



Anglican Diocese of
Grafton

Parish of Kyogle



'Come for a Day, Stay for a Lifetime'

2024

"Looking earnestly for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

What Do We Look Like?

Kyogle Parish has three centres: St James, Kyogle; St Margarets, Woodenbong; and St Marks, Urbenville. We are small congregations and most of our services are traditional Anglican Services using A Prayer Book for Australia. At St James, Kyogle, we have facilities to project services onto a screen. We have dedicated Wardens and Lay Ministers who support and assist the incumbent and there is strong support for the major Christian festivals, when we unite with other denominations where appropriate.

What does our Community Look Like?

Our community is a mixed one with differing nationalities, young families on small properties out of the township area, farmers, timber related workers, concrete drivers, as well as elderly people in the town area. Our area is well serviced by a wide variety of businesses in town as well as schools from P-12, hospital, emergency services, medical centre alternate therapies.



Markets

What Bonds Us?

As we are a small Church group who look out for each other, caring and supporting as an extended family would. We come together because of our need to know and love God and His Word and to fellowship.

Core Values

- Kyogle Parish is a Church committed to preaching and teaching the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- We are an ecumenical parish, joining with other denominations at significant events.
- We are a welcoming and inclusive congregation that understands the importance of working as a team.
- We are a committed group, involved in activities designed to share our faith in practical ways with the wider community. Including flood and fire emergency relief and support for the emergency helicopter service. We are passionate about social justice. Our Op Shop, as well as funding our parish, provides goods for locals who are in financial difficulty and for overseas missions.



Groups & Activities-

- Weekly Bible Study Groups are offered to Parishioners
- Op Shop – sorting, washing, ironing of items is carried out in the Church Hall, then taken to the shop in Stratheden St. Kyogle for sale.
- Occasional outdoor services and picnics are popular with our community.
- On Sundays after the service, we have an informal cuppa and catch-up time with each other.
- We host World Day of Prayer every third year.
- Christian books library at entrance to Church for the use of parishioners.
- Silent Auctions, to raise money for the regional Rescue Helicopter Service.
- Op Shop Fashion Parade
- Street Stall to raise money for Kyogle Association for Christian Education. (KACE)
- Ecumenical events



Our Op Shop

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for a priest who is:

- A good preacher and teacher
- Down to earth, patient, and approachable
- A good communicator and listener who honours confidentiality.
- A team player and team builder
- Energetic and outgoing with a good sense of humour
- Willing to know and become part of the wider community
- Encourager
- Comfortable working across generations and ages.
- I.T. Skills
- Someone who is committed to rural ministry and enjoys the sense of community that is present in regional towns.
- Someone who can raise up, equip and resource lay ministry in this northwestern part of the diocese.



Ministerial Team:

Lay Ministers: Noel Bodycote & Maurice Powell

Wardens: John Doman & Margaret Armstrong

Volunteer Administration Co-ordinator:
Margaret Armstrong

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ISSUES/CONCERNS:

Smaller numbers

Encouragement for people to be actively involved.

Music Ministry

Small Groups

Woodenbong Centre scheduled for closure in 2025



St. James Kyogle



St. Mark's Urbenville



St. Margaret's Woodenbong

DIOCESAN RESTRUCTURE

In 2020 the Synod of the Diocese moved a restructure of the Diocese. This included merging parishes, creating Ministry Networks and also Centre closures. Woodenbong is scheduled for closure early 2025. Please click the link below to read about the restructure.

<https://www.graftondiocese.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Restructuring-for-Mission-and-Ministry-Daring-to-Live-into-Gods-Future-for-Us.pdf>

St Mark's Urbenville has a modest attendance but strong community support and is the center of activity for many community groups.



Kyogle to Woodenbong – 1 hour
Woodenbong to Urbenville - 20 minutes

The wooden Church of St James had been erected in 1905. On Saturday 16th December 1961 the Bishop of Grafton, the Right Reverend R. G Arthur laid the Foundation stone of the new building, and on 31st January 1968 the building was consecrated by Bishop Arthur.

