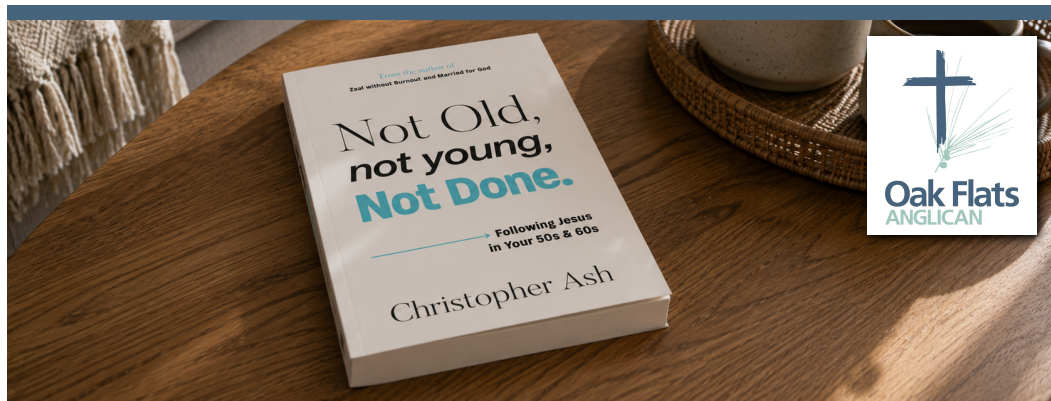




Book Reflection: Not Old, Not Young, Not done. by Christopher Ash

Are you an 'afternoon?' Christopher Ash writes that people in their 50s and 60s are in the afternoon of life, which brings with it particular opportunities and challenges:

- How do we lean into the wisdom God has gifted us over a lifetime and take seriously that call to counsel younger believers?
- Are we simply attending our local church or are we belonging to that local church?
- What do we do when we are haunted by regrets/past failures/disappointments?
- And what about menopause? There's an appendix on that written by one of the author's friends.
- Another key question: Am I cultivating thanksgiving and hope? Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. If we let that sink in, that puts a spring in your step, right?
- What's the state of my heart? Am I still praying for purity and seeking righteousness or has my Christian growth stagnated amidst feelings of I-already-know-all-this?

I loved this paragraph:

'The sins of a 60-something fill a different canvas from the iniquities of a 40-something. Be on the lookout for the newly stirred-up sins crowding into your life. You yourself may grow less vigorous; your sins do not. Even as your own energies decrease, your sins will attack you with unrelenting vigour. Temptations never get tired. They are like amateur actors, restlessly changing into new clothing with every passing scene of your life's drama...I can pretend I am still fighting sin when in reality I have raised the white flag some while ago.'

This is a Christian writer with real experience, isn't it? If you need encouragement to put down the white flag and keep running the race with perseverance, I think you'll find it here.

This would be a great book to do with a reading group. The chapters are nice and short, and there's a discussion guide and the practical applications would be worth teasing out with a couple of friends. A few copies are currently available at the bookstall.

- Susan Pursell

Church News

Ladies Dinner

Join us for our next Ladies Dinner this **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.

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.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

Saturday	Sunday	26 th July	2 nd August
1 st August	Welcomer:	D & J Orange	J & M Klasson
Cleaning:	Bible Reader:	A Bentink	R Eton
P & C Pratt/R Hannam	Prayer Leader:	G Kyngdon	D Young
Mowing:	Morning Tea:	R Eton/J Mills	A Bentink/P Forrester
N/A	MT Clean Up:	A Kerr	J Mills
	Kids Church:	Joy Evans	R Hannam

2 Corinthians: Power in Weakness

The practicalities of giving

2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5

Sam Pursell • 26th July 2026

1. Above reproach in financial administration (v. 16-24)

2. Prepared and ready to give (v. 1-5)

Next Sunday...

'The heart of giving' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Deuteronomy 15:7-11 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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.



Scan for the online 'Contact Us' form

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Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Our People

That we would love, encourage and serve one another, growing in unity and Christlikeness.

Those in ongoing 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, Cynthia Smith, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn, John Wilson.

Our Ministries

Bible Studies: Give thanks for the leaders.

SRE: A good start for term 3. For students ready to listen and learn.

Playmakers: For all who attend, especially the children. Building relationships with parents and carers.

Friday Kids & Youth: Harmony as the ages fellowships together.

Pantry: For softened hearts to the Gospel. Wisdom in dealing with emergency cases.

Our Nation & World

Emergency services: Police, Fire Brigade, SES.

Rural sector: for rain at the right time.

Peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.

Global organisations: NATO, UN, USA.

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

David Paduch & family

Debbie Paget

Bruce & Caroline Petrie

Phil & Coralie Pratt

Sam, Susan, Ed, Mary & Angela Pursell