

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GRAFTON
PARISH
OF
KINGSLIFF
& Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar
School Community Chaplain



*‘To Enable All to Experience Life Giving
Hope, Love and Faith’*

We are followers of Jesus Christ committed to growing the Kingdom of God and creating a loving, inclusive community. Our vision is to show love to all, seek justice and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8)

Our community exists to help strengthen and live out their faith in a practical and life affirming way. This happens with a number of different approaches. We attempt to engage people with individual, family and community activities that help build the social fabric our church community and the wider communities that we live in.

Currently, we operate out of two centres, St. James Kingscliff (picture on cover) and St. Mark's Pottsville. Here we are preserving the beauty of traditional contemporary Anglican worship but at the same time, we are exploring new connecting points with the younger generations to enable all to experience what will bring life giving hope, love and faith.

At our Parish Vacancy consultation, the parish family contributed the following:

What we love about our community:

- Movement towards exploring spirituality
- Planning our futures based on prayer and engagement
- Actively reaching out to the community
- We are enthusiastic and committed
- Preaching the Good News (Gospel)

Our future Dreams:

- Emphasis on the next generation
- Encourage and facilitate lay leadership and community groups (home groups etc)
- Finding ways to connect with the secular community
- Deepening our faith and the faith basis of Church life and activities
- Modern music

Community Skillset:

- Practical skills – eg. Gardening, building, cooking, catering, sewing.
- Three retired clergy residing in the parish
- We are welcoming and friendly
- Motivated
- Community Outreach

Skillset needed in the Community:

- Spiritual impact in projects
- Skilled youthful energy
- Ability to embrace technology
- Organised pastoral care
- Musicians and contemporary music

Skillset of our New Incumbent:

- Can facilitate change
- Emotionally intelligent and able to read group dynamics
- Spirit filled
- Can teach and equip new disciples and develop those on 'the Way'
- Ability to engage and speak to 'real world issues'

OUR LOCATION

The parish is situated in the Tweed Shire on the North Coast of New South Wales, serving the villages of Kingscliff, Pottsville, Salt, Casuarina, Cabarita, Bogangar, Burringbar and Hastings Point. We have two centres, both recently refurbished : St James in Kingscliff and St Marks in Pottsville.

The area is a magnet for tourists and holiday makers, providing opportunities for water sports and fishing; whilst whale watching is popular during the migration season from May to November. Tourist venues are packed during holiday periods. The massive new Tweed Valley Hospital will open in Cudgen, near Kingscliff, in early 2024, bringing a significant expansion of the population and stimulating growth in business and community activity in Kingscliff. Public and private primary schools service Kingscliff, Bogangar and Pottsville, and secondary students attend Kingscliff High School, whilst privately run Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School at Terranora attracts students from a wide catchment as far south as Ballina and north to Southport.



Our parish is part of the diocese of Grafton and enjoys healthy relations with the parishes of Tweed Heads and Murwillumbah, as well as with Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, especially through its monthly “Spiritual Gym” services.

OUR TEAM

Two Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) assist with communion services, leading communion by extension when necessary and taking home communion to those who are sick or unable to attend worship at church. The parish has a number of chalice assistants who are actively involved in assisting with liturgical activities.

Our Wardens, Treasurer and Parish Council members work prayerfully and effectively with the Rector for the efficient management of the parish. Parish Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month, whilst the Parish Executive – Rector, Wardens and Treasurer meet fortnightly as needed. An Administration Officer is employed for eleven hours over two days each week, with overtime when required. A bulletin providing spiritual nourishment and comprehensively covering the goings on in the parish is sent by e-mail and post each week.

Lay people contribute to welcoming people to worship, music, reading, intercessions, cleaning, flowers, counting the offerings and assisting the treasurer, hospitality, maintenance, gardening, teaching religious education in primary schools and updating the parish website and Facebook page. Lay people are also involved in casual pastoral visiting. An intentional pastoral care team is currently being developed.

