



SUCCESS

Finding success in life

Many parents spend all their time and energy setting up their children for life. Sporting pathways are seen as a means to glory and wealth, with additional sprint and skills training, and representative teams leading to professional contracts. Similar pathways exist for academic and business success, with specialist schools, after school tutoring, internships and industry placements. Time and money is given up, and other commitments fall by the wayside in the search for success.

By mid-life success looks like life promotions, management, leadership and developing the next generation. But it can all begin to feel a bit hollow, even if we have reached the pinnacle of our field. We can reach the limit of a path we set out on years prior as a child and find it is not enough.

Jesus teaches that success in life consists of knowing God, and becoming a part of his kingdom. It is founded on God's saving work for us in Jesus, and is eternally satisfying. Therefore, Christ should be the focus of our endeavours in life, above and beyond all others.

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:44-45)

Whether we trusted Jesus through a friend sharing the gospel or actively looked for him, entering the kingdom of God is a success. Faith in Jesus is life's greatest triumph, whatever our age, and is worth giving up everything else for.

- 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.

Ladies Dinner

Join us for our next Ladies Dinner on **Tuesday, 28th July at 6:30pm** at church.
Dinner is \$10.
Please RSVP with Coralie and sign up to bring a meal if you're able.
We'd love to see you there!

Birthdays

14th Annabelle Meek
20th Peter Evans

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican **BSB:** 633 000 **Account:** 164 385 841

Serving Roster

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	12th July	19th July
18th July	Welcomer:	E & R Stanojevic	D &R Slocombe
Cleaning:	Bible Reader:	B Irwin	G Taylor
D & R Slocombe	Prayer Leader:	H Mills	D Young
Mowing:	Morning Tea:	J Orange/R Slocombe	J & A Stavert
D Paduch/J Klasson	MT Clean Up:	D Slocombe	V O'Regan

Work 3: Gospel and Work

1 Corinthians 15:58

Sam Pursell • 12th July 2026

1. All work is valuable
2. Gospel work is timely
3. Prioritise gospel work

Next Sunday...

'The gift of giving' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Mark 12:38-44 & 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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.



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