our service on **Sunday 21st June for Hot Soup Sunday** – a chance to enjoy lunch and fellowship in groups of 4 to 6 at someone's home.

It's a wonderful opportunity to connect more deeply with others in our church family.

If you'd like to **host** or **attend**, please **sign up** on the clipboard at the Welcome Desk.

Winter Regional Prayer Diary

The latest Wollongong Regional Prayer diary is now available to [download](#).

Printed copies are also available.

Birthdays

12th Sienna Crook

13th Allan Quinn

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

	<i>Sunday</i>	7th June	14th June
<i>Saturday</i>			
13th June			
Cleaning:	Welcomer:	J & M Klasson	P & G Taylor
D & J Orange/J Evans	Bible Reader:	J Evans	J Orange
Mowing:	Prayer Leader:	D Young	H Mills
N/A	Morning Tea:	B Mayhew/J Mills	A Bentink/P Forrester
	MT Clean Up:	P Pratt	A Kerr
	Kids Church:	R Hannam	R Slocombe

Genesis 25-35

Wrestling, blessing and transformation

Genesis 32-33

Sam Pursell • 7th June 2026

1. Reassured or troubled? (v. 1-21)

2. Gripped by God (v. 22-32)

3. Transformed by God (v. 1-20)

Next Sunday...

'The sons are like their fathers' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Romans 12:17-13:5 & Genesis 34:1-31

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

Pastoral Care & One Another

People in need: Bronwyn Clark, John Covetz, David & Jan Crook, Jeanette Dunkeld, Kevin & Ruth Eton, Barrie & Auriel Hadley, Robert & Raija Hannam, Henrik Irwin, Pauline Kirby, Lili Kovacevic, Graeme & Marianne Krout, Pam Moore & family, Debbie Paget, Merv & Nola Sercombe, Cynthea Smith, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, John Wilson.

Strength for those providing pastoral care and practical support.

Kindness, generosity, encouragement, and hospitality toward one another.

Willingness to pray, serve, and help where needs arise.

Local Ministry

Newcomers, returnees, Sunday services, Bible studies, and children's teaching.

Faithfulness in outreach through family, friends, neighbours, and community contacts.

Good planning, follow-up, and opportunities to share the Gospel.

Australia

Australian leaders; wisdom, integrity, and decisions that serve the common good.

Local leaders, businesses, employers, emergency services, and community workers.

World Mission

CMS workers in Bolivia, Africa, and other challenging regions; safety, provision, and Gospel opportunities.

Wisdom, resources, and encouragement for all involved in mission work.

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, Lili Kovacevic, 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

Hinea Clark

John Covetz

Dave, Jan, Sienna, Abigail & Ashkan Crook

Jenni & Matt Dawes; Flynn & Rhys

Faulconbridge

Brian Dixon