



## The real you

Recently in an interview, Billy Corgan of the 90s band Smashing Pumpkins spoke about being open and honest as a Christian:

*"I at some point I made my own personal decision that I was going to be willing to talk about God in a way that I know most people in my generation do not talk about God in music...I even once said to Rolling Stone that God is the third rail of rock and roll. I read that if you talk about God, you know, you might as well throw your career down the hole. And I made the decision that I was going to talk about God honestly, at least God in my life or believing in Jesus as my Lord and Savior. And if and if it was going to hurt me, I didn't care. Because if you don't really understand me...If I can't be willing to be honest with who I am, well, what am I asking a fan to believe in?"*

We might have similar thoughts, that talking about God is the third rail (the electrified one) which could kill our relationships. But if we do not, how can we be truly understood by our friends and family? If so much of our everyday thinking is only a step away from what we think about God, shouldn't we be open about it?

The letter of 1 Peter addresses this theme, encouraging us to proclaim Christ and do good, even in the face of opposition. Even if we might be rejected, we are called to *"declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light"* (2:9). Furthermore, *"if you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you"* (4:14). So then, be emboldened to do good directed by the reality of Jesus Christ, speak of the real you in relation to God, and don't wait 30 years to do so!

- Sam Pursell

# Church News

## Farewell Pam!

After more than 20 years with our church family, we farewell Pam Moore as she and Gerry prepare to settle in Toowoomba.

Thank you, Pam, for your friendship, fellowship and faithful service.

You will be greatly missed! We wish you both a wonderful holiday and every blessing for this next chapter.

## Children programs

During school holidays our normal children's programs take a break until **after Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October.**

Activity sheets will be available for children at our Sunday service.

## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup>      Stuart & Luran Mills

## Give Electronically

### BANK DETAILS

**Name:** Oak Flats Anglican

**BSB:** 633 000

**Account:** 164 385 841

## Serving Roster

| <i>Saturday</i>               | <i>Sunday</i>         | <i>27<sup>th</sup> September</i> | <i>4<sup>th</sup> October</i> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b> | <b>Welcomer:</b>      | J & M Klasson                    | P & G Taylor                  |
| <b>Cleaning:</b>              | <b>Bible Reader:</b>  | J Orange                         | B Petrie                      |
| P & C Pratt/R Hannam          | <b>Prayer Leader:</b> | J Stavert                        | V O'Regan                     |
| <b>Mowing:</b>                | <b>Morning Tea:</b>   | R Hannam/R Slocombe              | B Mayhew/J Orange             |
| Z Adams/J Klasson             | <b>MT Clean Up:</b>   | J Mills                          | D Orange                      |

*The Ten Commandments*

# **The Christian and Old Testament Law**

Sam Pursell • 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026

1. Accountability

2. Fulfilment and salvation

3. Wisdom

*Next Sunday...*

*'No other gods'* • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Exodus 20:1-3 & John 14:1-10

# 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](http://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

### School Holidays & Schools

Rest, refreshment and safe travel over the school holidays.

School leaders, staff and Christian teachers.

Continued freedom and opportunities for SRE in our schools.

### The Next Generation

Children and young people growing in their knowledge and love of the Lord.

Parents, families and youth leaders as they encourage and support young people.

A new generation eager to serve God and live for his glory.

### Mission & Ministry

Local ministries resting and preparing for Term 4.

Theological colleges, Christian training and university ministries.

Missionaries serving faithfully, particularly in difficult places.

### Our Church

Those facing illness, grief, financial pressure and other struggles.

Encouraging, supporting and caring 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, Cynthia 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

Amy Kerr

Pauline Kirby

John & Mia Klasson

Lili Kovacevic

Graeme & Marianne Krout