



## THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF KEMPSEY



Kempsey Anglican  
Eco-Parish



*Our Mission:*

*Come and see Jesus*

*Come to know Jesus*

*Come to serve Jesus.*

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## **WHO WE ARE:**

Welcome to the parish of Kempsey and thank you for taking the time to look at our profile. Would you like to join us on a journey as we grow into a new Model of Ministry that has been enabled by the Diocesan Vision of *Restructuring for Mission and Ministry: Daring to Live into God's Future for Us?* Then we encourage you to read on and to discuss it further with the Ministry Development Officer or the Bishop. Kempsey parish is a loving and caring community of deeply committed and Eucharistic Christians. We seek to provide a place of worship, spiritual reflection and social outreach where people might come to know the deep love of God through Christ Jesus.

## **WHERE WE ARE:**

Kempsey is a rural parish 10 min off the highway 30min north of Port Macquarie. The central administration centre is at Kempsey. Kempsey also has a Hall and an Op shop. The Rectory is located within Kempsey centre boundaries. We have a website at: [kempseyanglican.com](http://kempseyanglican.com)

## **KEMPSEY PARISH:**

The parish strongly identifies as a place for spiritual reflection and love for Christ as expressed through our Gospel and in the sharing of the Eucharist. We could be described as middle church Anglo-Catholicism but are open to fresh expressions of church and have done significant work towards a missional focus through the Op shop and soup kitchen. Our strengths are in the caring and loving nature of our members and our willingness to engage with social welfare in the parish as an outward expression of our faith. Financially we are a secure parish and we are looking forward to finding a new Minister (Ordained or Lay).

## **Our Active Parish Groups Include:**

- Study Groups
- Catering Group
- Opportunity Shop
- "Friends for Lunch" Soup Kitchen
- Anglicare Disaster Relief
- Kempsey High School Breakfast Programme
- Pantry
- Roster system for organists, readers, welcomers, sides persons
- Mother's Union



**All Saints Anglican Church**

The first regular church services were held in Kempsey in 1846. Records show that the Parish of Kempsey was first formed in 1858 and re-established in early 1871 with the arrival of a resident priest, the Rev. W.S. Newton. The foundation stone for the current All Saints Church was laid on 11 October 1883 by Mrs. Sydney Verge, and the church was officially opened in February, 1892. A new Rectory was completed in 2006. In the grounds are All Saints Church, the old Rectory (now the Opportunity Shop), a large multi-purpose Parish Hall with office attached, a Youth Hall, and The Lodge (currently leased). The church was extensively restored in 2008. The Church has an historic organ.

**Current Service Times:**

**KEMPSEY - ALL SAINTS:**

Eucharist every Sunday at 8.30am except the second Sunday of each month when there is Morning Prayer.  
 On the third Sunday of month there is a second Eucharist at 11.00am.  
 Eucharist also on Wednesday at 10.00am.

Our parish offers ministry at Crescent Head Uniting Church:

2nd Sunday of each month Eucharist at 8.30 am.  
 4th Sunday of each month Morning Prayer at 8.30 am.

**FREDERICKTON - ST PETERS:**

1st Sunday of each month there is a Eucharist at 11.00am  
*(the Synod has approved the closure and sale of St Peter's Church. This should take place within two years)*

**AGED CARE FACILITIES:** Monthly services.

**PARISH COUNCIL** meets at 1:30 pm on second Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall.  
 If required, Executive meets at 5:00 pm on second Thursday of each month in Parish Office.

