



**Oakhurst**  
Anglican Church  
*To Make and Grow Disciples of Jesus Christ*

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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: God vs Pharaoh

Bible Reading: O/T Exodus 1 N/T 2 Corinthians 4

**GOD** Vs **Pharaoh**

## Praise and Prayer Points

- Give thanks that the restrictions are been eased a little and we will be able to see very special people in our lives. Just 2 adults extra, pray wisdom for our authorities as they gradually return to a normal lifestyle over a long period of time, so we don't cause another wave of the virus to hit.
- Pray for staff, patients and family members at Newmarch House in Caddens Retirement Village. It has been hit badly by COVID 19. Uphold those who have lost a loved one in this outbreak, may God comfort them.
- Pray for children returning to Home Schooling for a couple of weeks, and pray as each school gradually brings students back to the school class room. Pray for patience for parents as they work with schools. Uphold teachers and children for protection from the virus as they return.
- Pray for those who have been stood down from work or hours reduced due to the COVID 19 virus outbreak. May they all experience Gods peace and strength.
- Pray for those struggling with isolation, working from home, not seeing family, as a result many are suffering emotional and mental health conditions.





## Rector Writes

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."

These words from Psalm 90 assure us of God's constancy and faithfulness. Unlike any other Psalm, we are told that this is a prayer of Moses, the man of God. He knew of God's faithfulness, and he also saw plenty of ups and downs in his life! In fact, as soon as he writes the words above, he contrasts God to humanity, and reminds us that God turns people back to dust. He has a very realistic view of life, as trouble and sorrow, lived out under God's wrath. I think he may have found 2020 and COVID-19 very familiar! As we live with this reality, especially as many of us have made tremendous efforts to adjust to it, we may well find our adrenalin running out. We should not be surprised at this, for the reality of human life is that it is fragile, but we can take comfort from God's solidity and firmness. We can meditate on his deeds, as Moses prays in Psalm 90 - "May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendour to their children".

Indeed, we have seen God's deeds in the Lord Jesus, haven't we?

There will be more ups and downs to come over the next few months. As we begin to see public health restrictions lifted and life adjust again, we will face further frustrations. We should not expect church to 'snapback' to normal right away, and restrictions may be tightened again! We will see more often than not the fickleness and frailty of humans, and have cause to rely even more on our gracious and compassionate God.

Please continue praying for our world, our community and our church

### Notices

#### Southern Cross

The latest issue of Southern Cross is available online. You can read it here: <https://sydneyanglicans.net/southerncross>

### From the Wardens

We are encouraged by the response to our request for Parishioners to use electronic banking for the Church's offertory, during this time of crisis and restricted liberty. In the name of Christ, we graciously thank you for your continued giving. If you have not already transferred to electronic giving, we encourage you to do so.

For members of our congregation who are not able or desire not to transfer to electronic giving, and wish to contribute their tidings to our Lord through other means or by cash, please contact a Warden and we will make the necessary arrangements with you.

We again acknowledge that with job losses and reduction in salaries and wages, it may not be feasible for congregational members to tide, so in these circumstances, we only ask that you give what you can afford.

In the name of our Lord,

Wardens.

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=VUJkL09ITnI5OHVEODg4SGZwS0ZiQT09>

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 10/05 Service

Service Leader: Bill

Bible Reader: Melissa Woods

Bible Readings: O/T Exodus 3 N/T Mark 12:18-27

Prayers: Denise Fraser

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