



# Oakhurst

## Anglican Church

*To Make and Grow Disciples of Jesus Christ*

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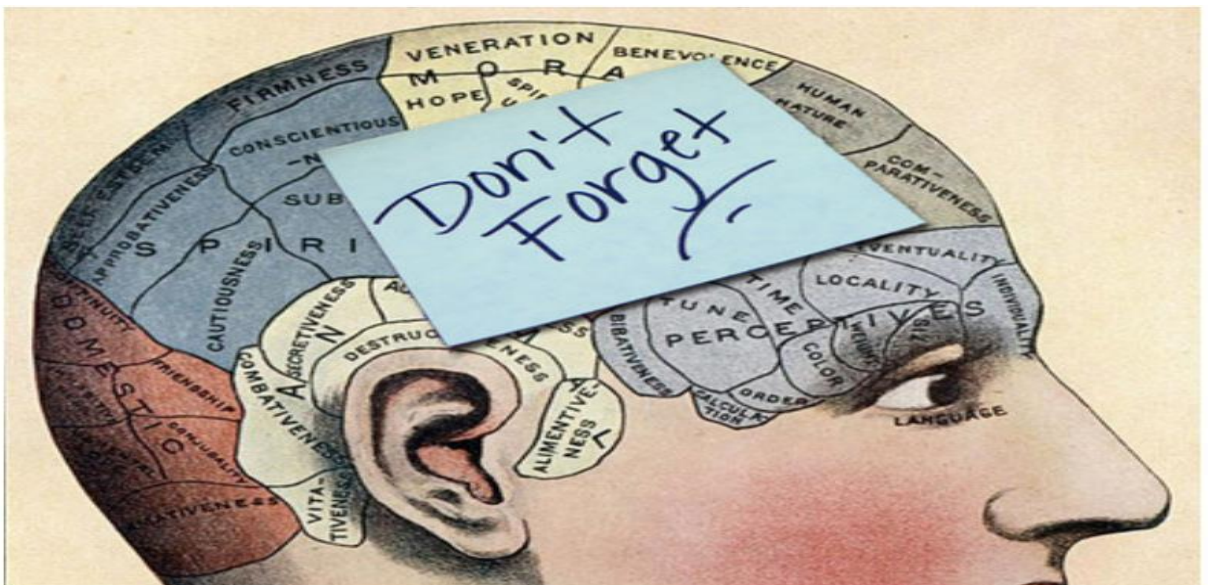
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A warm welcome to everyone at church today. Let us worship God together and seek to grow in our ability to follow him more closely and grow in our love for one another. The service should be available at the church website, ([www.oakhurstanglican.org.au](http://www.oakhurstanglican.org.au)) or the church Facebook page

Overall Series Title: They will know that I am the Lord their God

Today's Sermon: The Importance Of Memory

Bible Reading: : O/T Exodus 12 N/T Luke 22:7-23





## Rector Writes

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever."

These words from the prophet Isaiah were spoken to a people in exile more than two and a half thousand years ago. They were words of comfort, which seems strange in a way, because immediately before them comes the phrase 'all men are like grass'! But their comfort is apparent, isn't it? God's people were in exile and under a foreign power. Their oppressors appeared to be strong, if not unbeatable. But they had the promise of God, which is more than reliable. It was enough to keep them going and looking forward to a return from exile. Their oppressors would not stand against the word of God. But these words also told them of their own fragility and weakness. They themselves were like grass, but God's word will stand forever. Even if they are weak and all seems lost, God's word would not fail. I hope that you have continued to feed on God's Word and, where possible, been encouraging your households to do the same.

I know that some of us have been taking stock over the past few months as our lives have been forced to change. Three questions I have found useful to ask are:

1. What have I stopped (that I don't want to go back to)?
2. What have I changed (that I want to continue with)?
3. What have I started (that I want to adopt from now on)?

These are three helpful ways to reflect on what has happened over the past few months. I know that a number of us have already had those thoughts with regard to our personal lives and our work lives, and I would encourage us all to use these as a basis for reflection. The Parish Council and I are also starting to think about these with regard to our church and how we might think about our church as we resume various activities and ministries. If you have any thoughts in that regard, please let us know!

In Christ, Jason

## Praise and Prayer Points

- Pray for the Op shop helpers as they open the shop 2 mornings a week.
- Pray that we can help many with clothing and linen in these difficult times we are living in, with many being without work.
- Pray for those who have lost their job or had hours cut.
- Uphold those who are grieving the passing of a family member or close friend.
- Pray for our Mum's to be, few with only weeks to go, pray God watches over them all keeping mother and baby safe.
- Pray for the school children returning to school or been back at school already, that they are kept safe and pray Gods protection over the school teachers and school staff also.
- Pray against this COVID 19 virus and a vaccine against it will be soon found.
- Pray for Jason as he leads our church out of this isolation, for wisdom and guidance.
- Uphold our country leaders as they lead our country out of the lock down, and pray against the 2nd round of outbreak of the pandemic.

## Notices

Please take the opportunity to watch church together if you can. Don't forget that Step 1 allows for up to 5 visitors to a home, so if you are well and healthy, take the chance to catch up with others if you have not been able to do so as yet.

The Parish Council has reviewed the church's finances, and we are all very thankful to God for his provision. Our giving each week has kept up, as many of you have transferred to electronic giving. The government assistance packages have meant that we have been able to make up for lost income from the op shop. We are aware that many of you have had financial issues, and so are thankful to God for your generosity. Please continue to ask God to provide for the needs of the church, and join us in giving thanks for his provision thus far. Please continue to pray for the Parish Council, that we may use what God has provided wisely, and that we will continue to use our resources to make and grow disciples of Jesus.

We will have a Zoom catch up at 3pm on Sunday afternoon. The details are as follows:

It was great to catch up with some church members over Zoom last Sunday, so we will make this a regular event at 3pm on Sunday afternoons. Here is the link to join the meeting each week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/217396806?pwd=VUJkL09ITnI5OHVEODg4SGZwS6ZiQT09>

Meeting ID: 217 396 806

Password: 745380

If you wish to ring in on the phone, then dial 80156011, then enter the meeting ID and the password. If you can't make an afternoon, but would be interested in an evening catch up, please let me know.

If you would like to put a notice in the newsletter please send an email to Darlena at [bndwilson7@gmail.com](mailto:bndwilson7@gmail.com) by Wednesday so it can be added in time.

#### Next Week's Roster For 31/05 Service

Service Leader: Bill

Bible Reader: Lachlan Davies

Bible Readings: O/T Exodus 15:1-21 N/T Revelation 5

Prayers: Carolyn

#### Banking Details

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