**Parish Facilities:**

**Kempsey:**

- All Saints Church Building. (Opened in 1892 and restored in 2008)
- Large Church Hall: with stage, kitchen and supper room
- Youth Hall: with kitchen and toilet and shower facilities
- Rectory: 4 bedroom modern dwelling with study/office (Separate entrance). (The Rectory is 500metres from the Church precinct). (built in 2006)
- Old Rectory which is used for Opportunity Shop
- The Lodge (currently rented)



Rectory

### **Frederickton (St Peter's):**

- Wooden Church (with estimated 200 year old stained glass windows). (Built in 1961). *Note that the Synod has approved the closure and sale of St Peter's Church. This should take place within two years.*

### **Bellbrook (St James):**

- Wooden Church. (Built in 1906). *Note that the Synod has approved the closure and sale of St James' Church. This should take place within two years.*

### **Restructure of the Diocese**

At the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton held in September 2020, a restructure of the diocese was adopted which included the closure and sale of two churches in Kempsey Parish (Bellbrook and Frederickton). At the request of the Synod, the Bishop-in-Council will consider a proposal from the Parishes of Kempsey, Lower Macleay, Wauchope and Port Macquarie as how these parishes can best work together across the Hastings/Lower Macleay region as part of a Network of Parishes. Discussion about this between these parishes is expected to continue for up to six months from September 2020. Further information about the Models of Ministry adopted in the restructure is available on the Diocesan Website or from the Bishop's Office.

### **Parish Area:**

The Parish includes St James, Bellbrook to the west of Kempsey, St Peter's, Frederickton to the north of Kempsey and sharing the services at the Uniting Church, Crescent Head to the east of Kempsey.



**St James, BELLBROOK**



**St Peter's, FREDERICKTON**

### **Sisters of the Church:**

Kempsey Parish is blessed by two sisters living within the community. The Community of the Sisters of the Church is an international community of lay and ordained women founded in England in 1870. Today there are Sisters in Australia, Canada, England, and the Solomon Islands. In Australia, Sisters live in Kempsey and Sydney in NSW, and Ballarat in Victoria. In Kempsey, two Sisters live together in a house on 1 acre of land on the outskirts of the town. Twice a day the Sisters gather for prayer in their Chapel. One Sister is on the parish ministry team as a Licensed Lay Minister. She conducts some Sunday services, funerals, preaches, and writes monthly leaflets on living as a Christian in today's world. The other Sister is an ordained priest who ministers in Grafton and Melbourne Dioceses, and within the Community. A third Sister is now living in a local Aged Care Facility where she prays and offers friendship to those around her.

The Sisters endeavour to express their ministry in a way that is relevant to contemporary Australian society and culture.

## Some Church Statistics

	2017	2018	2019
Attendance	6858	4220	4187
Communicants	3010	2663	2252
Eucharistic Services	141	131	125
Baptism	8	10	6
Marriages	2	0	0
Funerals	33	20	14
Non Eucharist Services	54	44	35

There have been no Admission to Communion or Confirmations from 2017-2019

### **We are praying for an Ordained Minister or Licensed Lay Minister who is:**

- Willing to come on a journey with us as we explore new approaches to mission
- An encourager
- A good communicator
- Good with IT and technology
- Comfortable providing both traditional and contemporary services
- An enabler
- An inspirational teacher able to break open the Gospel each week
- Compassionate
- Has a developed sense of personal care with effective boundaries
- A good delegator
- Aware of the challenges of living in a small rural context and the need for an external support network. (particularly for a single person)
- Willingness to engage indigenous population, with support and guidance from indigenous clergy in the diocese
- Tolerant and approachable
- Future congregation focused

## **Additional Information about our Town**

### **Kempsey:**

Kempsey and the surrounding Macleay Valley were first inhabited by the Dunghutti people. Kempsey's first white settler was Enoch William Rudder. In 1836, he surveyed the land for a private town and named it Kempsey as the countryside reminded him of Kempsey in Worcestershire, England. Settlers were drawn to the area in search of the rich stands of cedar and rosewood.

Today, Kempsey is the commercial heart of the Macleay River valley and home to that famous Australian icon, the Akubra hat. Kempsey is a progressive town with a strong sense of community.

