



Peace in the pressure

Anxiety and stress are major health issues worldwide; both can be life threatening. Christians are not immune, and we have all suffered from them at some stage, living as we must in a world that lacks hope, continually seeking answers in all the wrong places while having a flawed view of the future. No, it is not all cricket in the sky with friends when we die!

Glance online or visit a pharmacy and you will find an array of products aimed at calming the nerves, reducing stress, clearing the mind, offering better sleep, and providing other blessings. Not all are questionable, but what should the Christian's first approach be when the pressure is on?

In Hebrews 13:5-6 we read:

"Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever abandon you,' so that we confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?'"

Fear of the future can shake even Christians, yet we have the only Hope that lasts.

Philippians 4:7 builds on this encouragement from Hebrews:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

How has your week been, and what about the family? How have you responded to the usual twists and turns of life; what about the unexpected? We all have our downers, and sometimes we need help. Where and to whom do you turn first?

Verse 7 of the Philippians passage adds this powerful encouragement:

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

My week has been very stressful, with the usual pressures and the imminent death of a young grandson, but God has been with me all the way.

How about you?

- Geoff Kyngdon

Church News

BCA Visit

We're pleased to welcome **Paul Sampson**, BCA's *NSW/ACT Regional Officer*, to our service next Sunday 20th September.

Paul will be preaching and sharing an update about the work of Bush Church Aid (BCA) and its ministry across Australia.

Anglican Aid: Hear from Mozambique

Sunday 20th September, 12:30pm-2:30pm, Dapto Anglican Church.

Join Anglican Aid to hear Archbishop Vicente Msosa from Mozambique share stories of faith and gospel hope. Free lunch provided!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 16th September using the QR code to assist with catering.



Spring Regional Prayer Diary

The latest Wollongong Regional Prayer diary is now available to download.

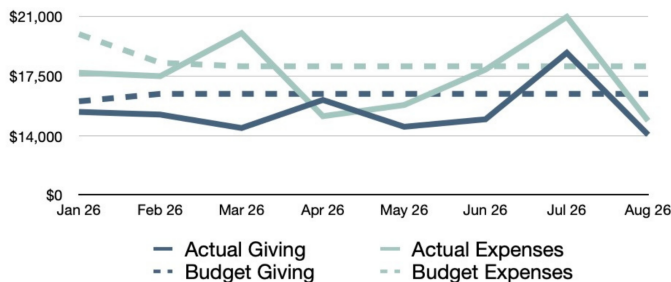
Printed copies are also available.

BCA Boxes due

It's box opening time!

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

Finance Update (to the end of August)



Birthdays

- 14th Harley Mills
- 16th Mary Straughan
- 18th Geoff Kyngdon
- 19th Glenda Taylor



August Giving
We fell behind the budget by \$2,384



Giving Year to date
We are behind the budget by \$7,999

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

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

Serving Roster

Saturday

19th September

Cleaning:

J & M Klasson/B Clark

Mowing:

P Pratt/D Slocombe

Sunday

Welcomer:

Bible Reader:

Prayer Leader:

Morning Tea:

MT Clean Up:

Kids Church:

13th September

D & R Slocombe

A Stavert

P Pratt

R Hannam/M Klasson

D Orange

B Firley

20th September

H Mills/P Moore

A Bentink

V O'Regan

R Eton/J Mills

D Slocombe

R Slocombe

2 Corinthians: Power in Weakness

Examine yourselves

2 Corinthians 13:1-14

Sam Pursell • 13th September 2026

1. A final warning (v. 1-4)
2. Examine yourselves (v. 5-8)
3. Pray and strive for full restoration (v. 9-14)

Next Sunday...

'Developing the next generation' • Paul Sampson (BCA) • **Readings:** Deut 6:1-25 & 2 Tim 1:1-18

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

Mission & Gospel Opportunities

AFES at UOW, SRE in our schools, and opportunities to share Christ.

Gospel workers serving in Australia and overseas.

Students growing in faith and witnessing to others.

Our Church & Leaders

Bible study groups and those providing pastoral care.

Planning for ministries and outreach in 2027.

Synod, our delegates, and faithful diocesan leadership.

Our World

Australia's leaders, elections, rural and remote communities.

Those in prison, their families, corrections staff and chaplains.

Christians serving in difficult places and those supporting them.

One Another

Those facing illness, grief, caring responsibilities or family challenges.

Opportunities to encourage and pray for one another.

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 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

Peter & Joy Evans

Djalah, Matt, Isaac, Josiah, Xavier & Mia Fenton; Carol Cholai

Sherida Findell

Peter, Belinda, Zacharie & Samuel Firley

Tyra Fleming