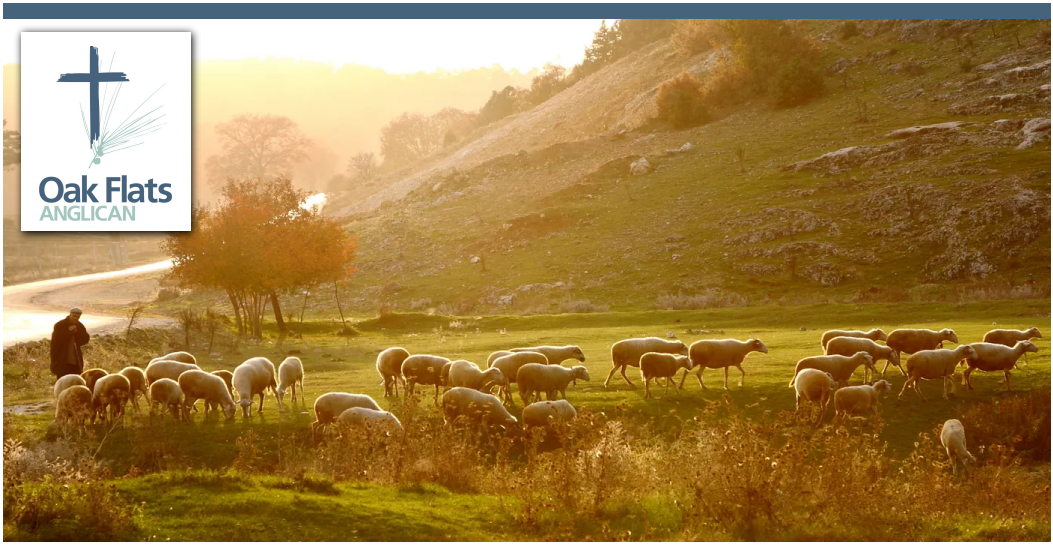


The Eyes of the Lord

It may seem strange to imagine that God, who is Spirit, has eyes. However, the Bible tells us clearly that God sees all and everything, and far more deeply than we can perceive with our eyes and understanding. This can be both a comforting and scary thought! Consider these verses...

> *The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, **keeping watch** on the evil and the good. (Proverbs 15:3)*
>
> *For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth **to strengthen those** whose hearts are fully committed to Him. (2 Chronicles 16:9)*
>
> *He **does not take His eyes off the righteous**... (Job 36:7)*

Here is our ultimate security. In all the messiness of life, God does not take His eyes off us, but this does not mean He is a passive observer. His watching implies action to guide, protect, sustain and equip. He knows our pain, He knows our sin, He knows our sorrows...and He knows the comfort, relief, protection and forgiveness we need.

But there is more. God speaks of His people as being the **apple of His eye** (Deuteronomy 32:10, Zechariah 2:8 and Psalm 17:8). This is an expression of God's deep and intimate love of His people no matter what. It is a familial belonging. Mess with His family, and you mess with God Himself!

So... let us cherish these truths and make our Lord ever and always the apple of our eyes as we seek to walk obediently under His protective and loving grace (Proverbs 7:2).

- Phil Pratt

Church News

National Church Life Survey

Today we will be conducting the National Church Life Survey (NCLS).

The purpose of the NCLS is to help churches to be more vital and effective. Through the survey you will be able to give your thoughts, opinions and experiences of church life.

The survey provides valuable feedback that enables leaders at local, regional and national levels to evaluate and plan for the future.

Our church's contribution will form an important part of the national snapshot of the whole Australian Church.

This is a voluntary and anonymous survey. Please only complete the survey once.

2026 National Church Life Survey — Attender Survey

Our Church Code is

ANS744

Write this Code on your Survey form or enter it online attendersurvey.ncls.au

We're Hiring – Part-Time Youth Worker

We're looking for a part-time Youth Worker to join the team at and help young people grow in their love for Jesus.

Could you help spread the word? If you know someone who might be a great fit, please encourage them to find out more!

The role is 1.5 days per week, including Friday afternoons and Sunday mornings.

Find out more at oakflatsanglican.com/jobs.

Birthdays

25th Ruth Eton
Priyani Forrester

31st Ed Pursell

Anniversaries

Give Electronically

BANK DETAILS

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

Serving Roster

Saturday	**31st October**	**1st November**
Cleaning:	P & C Pratt/R Hannam	
Mowing:	Z Adams/J Klasson	

Sunday	**25th October**	**1st November**
Welcomer:	P & G Taylor	A Bentink & P Forrester
Bible Reader:	A Bentink	J Dunkeld
Prayer Leader:	P Pratt	D Young
Morning Tea:	B Irwin/A Kerr	R Eton/J Orange
MT Clean Up:	R Slocombe	D Orange
Kids Church:	M Klasson	R Hannam/M Klasson

The Ten Commandments

Commandment 2: No idols

Exodus 20:4-6

Sam Pursell • 25th October 2026

1. Do not make, bow down to, or worship any idols (Ex. 20:4-6)

2. Idolatry today (Col. 3:5-11)

3. Worship Jesus Christ (John 14:9; 20:28, Col. 1:15)

Next Sunday…

'Do not misuse the Lord's name' • Sam Pursell • **Readings:** Exodus 20:1-7 & Philippians 2:9-11

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

A World in Turmoil

Peace in Ukraine, the Middle East and nati ons experiencing civil unrest.

Those affected by violence, Ebola, famine, drought and persecution.

Wisdom for world leaders and protection f or vulnerable communities.

Our Church

Wisdom for 2027 planning.

The Youth Worker position.

Vision Day and upcoming Giving Sunday.

Caring for One Another

Our families and children, those facing har dship, and those needing pastoral care.

Generosity, encouragement and practical s upport as we approach Christmas.

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.

Sharing the Hope of Christmas

Our Christmas services and Carols, and op portunities to share the lasting hope of Jes us.

Wisdom in our conversations with those w ho don't yet know him, and energy for our ministries as they finish the year.

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

David & Rhonda Slocombe

Cynthea Smith

Ed & Resh Stanojevic

Josh, Ann, Emmy & Arthur Stavert

Olga Stoilykovic

Send Prayer requests to our Prayer Coordinator, Geoff Kyngdon on either 0417 044 565 or geoff.kyngdon@oakflatsanglican.com.