

THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY
"CAREY PARK PARISH PROFILE"
Currently in an Interregnum

Part 1 – Who we are and our mission

1. Vision Statement:

“We as the body of Christ in the Anglican Parish of Carey Park are committed to honour, praise and love God, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, seek to grow in love and unity and to serve the wider community.”

2. Introduction from Priest and/ or Churchwarden:

We are a diverse, multicultural people of God whose strength is our acceptance of all those who visit and we pray, by God’s grace, choose to join us. While we may lack in affluence, we willingly give generously to many mission projects and are always there for each other in the happy and the hard times. We are truly a family as we love openly and strive for honesty in our dealings with each other.

3. Brief outline of the Parish Council’s plans for the future:

Plans for our future will include an expansion of the ministry to both the young and the elderly of our congregation, a search for ways to encourage men to join our worship, promotion of better communication and the continuing of equipping people to minister effectively in their chosen/ gifted areas.

4. Diocesan focus on “Every Member Ministry” and how it is implemented within this Parish:

The Mission Statement for the Diocese of Bunbury is:

We are a Diocese Family
Growing into the likeness of Jesus
All owning the ministry of Christ.

It is the vision of the Diocese to see every Parish transformed into a "Ministering Community in mission": where every member is valued as a important member of Christ: and is encouraged to identify their God given gifts, and then step out in faith to use their giftedness as part of the ministry and mission of the Church.

Carey Park Parish encourages “ever member ministry” and a large proportion of our members take a leading role in the weekly services and in the other activities as listed below.

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As a regular worshipping community, we endeavour to serve God through a variety of ministries including prayer, healing, internal and outward reaching pastoral care, small home study groups, aged care, at this stage we unfortunately do not have any young people, so there is no youth ministry. Morning tea following the Sunday service provides an avenue for fellowship.

Outreach has a strong focus through an Opportunity shop, weekly provision of Devonshire teas, pensioner reduced haircuts, pastoral care to the housebound, services to the elderly in three aged care facilities, hospital visiting. The visiting of the aged people in homes and hospital visiting has had to be suspended due to the Covid restrictions on visiting Age Care Homes. Monthly meetings include Mothers’ Union, and interdenominational men’s breakfasts. Many parishioners are also involved in Elijah House ministry and Cursillo.

Every member ministry is greatly encouraged. Most parishioners are involved in the life of our Parish and/ or our outreach. Every ministry is valued whether it be through preparation for Sunday worship, music, healing prayer, hospital visiting, the leading of a home group, communication etc. Where training is required, it is given.

5. Brief History of the Parish:

See appendix at end of document

6. List of Parish Leadership:

We have been greatly blessed in the last decade to have stable, vibrant leadership which has increased our knowledge and understanding of how we should be God’s people in our Parish and Diocese. It’s always easy to be so involved in “doing” that we forget to take time just to “be”. The encouragement given in our Parish is to keep our actions focused on Jesus and His example of how to live our lives.

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The pastoral care program “Love in Action” or (LIA), is a program where parishioners are paired up to look after each other in all aspects of ministry. There are those responsible for prayer ministries, aspects of worship, the Parish pew sheet, those with responsibility for Op Shop backup, catering (for Parish events) and maintenance of our buildings.

The parish has four trained Licence Lay Ministers to assist the priest and organise worship services where required.

The Mission Secretary is leading one of the strongest aspects of our Parish –our mission giving. The development of this ministry over the past years has seen us grow from having a monthly gold coin collection for a nominated mission, to also having a quarterly focus for a specific mission to provide for such a water well in Africa, support for Anglicare, Anglican Board of Mission, a mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia.

7. General Information about the Community:

The City of Bunbury is positioned on the coast of the Indian Ocean, and a gateway to Western Australia’s beautiful southwest region, Bunbury is a lovely provincial port city, positioned some 186 Km south of Perth, the Capital of Western Australia. The port is busy all year round with exports of mineral sands and wood chips being the predominate export commodity. Our Parish has close ties with the Mission to Seafarers and several of our members are volunteers at the mission. The population of the greater Bunbury area approximates 90,000. The hinterland produces fruit and dairy products including well-known world-class wines. Other activities are mining for mineral sands and coal. Daily drives are possible to the many wine growing regions, to rich farmlands and a wealth of scenic bush walks and wildflowers.

The City of Bunbury is well provided for with excellent medical and dental facilities including hospitals, which include specialist doctor’s clinics, x-ray center and coronary unit.

