



The problem with the historical Jesus

One of the strengths of Christianity is that it is historical. God's revelation isn't just about one person we have to accept at their word, but rather the Bible is a collection of writings from many people, culminating in the person of Jesus. Furthermore, the scriptures are not abstract teachings, but also tell of specific events, times, places and people. As Paul says to King Agrippa in Acts 26:26

"The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner."

This means we can pursue a historical line of enquiry and argument for the truth about Jesus. However, one problem which may arise is that we consider all scripture solely through a historical lens. Of course, this is a trap for any other question or concern we bring to the Bible. It is one thing to ask what God's word teaches about men and women families work race and politics etc. and another to only view scripture through that lens. Scripture is useful to equip us for every good work (2 Tim. 3:17) and therefore applies to all of life. However, filtering one colour can obscure the full and spectacular spectrum of the Bible's teaching.

In the example of being too historically focused, we can lose the present reality of worshipping God. The most significant reality for the Christian and enquirer is the exalted Christ in heaven at the right hand of the Father. Jesus isn't just to be investigated and considered, but worshipped as the one who has been raised from the dead, and will return to judge all the world. The Bible isn't written only to be studied, but that we can know Jesus Christ, and live in worship to him.

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Holiday Kids Club

Looking for a fun, hands-on activity for the kids these coming school holidays?

Join us for a science-themed Kids Fun Day on **Friday 17th July**.

Years K–6. Cost: \$15 per child or \$40 per family.

Register today at oakflatsanglican.com - spaces are limited.

Birthdays

21st Amanda Kyngdon (*Mission Partner*)
Jane Mills
Debbie Paget
Eileen Stokes

Rosters - Term 3

It is time to prepare the next cycle of rosters, and this will be for the whole of **Term 3** (Monday 29th June through to Sunday 20th September).

Please advise your unavailability to the Church Office as soon as possible

Southern Cross Magazine

The latest issue of Southern Cross is available online or you can pick up a copy at the welcoming desk.

22nd Abigail Sloan (Crook)
24th Jenni Faulconbridge

Mid-Year Giving

As we near the middle of another year, thank you for your faithful support of Oak Flats Anglican. Your generosity enables us to continue sharing the love of Jesus and serving our local community.

We're thankful that, through God's provision and your generosity, we met our budget last year. This year, however, giving is currently below budget, and we're aiming to increase regular giving by \$7,000.

If you're in a position to support the work of the gospel here at Oak Flats, please prayerfully consider whether you could begin giving, increase your regular giving, or make a once-off gift.

Practically, you can give via direct transfer to the church bank account, by placing cash in the offertory collection on Sundays, or by using the tap unit at the rear of the church next to the coffee machine (simply select an amount, then tap your card or phone).

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

Saturday

27th June

Cleaning:

D & R Slocombe

Mowing:

J Klasson/D Slocombe

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

Kids Church:

21st June

D & R Slocombe

E Hick

P Pratt

B Irwin/J Orange

D Orange

V O'Regan

28th June

A Kerr/H Mills

J Mills

J Stavert

R Eton/R Slocombe

D Slocombe

V O'Regan

Genesis 25-35

God's fulfilment to Israel

Genesis 35:1-36:8

Sam Pursell • 21st June 2026

1. Recommitment and renewal (v. 1-15)
2. Generational change: beginnings and endings (v. 16-29)
3. Esau's earthly blessings (v. 1-43)

Next Sunday...

3 week mini sermon series on WORK • *'A good thing ruined'* • Sam Pursell

Readings: Genesis 2:15-22 & Genesis 3:17-19

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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Safe Ministry Representative: Harley Mills - 0409 562 932 - harley.mills@oakflatsanglican.com

Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Health & Care

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.

Comfort for those grieving and strength for those supporting them.

Families facing difficult circumstances and ongoing challenges.

Mission & Outreach

Playmakers, SRE, Friday Kids & Youth, Pilates & Praise, Craft, Pantry, Bible studies, and Sunday services.

Holiday Kids Club: that many children would attend, hear the Gospel clearly, and that leaders and volunteers would serve with wisdom, energy, and love.

Wisdom in pastoral care and opportunities to share the Gospel.

World & Australia

Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine; wisdom for world leaders and the G7. Ebola response in DRC and Uganda, refugee crises, famine, and poverty in Africa.

Australian leaders, emergency services, schools, rural communities, and families under pressure.

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

Peter, Belinda, Zacharie & Samuel Firley

Barrie & Auriel Hadley

Paul & Hazel Hall

Robert & Raija Hamman

Erin Hick