The War Memorial Church has a striking interior with its ecclesiastical furniture and furnishings, deep blue carpet, contrasting with the light grained floor and polished timber ceiling. The Church is wheelchair accessible from the car park, entrance, and a ramp to the level of the altar rail.



Worship - St James Church Services are held at 8.30am on Sundays, Wednesday Service at 10am.

St Margaret's at 11am and St Marks' at 1pm, on a fortnightly basis, the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month.

Prayer Breakfasts have been held on a regular basis - suspended at the time.

Kyogle Tuesday Bible Study Group – suspended, at the moment.

Kyogle Primary School – 2 Scripture classes p/week.

Anzac Day Services in Urbenville – St Marks Memorial Church

Hospital visits when required/asked for, Holy Communion Services at Kyogle Court for the Aged 2nd Fridays of the Month. Home Communion - per month – presented to “shut in people” in the Kyogle area by the Minister.

Education/ Welfare

School Teachers, Welfare Services. “Kyogle Association for Christian Education”-

“KACE –is a combined Churches Organisation, which provides an S.R.E. Teacher in the Kyogle High School 1 day per week and a teacher in Woodenbong High School and Primary School for a day per week.

Parish Council Members Meeting

Every 4th Sunday after Church and they hold the AGM on the 4th Sunday in February.

Kyogle Anglican Op Shop - the concept of an Op Shop was initiated in late 1998, and initially set up in the Church Hall, then moved into premises in Stratheden St. There is a wonderful group of volunteers who contribute up to at least 150 hours per week, and the shop is open 5 ½ days per week. Apart from the sales, the shops popularity revolves around friendship and goodwill.

The Hall is donated out to other various groups who hold activities on a regular basis.

The hall is used by a Scrabble Group, Hoy players, a Handling Grief Group, Alcoholics Anonymous Members and Narcotics Anonymous meet regularly per week.

Parish Buildings & Assets

St James Hall – Administration Offices have been built in the last 10 years – Comfortable, air conditioned, well equipped, with a private, soundproof office area for the Rector, making contact easier for the community. The upstairs floor area has been sanded, stained, and polished and has two air conditioners installed. The kitchen area has a dishwasher installed, with other areas being refurbished. Both the Church and Hall grounds have been upgraded to safety and beautification standards, with easy access, parking, Memorial Rose Gardens, stone walls, and B.B.Q area. The Buildings of St Margaret's Church Woodenbong and St Marks Church Urbenville are in fair condition.



We have a Rectory located at 21 Williams Street Geneva. The home consists of 4 bedrooms, office, sunken lounge room, 2 bathrooms, spa, double carport which is under cover, pot belly stove, lovely during the winter months, outside covered area and enclosed back yard, which adjoins the park on one side.

FINANCIALS:

The Parish is in a sound and stable financial position supported by income from the Op Shop and regular giving -2023 Auditors Report available on request.

All Expressions of Interest to be sent to Bishop Murray Harvey at pa@graftondiocese.org.au

Appendices

Want to know More About our Town?

Kyogle is located on the far north coast of New South Wales (NSW), approximately 747 km north of Sydney and 233 km south of Brisbane. Approx $\frac{3}{4}$ hr to Lismore and $\frac{1}{2}$ hr to Casino.

The Council area extends south from the Queensland border covering a total area of some 3589 square kilometres.

Kyogle's climate is sub-tropical, with more than 250 days of sunshine each year on average. The yearly rainfall is approx. 1118mm p/annum.

Towns and villages included in Kyogle Shire - Tabulam, Bonalbo, Mallanganee, Woodenbong, Wiangaree and Cawongla. Urbenville is under the Tenterfield area Shire, but with the Grafton Diocese Urbenville St Marks Church,

Major growth industries include cropping, bush food, herb and tourism industries.