We are very thankful for three highly experienced, but now retired, clergy in the Parish who minister to the congregation by leading worship services in the absence of the Rector, and contributing their skills to, for example, technology and mission support.

FACILITIES

ST JAMES KINGSCLIFF

The timber Church is located on Marine Parade, close to the CBD of Kingscliff with its busy hotels, restaurants and cafes. Recently a team of parish volunteers has worked tirelessly to improve the site and refurbish the building and grounds. The Church has been painted inside and out, new lighting has been installed and windows, door frames and pews have been polished. The main body of the Church can accommodate a congregation of over sixty-five people, and folding doors open on to a veranda which allows more than a hundred people to be seated at services. The proprietor of a coffee cart leases a part of the Church garden (part of which is set aside as a memorial garden), drawing many people from the community in the pleasant shaded space for coffee, breakfast, and snacks. St James Church hall is hired out to a local Disability Employment Service on Mondays, and hosts a long-running Alcoholics Anonymous meeting on Tuesday evenings.



St James freshly painted



Newly refurbished interior

ST MARKS POTTSVILLE

St Marks Church is a renovated timber building in the heart of Pottsville with enclosed office space, small attached hall and covered kitchen and hospitality area. Seating in the main and side areas accommodates over eighty people. In recent years St Marks has been successful in building its presence in, and engagement with, the local community through many diverse activities held on Church grounds. A community garden growing vegetables has been established with its grounds has become a popular local attraction, providing people with opportunities to work together on its attractive campus. The Community Garden group meets on Saturday mornings, and hosts gardening education events, whilst

during the week St Marks building facilities are a hive of activity being let out to a diverse range of community groups, including a Disability Employment Service, Vision Christian Radio (who broadcast from on-site), an Art Group, and Alcoholics Anonymous.



Laying on of hands, St Marks



St Marks Picnic Table

WORSHIP

Worship is central to our life together. Holy Communion Services are held at St James on Sunday at 8.30am and Wednesday at 10.00am. St James holds a monthly KICK (Kids in Church at Kingscliff) Service at 8.30am on Sunday and a monthly Contemporary Worship Service at 5pm on Sunday.

Holy Communion Services are held at St Marks on Sunday at 10.30am with electric organ accompaniment. Keyboard is used to accompany worship, and we are encouraging other instrumentalists to join the team of musicians. Meditation is held weekly on Wednesday afternoon at St James where the new lighting provides more flexibility for meditative and contemporary worship.



Children's KICK Service, St James



Contemporary Worship, St James

Services in both centres utilise screen presentations of the order of

service on Power Point, and the use of Zoom at St James (including the meditation worship) enables participation by people who are unable to attend worship in person.

A monthly Communion Service at BUPA Aged Care at Pottsville is led by one of our retired priests. The “Spiritual Gym” Communion Service once a month on a Sunday evening at Lindisfarne School, preceded by refreshments, is coordinated by the school chaplain with priests from Kingscliff, Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Lindisfarne sharing the leadership. Our annual Christmas Eve Nativity Play is well attended by families both within and outside the Church, and development in this area will provide further opportunities to engage the community.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Parishioners are encouraged to belong to a Home Group of which there are three in the parish – one based at St James and two based at St Marks. Bible study and pastoral care of members are the hallmarks of these groups. In addition, special studies offered in Lent and Advent are well attended by parishioners. There is room for the development of groups in Casuarina and Bogangar. The weekly meditation, home groups and the developing contemporary services at St James and St Marks provide a number of focal points for spiritual growth. A labyrinth in the grounds of St James is available for parishioners’ and community use.

MISSION

The parish has begun developing new ways of living out our Mission of “creating a loving and inclusive community”, particularly with respect to ministering effectively to a transient population, and people living with disadvantage. The recent vision of repurposing the former Rectory into a Mission Centre with a range of spaces supporting diverse missional aims is a key asset in the realisation of long-held plans to develop mission and ministry to the community. It has already begun to inspire new approaches to outreach.

