



Sweeter than lollies

Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible, an extended reflection upon the word of God, in particular the law. When you went for your driver's license, you needed to read laws pertaining to driving, but did you read them with such joy as the Psalmist? I doubt it!

Oh, how I love your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

*Your commands are always with me
and make me wiser than my enemies.*

*I have more insight than all my teachers,
for I meditate on your statutes.*

*I have more understanding than the elders,
for I obey your precepts.*

*I have kept my feet from every evil path
so that I might obey your word.*

*I have not departed from your laws,
for you yourself have taught me.*

*How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

*I gain understanding from your precepts;
therefore I hate every wrong path. (Psalm 119:97-104)*

The interlocking and overlapping connections of the commands and laws of the Lord are something which the Psalmist loves, and he finds endless consideration of them to be of surpassing value. Like an everlasting gobstopper, there is always more to taste and delight in, in reflecting upon the wisdom which God gives to us.

As we begin considering the 10 Commandments, is this your mindset in approaching them? If not, starting sucking on them, to draw out their sweetness. They won't just bring joy in your mouth for a moment, as good as that is. Rather, through trusting in Christ and obeying him, we find the best and blessed life, even in adversity, now and into eternity.

- Sam Pursell

Church News

Children programs

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

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

Upcoming Guest Preachers

We will be welcoming guest preachers for the next two Sundays:

- 11th October – Paul Hall
- 18th October – Gary Eastment from Anglicare

Please be praying for each of them as they prepare to open God's word with us.

Church Spring Cleaning

Saturday 17th October @ 9am

Come for as long as you can, even if it's just for an hour or two.

There is a list of jobs that you can sign up to complete on the day (or in your own time).

Contact Harley for more information.

One Hope Women's Conference

Saturday 24th October @ 9am-1pm, Bomaderry

Come along for a morning of encouragement, fellowship and teaching as we look to the hope we have in Christ.

Tickets: \$35 general admission; \$25 concession; Teens free

For more information and to book, visit onehopeconference.com.au.

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>4th October</i>	<i>11th October</i>
10th October	Welcomer:	P & G Taylor	B & C Petrie/R Slocombe
Cleaning:	Bible Reader:	B Petrie	J Evans
D & J Orange/J Evans	Prayer Leader:	H Mills	V O'Regan
Mowing:	Morning Tea:	B Mayhew/J Orange	TBC
N/A	MT Clean Up:	D Orange	D Slocombe

Commandment 1: No other gods

Exodus 20:1-3

Sam Pursell • 4th October 2026

1. The LORD your God, your saviour (v. 1-2)

2. No other gods (v. 3)

3. One Lord, Jesus Christ

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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Parish Administrator: Valerie O'Regan - 0408 271 189 - val.oregan@oakflatsanglican.com

Office Hours: Monday: 9:30am-5pm & Friday: 9:30am-3:30pm

Wardens: Dave Crook - 0404 337 502; Geoff Kyngdon - 0417 044 565;
Ed Stanojevic - 0405 970 434

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Prayers

CURRENT PRAYERS

Our World

Peace in Ukraine, the Middle East and Africa, and relief for those affected by conflict, famine, drought and disease. Wisdom and integrity for world leaders, aid agencies and those providing humanitarian support.

Mission & Gospel Opportunities

Our mission partners serving locally and globally, and faithful support for their ministry.

Wisdom to know how we can pray, give and encourage those proclaiming the gospel.

Our Church & Leaders

Our parish, diocesan and national leaders, and their families.

Strength and encouragement to finish the year well, especially for those serving on the frontline of ministry.

Faithful leadership that honours Christ and builds his church.

One Another

Those who are grieving, unwell, caring for others or facing financial and housing pressures.

Compassion and practical care for families in need, and wisdom in supporting 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 3 of 4)

Church ministries

Kids Church, Kids Club, Playmakers playgroup.

Youth ministry.

School Scripture (SRE).

Bible Study groups.

Pilates & Praise.

Anglicare Community Pantry.

Women's and Men's ministry.

Ministry to seniors.

Members unable to attend church

Those house-bound or living in nursing homes including Lili Kovacevic, Merv Sercombe.

Staff & Senior Leadership

Our Minister Sam Pursell, his wife Susan and their kids Ed, Mary and Angela.

Valerie O'Regan (Parish Administrator).

Wardens and Parish Councillors.

Diocesan Leadership

Archbishop of Sydney, Kanishka Raffel.

Archdeacon of Wollongong, Anthony Douglas.

Bishop-elect of Wollongong, Jono Squire.

Church members

Geoff Kyngdon

Karen Laird

Barbara Mayhew

Harley & Jane Mills

Stuart, Luran, James & Charlotte Mills