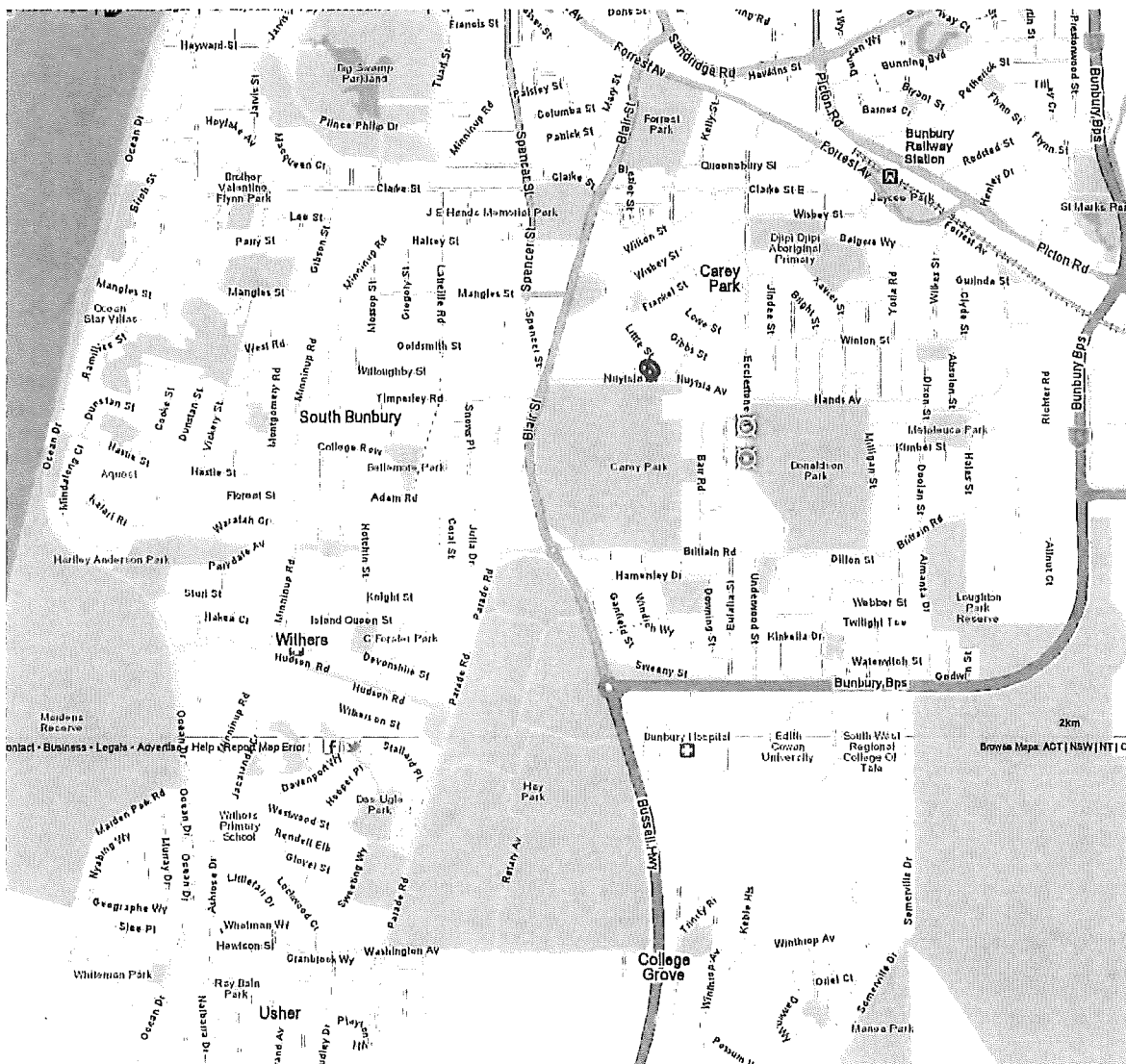
There are numerous government and independent primary schools, high schools, and senior colleges. There are further education options at the South West Institute of Technology and Edith Cowen University. There are schools within walking distance of the church. The Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School at Gelorup is recognised as one of the top country co – ed boarding schools in Australia.

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Bunbury enjoys a regional entertainment complex, art gallery, and extensive sporting facilities and we are less than 2 hours from Perth along a dual highway or one can enjoy relaxed travel by daily bus or train services.

Bunbury is the administration centre for the Diocese with the Cathedral and residence of the Bishop situated near the CBD.

8. Map – showing the location of the Parish and Churches:



The Church is situated on the corner of Little Street and Nuytsia Ave.

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9. Information on each of the worship Centres and Parish buildings:

We have two worship centres in our Parish. The mother Church of St. Elizabeth of Hungary is in Carey Park, and the historical Church of St. Marks is in Picton.