Many of Kempsey's sons and daughters (or adopted sons and daughters) have achieved fame in their lifetime and brought great credit to the Macleay Valley. Slim Dusty, arguably Australia's greatest country music performers, was born and raised west of Kempsey at Nulla Nulla Creek. His childhood home still stands surrounded by the magnificent scenery made famous in song by Slim and his childhood mate, Shorty Ranger. The Slim Dusty Centre and Museum was opened on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

Widely read author, Thomas Kenneally, spent most of his youth in Kempsey. His book, *A River Town*, is based in Kempsey in the early 1900's and a plaque commemorating his links with the district can be seen outside Chaddies Store in East Kempsey where he lived.

World acclaimed architect, Glenn Murcutt, designed the Kempsey Cultural Centre in South Kempsey. This award winning building which houses the Visitor Information Centre and historical Museum, is visited by thousands of architects from all over the world each year. The Museum and Settlers Cottage have also won awards; ever changing displays and collections tell the story of the valley's past and there is an active family history group and a research centre attached to the Museum.

One collection that has received national attention is Angus McNeil's glass negatives. Angus was a prolific photographer in the area from the late 1890's through to the 1950's. His legacy, over 250,000 glass negatives, provides an enviable photographic record of people, places and events in the Macleay Valley.

And even Tommy Woodcock, Phar Lap's strapper, spent his youth west of Kempsey at Uralgurra and Bellbrook.

Aboriginal heritage and culture are very much a part of Kempsey today. The Museum has an excellent display of aboriginal artefacts and an extensive file on local aboriginal studies. Visitors can wander through a traditional food tree park, buy authentic aboriginal art and craft or see bora rings, fish traps and middens. One of Australia's finest aboriginal artists, the late Robert Campbell Junior, lived and painted in Kempsey. His works hang in the National Gallery in Canberra, and in galleries in London, Italy, Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne. The valley is also home to many other talented artists and craftsmen and their work is displayed in galleries throughout the area.

Kempsey has shopping centres, restaurants, cafes and takeaways, a Cinema complex, hotels, an RDSL Club, 18 hole golf club, 2 bowling clubs, tennis courts, squash courts, net ball courts, football fields, cricket fields, gymnasiums, boat ramps, ten pin bowling alley, recreation centre, heated pool swimming complex, archery range; pistol, shotgun, big and small bore rifle ranges; community halls, horse racing track (Warwick Park), greyhound track, churches; pre, infants, primary and secondary schools; full range of child care facilities; TAFE college; 110 bed hospital (upgraded in 2015).

Also available are the Wigay Cultural Park, art and craft galleries, Rudder Park Lookout, Euroka Lookout, Riverside Park, heritage walks, freshwater fishing, canoeing, horse riding.



### Notes on Kempsey Climate:

	Average maximum temperature	Average minimum temperature	Average rainfall (mm)
January	29.2	17.6	133.0
February	28.8	17.9	155.7
March	27.8	16.5	151.8
April	25.5	13.2	92.3
May	22.6	9.7	96.8
June	20.0	7.1	66.5
July	19.7	5.7	61.6
August	21.3	6.2	56.3
September	24.0	8.9	79.6
October	25.6	11.8	94.3
November	27.1	14.4	93.2
December	28.6	16.5	110.4

- Kempsey, NSW (31.0783°S 152.8225°E):  
The climate averages for Kempsey. The elevation of Kempsey is 10 metres.
- Average annual rainfall - 1220mm or 48 inches.

### Aged Care facilities:

The Macleay Valley has the following Aged Care Facilities:

- BUPA Care, Kempsey,
- Cedar Place Aged Care Facility, Kempsey,
- Macleay Valley House, Frederickton,
- Booroongen Djugen Aged Care Facility, Kempsey, and
- Vincent Court Aged Care, Kempsey.

Members of the Parish assist at the monthly services conducted at these facilities.

### Transport:

Kempsey is situated on the North Coast Rail line between Brisbane and Sydney and currently has three (3) northbound and three (3) southbound XPT services daily.

