

**ANGLICAN PARISH OF TWEED HEADS  
PARISH PROFILE 2019**

***“Nurture our faith and extend our hand of friendship throughout the Community”***

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DOES A RELAXED ENVIRONMENT WITH ALL THE BENEFITS OF A MAJOR CITY APPEAL TO YOU?

THEN TWEED HEADS MAY BE THE PLACE FOR YOU.

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Tweed Heads is situated at the southern end of the Gold Coast and Northern end of New South Wales ... *Population*, 51,788 ... It is a city located on the Tweed River in north-eastern New South Wales, nestled between Murwillumbah to the south, Pacific Ocean to the east and Mount Warning/Wollumbin National Park to the south west.

Tweed Heads is of strategic importance in the Grafton Diocese as it is such a large population centre.

The Church is located in the city precinct with Tweed Heads Hospital opposite where recent upgrades have brought numerous medical specialists to the hospital. On the western side is located Tweed Heads Bowls Club where the famous "Golden Nugget" Bowls Carnival is held annually.

Shopping facilities include many specialty shops at Tweed Centro located 200m from the Church and Tweed City Shopping Centre less than 3km to the south. A new Police Station has been recently built where some 80 people are employed.

Other Medical Facilities include Boyd Street Day Surgery within walking distance, John Flynn Private Hospital 10km to the north at Tugun where highly skilled Specialists operate and the recently opened Gold Coast University Hospital as well as other Private Hospitals.

#### Service/Sporting Club Facilities

There are excellent sporting, medical, education, recreational and entertainment facilities in the city. Also this means there are many visitors at holiday times. Some of these include:

- Twin Towns Services Club
- Tweed Heads Bowls Club
- Club Banora – Golf Course, Olympic Size Swimming Pool, Tennis Courts, Bowls
- South Tweed Heads Juniors
- Tweed Heads Sports Club
- Tweed/Coolangatta Golf Club
- Seagulls Club
- Arkinstall Park includes a new Netball Clubhouse and Court facilities and new Tennis Courts.
- Greenmount, Coolangatta, Rainbow Bay Surf Clubs are all within walking distance.
- Cinemas in Tweed Heads and Coolangatta

#### Parish Council

Parish Council meets at 4.00pm on the third Tuesday of the month. There are 2 Wardens and 7 Parish Councillors who are actively engaged in the operation of the Parish.

## Education Facilities

- Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, founded by parishioners of St Cuthbert's in 1981, caters for students from pre-school to Year 12 with a school population of around 1100 students.
- It is a thriving school with increasing enrolments who come from as far north as Southport and as far South as Byron Bay. Its Campus is expanding to meet demand.
- Other schools include Tweed River High, Banora Point High, St Joseph's Catholic College, Pacific Coast Christian School and six Primary/Infant schools.
- Southern Cross University is located at the southern end of the Gold Coast International Airport.

## Public Transport

- Tweed Heads is serviced by reliable bus services provided by Surfside Bus Company
- Surfside Buses connect to the large shopping complexes at Robina and then by train on to Brisbane
- Gold Coast International Airport with flights to Sydney, Melbourne, Japan, New Zealand and Singapore, is within a short 10 minute drive from the Church.

## A Brief History of St Cuthbert's

The current "A" frame church building's foundation stone was dedicated on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1972. A previous Rector, The Rev'd Canon Ron Dyson, was the driving force behind the establishment of the St Cuthbert's Retirement Living Complexes, containing 78 self-care units catering for people over 55 years. Lindisfarne Anglican School was established in 1981 when classes commenced in the Parish Hall.

The Church and the Parish Hall are able to accommodate up to 200 seated and 100 people respectively.

The Parish Office is open from 9.00am-12.00 noon Wednesday to Friday and is staffed by Volunteers.

The plant including the Rectory is under review.

## Services

Holy Communion Services are held at 9.00am on Sundays and 10.00am on Wednesdays. Weekly attendance is around 110 at the 9.00am Service with up to 20 mid-week.

Extended Communion is taken to parishioners who are unable to attend regular services and Chaplaincy Services are provided at John Flynn Private Hospital and Tweed Heads Hospital.

We are blessed with five retired clergy as part of our congregation.

We are an Anglican community that is welcoming and love our Anglican tradition.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

During each year we hold special services for the following:

- Australia Day
- Anzac Day
- Naidoc Day
- Masonic Service



## Church Groups & Outreach

- Mother's Union has a membership of 25 and meets Monthly.
- Men's Fellowship Group has recently regrouped and holds bi-monthly gatherings with occasional guest speakers.
- Ladies Breakfasts are held 4 times a year with up to 100 attending. A guest speaker is invited to each breakfast and are all very well received. This has been a wonderful outreach within the community with people from other Anglican churches in the area as well as many other denominations attending.
- Cursillo is an integral part of the Church community with approx. 20 members. An Ultreya is held in January each year.
- Border Council of Churches meet with representatives from the Roman Catholic and Uniting Churches on a rotation basis.
- A singing group has been formed to help singing in Church. Once a month they sing during Communion.
- Two Organists play for the Services on a rotation basis.
- Other Groups include - Craft, Lenten & Advent Studies and a Scrabble Group.
- Outside Community Groups that regularly meet in the Parish Hall include U3A, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen and GROW group.

## Lindsfarne Anglican Grammar School

St Cuthbert's is enjoying a renewed relationship with the school. We are involved in several celebratory occasions during the year including Founders Day, Senior Christmas service and Year 7 morning tea. On these occasions the school provides a coach to take Parishioners to and from the school. Thanks to Principal Stuart Marquardt and Chaplain Rev Chad Rynehart we have a positive and growing relationship with the school and this offers real opportunities for future ministry.



## Welfare

- Samaritan Gift Vouchers for the purchase of food. The Parish also supports "Fred's Place" with food donated by the parishioners.
- Support for Australian Board of Mission (ABM), Bush Church Aid (BCA). & Christmas Bowl
- The last three years we have also supported Angel Tree (support for families of prisoners).

## Annual Activities

- Easter Programme includes an Agape Meal on Holy Thursday evening followed by a Holy Communion Service incorporating the washing of the feet. Parishioners keep watch over night on a roster basis concluding with the Good Friday Services. Easter Sunday commences with a lighting of the fire Dawn Service.
- A Fashion Parade is held along with other fund raising activities.

## Maintenance

- Church cleaning and garden maintenance is carried out weekly by volunteers.
- Hall/toilets and lawn mowing/grounds maintenance are outsourced as budget items.

### What are we looking for?

1. To review the strategic plan
2. To do an audit of our plant
3. Strengthen links with Lindisfarne
4. To grow intergenerational worship
5. Expand Pastoral Care ministry
6. Equip the Lay

### What are the strengths of our Parish

1. We are supportive
2. Encouraging
3. Friendly
4. Loyal

### WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR – SOMEONE WHO:

- Is pastorally minded
- Has significant ministry experience and is a strategic thinker and visionary
- Has strong leadership skills with the ability to identify and discern new leaders
- Will build on the positive relationship with Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School
- Has the ability to develop meaningful community links and partnerships
- Is able to relate to an ageing congregation
- Will be accepting of people of many varied backgrounds
- Will support the ongoing pastoral care work in local Aged Care facilities
- Is a gifted teacher who will assist people to grow in their faith