St Elizabeth's comprises the Church, a community centre with a well equipped kitchen, several offices and the Opportunity Shop. The rectory, is currently leased and the diocese discourages clergy living close to the parish centre

St. Mark's, the second oldest country Church in WA has been preserved and restored over its 180-year history. It is the subject of a Conservation Plan and is a listed Historic Building.

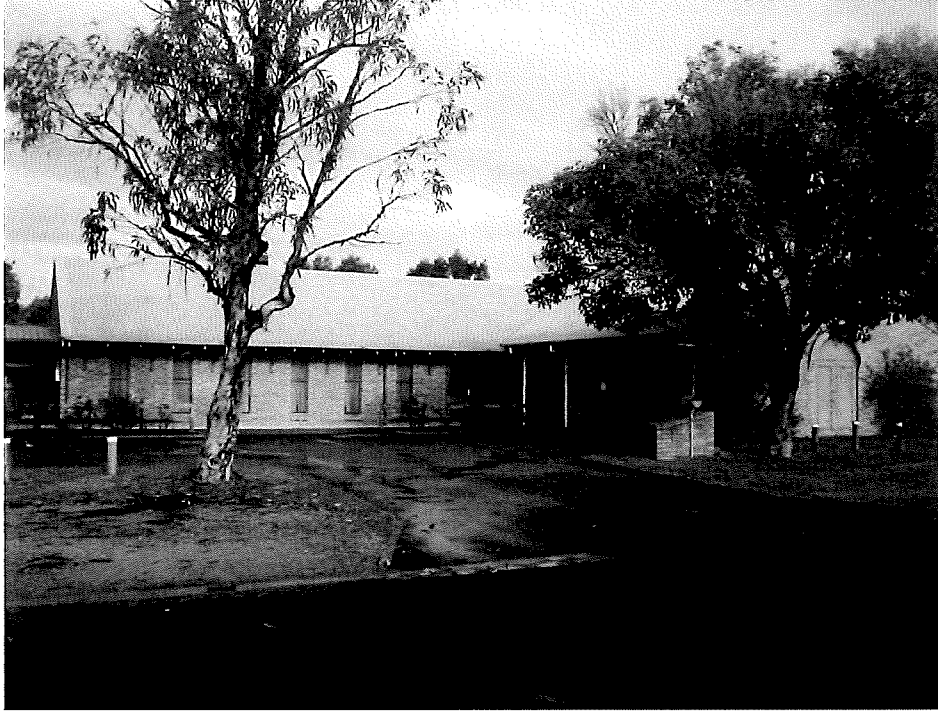
Set in its grounds are an old graveyard for which is subject to a conservation plan. And a memorial rose garden for the interment of ashes. The cost of maintaining the garden is met from the interest on a bequest. There is much potential for outreach through this little Church as an historical precinct which attracts many visitors.

St Marks Church in Wollaston



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St Elizabeth's Church and Parish Centre in Carey Park



St Elizabeth's Op-Shop in Carey Park



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10. Parish Ministries and Groups:

- There is a mid-week eucharist followed by a ‘healing service’ however owing to the Covid situation the healing service has been in abeyance, and a time of prayer has been scheduled in its place.
- Monthly MU Australia services and meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday.
- The men hold a ‘Men’s breakfast’ on the first Saturday of each month. Attendance at this gathering is jointly shared with men from the Uniting, Cathedral and Catholic churches and is based on fellowship over a cooked breakfast. Visiting speakers are sources from many and varied fields of interest. Attendance numbers vary from 15 to 20. This activity is in abeyance due to attendance numbers and Covid.

The Cursillo movement has been well represented in our congregation.

YouthCARE, the chaplaincy programs in schools, is another major focus for our giving and we are pleased to be able to offer a high level of support locally to this important ministry.

There is one Home Group who meet regularly and follow programs determined by the leaders in conjunction with the Parish Priest and incorporating Diocesan studies. This group is a trusting environment with their inner bonds of friendship and caring for each other, providing a strong basis for the fellowship within our Parish.