Major industry sectors include primary industries, forestry, dairy and beef. Kyogle has a skilled and flexible labour force that is drawn from across the shire and other council areas.

Population: Kyogle Council's area population base was **9359** at the **2021- A.B.S. census**.

Property: Commercial property and housing information and availability is available from the local real estate agents.

Infrastructure

Road: Kyogle is linked to Casino and Woodenbong by the Summerland Way, and to Murwillumbah and Lismore.

Rail: The main Sydney to Brisbane railway passes through Kyogle. This line takes commuter and freight trains. There are two commuter services daily Sydney – Kyogle – Brisbane. Buses are used at times to connect with the trains.

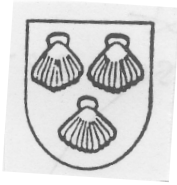
Educational Services: Schools located within the Kyogle area, include 3 secondary schools- Kyogle, Woodenbong and Urbenville and approx. 13 public and Christian primary schools.

Hospitals: Kyogle supports three hospitals, Kyogle, Urbenville, and Bonalbo.

Retirement and Aged Care and Facilities: Kyogle and Urbenville areas have a range of retirement and aged care facilities to offer its residents, that cater for the needs of an aging population.

Lifestyle: Kyogle has a range of quality sporting facilities for swimming, cycling, tennis, football, hiking tracks, show ground, bowling club and golf club to name a few.

Places to eat: Espresso Edge, Judy's Fish & Chips, Pete's Food Hall, The Bakery, Bowling Club, Golf Club, both Hotels, Chinese, Pizza, plus at least 9 Coffee/cakes eateries.



Kyogle St James Anglican Church History

The first timber Church of St James was dedicated in 1905 and served the Parish for 57 years. Toward the end of the 1950's, when Canon John Winslow was Rector, there was a need for a larger Church.

Many Church's in Southern Queensland and Northern N.S.W. were visited by Parish Council Members, with ideas presented to architects, Conrad & Garget of Brisbane.

A Kyogle building firm, F.E. Marsh & Co., were engaged to erect the Church, a modern, airy building which was dedicated by Bishop Arthur on 25-7-1962 – St James' Day.

The Church is a landmark of Kyogle, resting on a prominent position overlooking the town. The former Church was added to the Parish Hall to form a larger building.

Reverend Jim Nightingale was the current Rector and he has carried out extensive alterations to the Parish Hall involving an office, storage area and meeting space, enhanced by the sanding and polishing of the floor.

Reverend Jim had been instrumental in building stone retaining walls, extra parking areas, outdoor barbeque and memorial rose garden.

God is loved in this Parish, with an endeavor always, to reach out to young families and youth.

The Parish of Kyogle celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the second Church site, on Sunday 29th July 2012 at 10am the Golden Jubilee was celebrated with Bishop Keith Slater presiding.

All former Rectors, Ministers who have performed Locum duties, former and present parishioners and friends were invited to attend.

Saturday 16th Dec 1961 the Bishop of Grafton the right Reverend R. G. Arthur laid the foundation stone of the new building, and it was consecrated by Bishop Arthur on 31st January 1968. The War Memorial Church has a striking interior with its ecclesiastical furniture and furnishings. The Bishop of Grafton – the Right Reverend B. A. Schultz, attended a special service to mark the 25th Anniversary of the opening of St James Church in 1962 and the 82nd Anniversary of the first St James Church in 1905.

The gates into the Church property were given in memory of John Griffiths by his family. John was in World War 2 – he joined at 18 years old and was sent to England - sadly he

was a victim of a crash by one of the bombers being used for training purposes.

A Memorial Garden was instigated for families/friends to have a rose planted in memory of a loved one. The garden has enhanced the appearance of the Church grounds.

Anglican Op Shop was initiated in late 1998 at the Church Hall and then moved to Stratheden Street in 2000. Sorting, washing, ironing, is done in the Church Hall then transferred to the Shop. Apart from the sales, the shop's popularity revolves around friendship and goodwill.