The parish supports four external mission organisations: Australian Board of Mission, Church Missionary Society, Bush Church Aid and Tweed Coast Christian Education Association. The latter is supported by

local churches to provide the resources to employ two qualified teachers who teach Special Religious Education in local public secondary schools. A parish volunteer teaches Religious Education at Kingscliff and Cudgen primary schools.

PASTORAL CARE

The development of a pastoral care team significantly addresses the parish's need to provide care for the many ageing retirees who have settled in the locality in the last decade. Understanding and engaging with their needs is imperative in this area. In addition to pastoral care provided to the sick and infirm at home, and the informal care which takes place within home groups, a prayer circle with requests circulated online responds to needs both within and outside the parish.

The vision of a new Mission Centre in the repurposed rectory building on Marine Parade, will accommodate our Rector in a new office, supported by a Parish Secretary in an adjacent office, enhancing opportunities to provide pastoral care and access to sacraments such as baptisms and weddings.

OUTREACH

In recent years both our Churches have developed a range of new ways of engaging the community in outreach activities. The coffee cart at St James, the community garden at St Marks, now served by the Lotus Food Van (offering Asian meals twice weekly in the Church grounds) provide excellent opportunities for outreach.



Market Day, St James Cafe Garden The 'Lotus' Food Van, St Marks

Each week frozen meals, provided by Brisbane charity Fair Share, are

made available from both centres to those in need in the community. They are distributed by parishioners from our Church halls and in one caravan park. This initiative commenced in response to flooding in the Tweed Shire in 2022 and has continued to include people who are affected by current economic hardships.

Two parishioners provide a Justice of the Peace service weekly at St Marks. A community art group, originally an initiative of the parish, continues to meet weekly at St James. A number of parishioners volunteer at a local day respite centre run by Lifebridge in Kingscliff for people with dementia. A parishioner-run sewing circle runs at St James on Saturdays every week, with the aim of assisting people to learn sewing/craft skills so they can repair clothing rather than dispose of them as waste.



Sister Suzie's Sewing Circle at St James



"Victorious Vegies" lesson

The new Mission Centre at St James hopes to establish the Church's presence in the community with a seamless shop front facing Marine Pde, with outreach initiatives providing access to various forms of ministry. The Centre is close to the public transport connections on Pearl St, whilst the Church grounds provide ample parking for ease of access to our growing range of outreach and spiritual activities.

COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY AT LINDISFARNE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL:

Lindisfarne is seeking a Community Chaplain to work in conjunction with the Anglican Parish of Kingscliff and the School in nurturing the spiritual life of our students and building bridges with the parish and wider Tweed community.

The Community Chaplain's role entails supporting the School's Chaplaincy's outreach, providing cover when needed, and staying updated on ecclesiological developments within the Anglican Church affecting the school.

Responsibilities include assisting with religious education, leading worship in various capacities, developing a Service-Learning program, and offering pastoral care to the school community. Requirements involve Anglican ministry experience, familiarity with school chaplaincy and youth pastoral care, collaboration within a team, an understanding of Anglican worship, and flexibility in working hours.

The position aims to incorporate the incumbent's interests and strengths while contributing to the spiritual growth and holistic development of the school community. Read more about the culture and journey of Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School here:

<https://www.lindisfarne.nsw.edu.au/>

The Role:

Financials for the parish available on request.

This is a shared ministry position with 4 days in the Parish and 2 todays as Community Chaplain. This is a great opportunity for clergy who would like to experience both parish and school ministry. The complete role is a fully stipended Ministry Position with house and car allowance.

If you would like to submit an Expression of Interest in serving as our next Rector please contact Bishop Murray Harvey in writing at pa@graftondiocese.org.au or PO Box 4, Grafton NSW 2460