



These brothers and sisters of mine

The church should be made up of all kinds of people. Young and old, of various backgrounds, and from various places. Often in society we find ourselves mixing with people who are just like us, with similar hobbies, wear similar clothes, and have similar levels of wealth. But Jesus' teaching indicates that the church will have a spread of people, and not only that, they will have supportive relationships with one another.

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells the parable of the sheep and the goats, with the implication that Christians will be serving those in need.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' (Matthew 25:35-36)

Furthermore, it will be an act of service towards those who trust in Christ, and in doing so service Christ himself.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40)

Not only does how we treat the poor, the destitute and powerless reveals our relationship with Jesus, it also sets up the church as a place where these kinds of relationships exist, and this kind of service goes on. Are we a Christian community which demonstrates our service of Christ in this way? May it be so.

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Children & Youth Ministries

Playmakers, Kids Club and Refuge all start for the term this week! Kids Church will begin next Sunday.

Activity sheets will still be available to complete during our service today.

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.

Birthdays

20th Peter Evans

SISMB Coffee & Dessert Night

Thursday 6th August, 7-8pm.

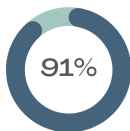
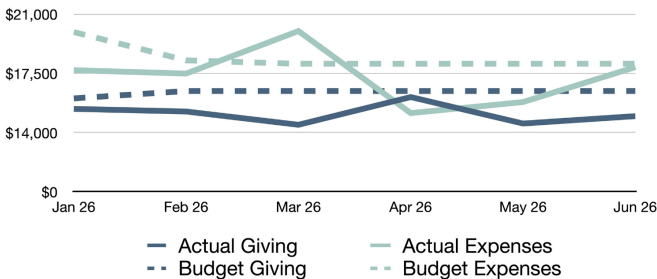
Come along to hear updates from our teachers about SISMB (High School Ministry) at Albion Park, Oak Flats and Lake Illawarra High Schools, and pray for this ministry.

As we are hosting, please bring a dessert or supper item to share.

New Chair Trolley

Our new chair trolley has arrived and is ready to use. If you help set up or pack up chairs, please use the trolley to move stacks of chairs rather than carrying them by hand. Thank you for helping care for both our chairs and our backs!

Finance Update (to the end of June 2026)



June Giving
We fell behind the budget by \$1,484



Giving Year to date
We are behind the budget by \$8,012

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

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

Serving Roster

Saturday

25th July

Cleaning:

D & R Slocombe

Mowing:

N/A

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

Kids Church:

19th July

D & R Slocombe

G Taylor

D Young

J & A Stavert

V O'Regan

N/A

26th July

D & J Orange

A Bentink

G Kyngdon

R Eton/J Mills

A Kerr

Joy Evans

2 Corinthians: Power in Weakness

The gift of giving

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Sam Pursell • 19th July 2026

1. The gift of giving (v. 1-8)
2. The gift of Christ (v. 9)
3. Christlike eagerness to give (v. 10-15)

Next Sunday...

'The practicalities of giving' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** 1 Cor. 16:1-4 & 2 Cor. 8:16-9:5

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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Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

One Another

Those recovering from recent illness and/or surgery and others known to us who are unwell or facing difficult circumstances.

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, Phil Pratt, Merv & Nola Sercombe, Cynthea Smith, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, John Wilson.

Our Church

Sam as he prepares to preach God's word each week. Bible study leaders as they prepare.

Our children's ministries during the school holidays, Kids Fun Day, and preparations for next term.

Parish Council. Synod 2026.

Our Community and Nation

Community Pantry as it seeks new sources of food following the loss of government funding.

Our emergency services - Ambulance, Fire, and SES - as they serve and protect our communities.

Farmers, for favourable weather during planting and harvesting.

Our World

Peace in regions affected by conflict, wisdom for leaders and organisations working towards peace, including NATO, the UN, USA and UK.

REGULAR PRAYERS (Cycle 4 of 4)

Making Disciples of Jesus in Oak Flats

Engage

That we would engage people from our community with the grace and love God has shown to us.

Evangelise

That we would share the good news about Jesus with all people and see conversion.

Establish

That we would teach people to know and obey Christ's teaching.

That we would be true friends with people in our church.

That we would love one another and support one another in life's challenges.

Equip

That we would raise up workers for the gospel harvest.

That we would train people to various ministry roles, giving them skills, encouragement and space to flourish.

Church members

Harley & Jane Mills

Stuart, Luran, James & Charlotte Mills

Pam & Gerry Moore

Valerie O'Regan

David & Jenny Orange