



Book Reflection: *Even Better Than Eden* by Nancy Guthrie

Biblical theology, someone once told me, is about discovering how one part of the Bible relates to every other part of the Bible. In *Even Better Than Eden*, Nancy Guthrie will have you tracing the events and motifs of that story of the Garden of Eden at the very beginning of the Bible through the rest of the narrative. Like what does the curse on Adam have to do with Jesus wearing the crown of thorns on Good Friday?

As one of my favourite Bible teachers Nancy is always drawing out these things from the Bible that I never would have spotted on my own. And I often find myself thinking: That is brilliant. That is a clever thing that I can say at bible study. But that's the problem, isn't it? Because sometimes biblical theology books stop there and we've learnt stuff, but it's just filed away in the interesting connections folder.

This book won't let you do that. What struck me again and again was that it wasn't just clever theology, but in every chapter, she leans into *What does that mean for us?* What does the story of Eden and the crown of thorns have to do with my restlessness, my discontentment? How does it speak to me in my loneliness, in my frustrations, in my grumblings? This is Bible teaching at its best because the words don't just stay on the page, but they start to push out and reshape our thinking and our desires.

- Susan Pursell

Church News

Ladies Craft Afternoon

Saturday 5th September, 2pm to 4pm.

Ladies! You are invited to come together for a fun afternoon at the church.

Bring along any craft or knitting that you might be working on.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

BCA Boxes due

It's box opening time!

If you've been collecting coins for Bush Church Aid (BCA) please return them for counting.

Rosters - Term 4

It's time to prepare the Term 4 rosters, which will run from **Monday 21st September through to Sunday 13th December.**

If you serve in any capacity, please check your availability and advise the office of any dates you are unable to serve. This helps us ensure all areas are covered and our services run smoothly.

Thank you for your faithful service and for being a blessing to our church family!

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

Name: Oak Flats Anglican

BSB: 633 000

Account: 164 385 841

Serving Roster

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>30th August</i>	<i>6th September</i>
5th September	Welcomer:	E & R Stanojevic	R Eton/G Kyngdon
Cleaning:	Bible Reader:	E Hick	P Evans
P & C Pratt/R Hannam	Prayer Leader:	G Kyngdon	J Stavert
Mowing:	Morning Tea:	M Klasson/J Orange	B Irwin/A Kerr
N/A	MT Clean Up:	D Orange	J Mills
	Kids Church:	J Evans	M Klasson

2 Corinthians: Power in Weakness

Power in weakness

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Sam Pursell • 30th August 2026

1. Surpassingly great revelations (v. 1-4)
2. Boasting in weakness (v. 5-7)
3. Christ's power is perfected in weakness (v. 7-10)

Next Sunday...

'All for your strengthening' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Joel 2:12-13 & 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

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

Our World

Nepal: Those affected by devastating floods and mudslides, grieving families, emergency workers, and all involved in relief and recovery.

Wisdom for governments, aid agencies and Christian organisations serving those in need.

Mission & Gospel Opportunities

Playmakers, SRE, Kids Club, Refuge and opportunities to build relationships and share the hope of Christ.

Open hearts to the gospel and wisdom as we support God's mission through prayer, service and generosity.

Our Church & Leaders

Our minister Sam, Wardens, Parish Council, ministry leaders and volunteers. Bishop-elect Jono Squire, Archbishop Kanishka Raffel, Synod delegates and faithful leadership across our Diocese.

One Another

Families under pressure, those grieving, and those facing financial, relationship or health challenges.

Growth in faith, prayer, encouragement and bold witness.

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

REGULAR PRAYERS (Cycle 2 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

Lenore & Joe Armour

Alex Bentink & Priyani Forrester

Peter & Joan Cheetham

Bronwyn Clark

John Covetz