



Who to speak to?

When issues arise in our relationships, sometimes it can be easier to talk to everyone else about the problem except the person in question. This pairing of proverbs stood out to me recently:

*Whoever would foster love covers over an offense,
but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.
A rebuke impresses a discerning person
more than a hundred lashes a fool. (Proverbs 17:9-10)*

The first proverb focuses on the problem of gossiping about a wrongdoing leading to the separation of friends. On top of an initial offense, the continued raking over of the problem with others prevents reconciliation and healing. Here the 'covering of an offense' refers to forgiveness, as in Proverbs 10:12, or Psalm 31:1. Love however, forgives and withdraws the burning wood of gossip (Prov. 26:20-21) and restoration can continue.

The second proverb follows on from the first. The proper direction of speech is towards the offender in order address the matter. If the person who has committed the offense is wise and understanding, they will receive the rebuke as feedback and it will influence them deeply to change.

Sometimes Christians think it is kinder to not tackle an issue privately and directly with someone. Yet unaddressed problems inevitably 'leak out' into conversations with whoever may have a listening ear. As those reconciled to God by Christ, we should be active in seeking reconciliation with one another, and wise and gracious in our speech.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

- Sam Pursell

Church News

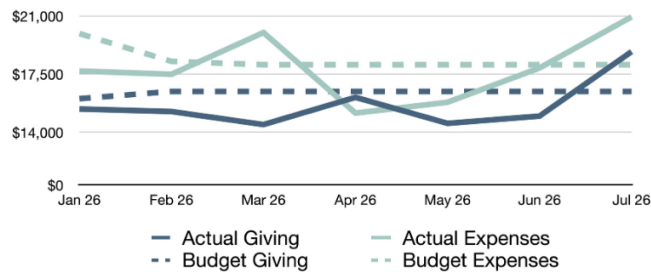
Pot Luck Lunch

Join us as we gather on together today after our morning service for lunch.
Thank you to everyone who has provided food and drinks!

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Finance Update (to the end of July 2026)



Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

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



July Giving
We exceeded the budget by \$2,396



Giving Year to date
We are behind the budget by \$5,616

Serving Roster

Saturday
22nd August
Cleaning:
P & C Pratt/R Hannam
Mowing:
N/A

Sunday
Welcomer: R Eton & P Moore`
Bible Reader: D Young
Prayer Leader: H Mills
Morning Tea: B Irwin/A Kerr
MT Clean Up: D Orange
Kids Church: M Klasson

16th August
23rd August
P & G Taylor
E Stanojevic
J Stavert
R Eton/J Mills
P Pratt
R Hannam

2 Corinthians: Power in Weakness

Don't be led astray

2 Corinthians 11:1-15

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1. Grow a sincere and pure devotion for Christ (v. 1-4)
2. Know that humble service is not inferior (v. 5-11)
3. Recognise that some serve themselves and Satan (v. 12-15)

Next Sunday...

'Boast in weakness' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Acts 9:1-16 & 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

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 Families

Young families, parents and carers.
Wisdom, patience and strong family relationships.
Cost-of-living pressures, schooling, work and future planning.
Older members encouraging, supporting and praying for younger families.

Our Church & Local Mission

Playmakers, SRE, Kids Club, Refuge, Pantry and our Sunday services.
Gospel conversations, welcoming newcomers and growing disciples.
Faithful leadership in our church, Diocese and mission partnerships.

Our Nation & Our World

Families affected by war, persecution and poverty.
Peace in places of conflict and wisdom for world leaders.
Australia's leaders, emergency services, schools and rural communities.

Those in Need

Our mission partners serving around the world.
Christians facing persecution for their faith.
Those who are grieving, unwell or facing hardship.

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, Cynthea Smith, Eileen Stokes, Allan Quinn and John Wilson.

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

Robyn Thomas
Helen Wagemans
Emilie, Nate & Jemima Watson
John Wilson
Matthew & Katherin Woolley