The Pacific Highway bypasses Kempsey and is readily accessible for both northbound and southbound trips. Kempsey has interstate bus connections.

Port Macquarie airport supports Qantaslink and Virgin Australia services to Sydney and Brisbane. Port Macquarie airport is approximately 50 kilometres from Kempsey.

### Some Kempsey Shire Demographics:

The Census usual resident population of Kempsey Shire in 2016 was 28,885. Of these, 50% were male and 50% were female. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 11.6% of the population. In 2016, Kempsey Shire had a lower proportion of children (under 18), and a higher proportion of persons aged 60 or older than Regional NSW. There were 867 people over the age of 85 living in the Shire in 2016, with the largest group being 60 to 64 year olds.

Of people in Kempsey aged 15 years and over, 43.9% were married and 15.7% were either divorced or separated. 30.3% of people were attending an educational institution. Of these, 24.8% were in primary school, 18.8% in secondary school and 9.2% in a tertiary or technical institution.

The most common ancestries in Kempsey were Australian 34.2%, English 30.4%, Irish 8.5%, Scottish 6.3% and German 2.7%.

The most common responses for religion in Kempsey were No Religion, so described 25.6%, Anglican 22.1%, Catholic 22.0%, Not stated 12.9% and Uniting Church 5.9%. Christianity was the largest religious group reported overall (68.8%)

The most common occupations in Kempsey included Labourers 14.6%, Community and Personal Service Workers 14.6%, Professionals 14.5%, Technicians and Trades Workers 13.8%, and Managers 11.6%.

The median weekly personal income for people aged 15 years and over in Kempsey was \$474.

Of the families in Kempsey 30.9% were couple families with children, 45.2% were couple families without children and 22.4% were one parent families.

Of occupied private dwellings in Kempsey, 89.5% were separate houses, 4.0% were semi-detached, row or terrace houses, townhouses etc, 4.1% were flat or apartments and 1.1% were other dwellings.

In Kempsey, of occupied private dwellings 4.2% had 1 bedroom, 19.3% had 2 bedrooms and 47.7% had 3 bedrooms.

The average number of bedrooms per occupied private dwelling was 3. The average household size was 2.4 people. Of occupied private dwellings in Kempsey, 43.0% were owned outright, 27.0% were owned with a mortgage and 25.9% were rented.

In Kempsey, of all households, 67.7% were family households, 29.2% were single person households and 3.1% were group households. 31.1% of households had a weekly household income of less than \$650 and 4.4% of households had a weekly income of more than \$3000.

### Schools in Kempsey:

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<b>Aldavilla Primary School</b>		
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<b>Green Hill Public School</b>		
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<b>Kempsey South Public School</b>		
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<b>Macleay Vocational College (Macleay Valley Workplace Learning Centre Inc)</b>		
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<b>Melville High School</b>		
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### Town and Area Facilities:

Kempsey has a wide range of sporting and recreational facilities and clubs, including:

- Swimming complex with heated pools, swimming club, surf clubs, skateboard park, extensive sporting fields, wide range of summer and winter sports, rifle club, pistol club, golf clubs, bowling clubs, arts council, archery club, kennel club, quilters club, View Club and other Service Clubs, and many more.
- Surf clubs at all picturesque beaches.

The area has excellent beaches for surfing, safe swimming and fishing. Major beaches include Crescent Head (It has one of the best right-hand point breaks in the world and year-round you will find international surfers enjoying the world class waves) and South West Rocks (Beautiful scenery, numerous beaches, and man-made attractions such as [Trial Bay Gaoi](#) and [Smoky Cape](#) Lighthouse are popular tourist attractions. Because of the warm ocean in the area fed by the East Coast current which flows down from the tropical regions it is possible to swim all year round) and other beaches.

A new \$40 million upgrade to the Kempsey District Hospital was completed in 2015. The redevelopment has provided increased service capacity, and new ways in which services are delivered to best meet the changing and unique health care needs of the community.