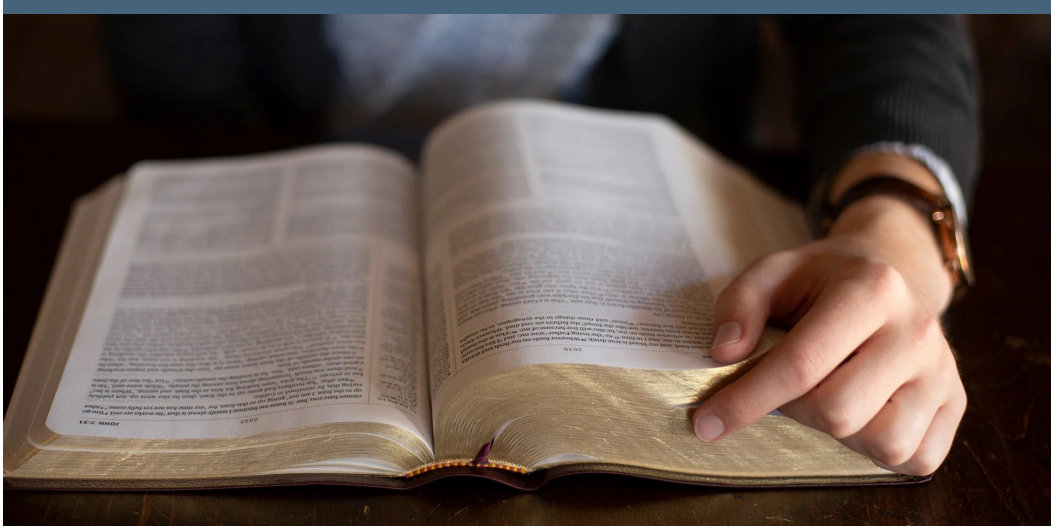




(Re)newing Bible reading

Having reached the turning point of halfway through the year, it might be time to come back again to some habits which have dropped off as the year has gone on. One which is always worth mentioning is Bible reading. It truly is a gift of our era that we can access the Bible each day and own one for ourselves. Before the printing press was invented it just wasn't possible.

Perhaps though, Bible reading has never been a regular habit of yours, but you are thinking of getting into it? I would suggest reading Mark, Genesis, Romans, James, Psalms and Proverbs as good books to start with. Read a chapter each day, and consider what it says about Jesus Christ or God, God's plan of salvation, and our response to him. It can be helpful to know the history of all that is recorded in the Bible, so a book like 'God's Big Picture' by Vaughan Roberts can help you get an overview in your mind as well how the Old Testament relates to us today.

There are also Bible Study resources and devotions available at the church bookstall. 'You, Me and the Bible', or 'Just for Starters' are good introductions for new Christians. There are also studies with questions for 1 Thessalonians, 2 Peter, Revelation 1-3, John's letters. Pick one up and be aided in reading God's word!

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Children's programs

Our regular children's programs are **taking a break** during the school holidays and will **resume after Sunday 19th July**. In the meantime, activity sheets are available for children during our Sunday service.

2026 National Grandparent Conference

Saturday 29th August at 9am - 4:30pm

St Paul's Castle Hill & livestream.

A special day to inspire and equip grandparents to invest in the lives of their grandchildren.

In-person: \$78 (early-bird) / \$98

Early bird ends 13th July

Online: \$30

Book online at ngmlegacy.com.au.



Birthdays

6th John Klasson
James Mills
11th Phil Pratt

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

	Sunday	5 th July	12 th July
Saturday			
11 th July			
Cleaning:	Welcomer:	P & G Taylor	E & R Stanojevic
D & R Slocombe	Bible Reader:	R Slocombe	B Irwin
Mowing:	Prayer Leader:	H Mills	V O'Regan
N/A	Morning Tea:	R Hannam/M Klasson	J Orange/R Slocombe
	MT Clean Up:	D Slocombe	D Slocombe

Work 2: Working God's way

Colossians 3:22-4:1

Sam Pursell • 5th July 2026

1. Obey sincerely (22)
2. Work wholeheartedly (23-25)
3. Manage fairly (1)

Next Sunday...

'Work and the gospel' • Sam Pursell • Readings: 1 Peter 2:9-12; 3:13-16 & 1 Corinthians 15:58

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

World

A just peace in Ukraine, Russia and the Middle East, those grieving, refugees, and Christians serving in difficult places.

Africa as communities face Ebola, food shortages and cost-of-living pressures.

South America, especially Bolivia and the Lovells.

Australia

Wise leaders, economic justice, those facing financial hardship, and police, ADF personnel and chaplains.

The upcoming Australian elections.

Diocese

Synod 2026.

Archbishop Peter as he retires and the appointment of a new Bishop for Wollongong.

Our Church & Community

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.

Wisdom for our leaders, planning for 2027, our finances, Sunday services, and members of our church family facing illness, grief or hardship, especially families under pressure.

Holiday Kids Club (17th July): that many children would attend, hear the Gospel, and that volunteers would serve safely and joyfully.

REGULAR PRAYERS (Cycle 3 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

Ken Illiffe

Ben, Adrianna, Elena & Henrik Irwin

Amy Kerr

Pauline Kirby

John & Mia Klasson