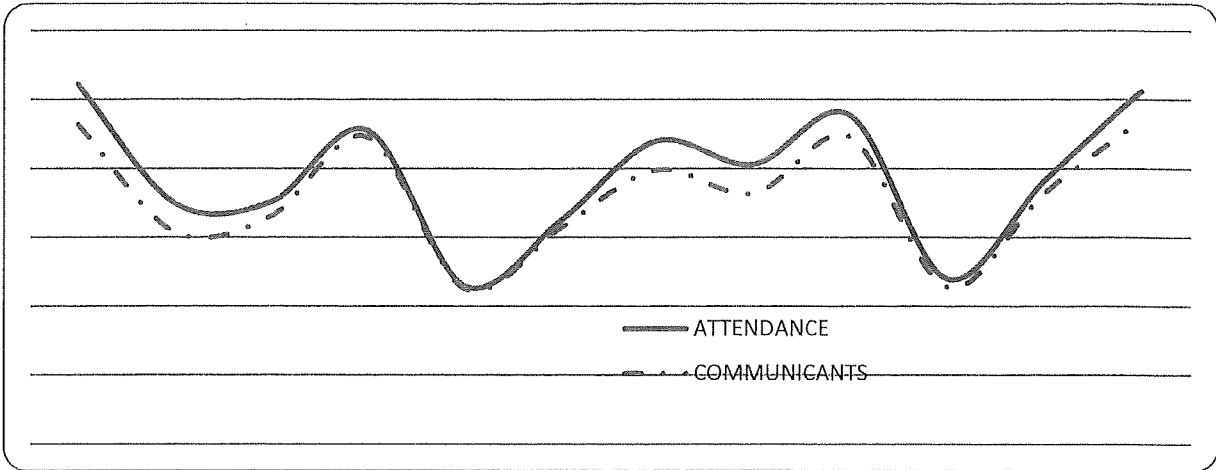
11. Some Parish Statistics:

As with most Parish rolls, the numbers recorded belie the actual numbers of worshipping members. St. Elizabeth’s would average congregations of 30-45 and St. Mark’s an average of 18-20. The population of each is largely middle aged to elderly, grand children often attend with their grandparents.

As not all members attend each Sunday, the numbers shown in the graph indicate attendances for each month. These numbers do not show attendance figures for the mid-week services on a Thursday.

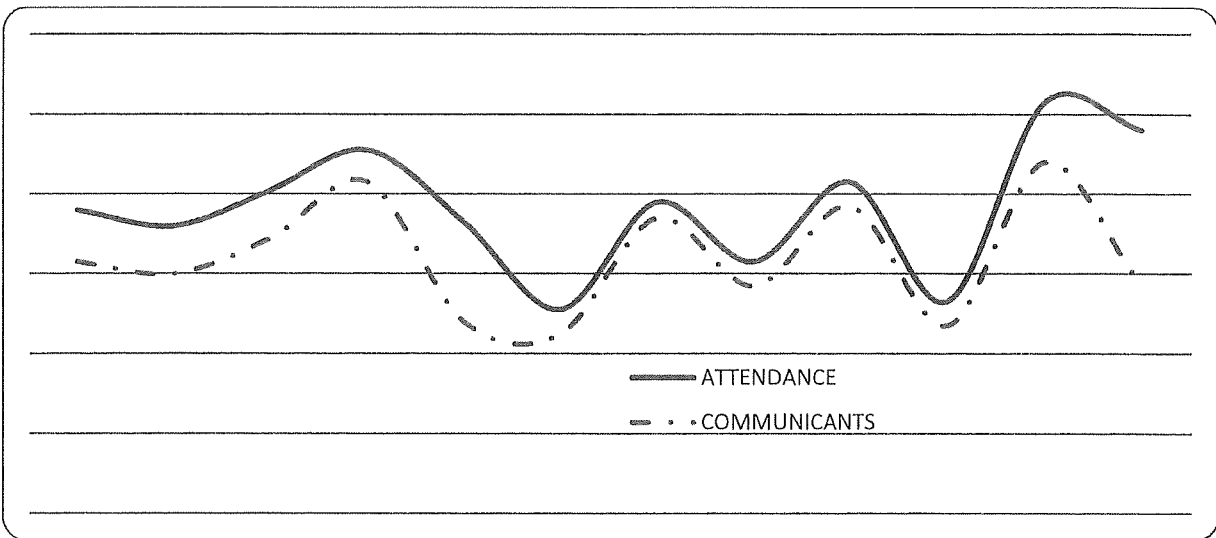
The average attendance for a Sunday is 41 with an average of 38 taking communion. Average attendance and communicants for the mid-week service is 12 in both cases. It should be noted that some of the peaks are the result of a Sunday service that incorporated a baptism either at St Mark’s or St Elizabeth’s.

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Attendance Graph For ST Elizabeth's

A similar graph is shown below for the attendance and communicants at St Mark's.



Attendance Graph for St Mark's

St. Mark's has often been a Church of choice for brides but even so, there are not a great many marriages celebrated annually. In 2021 there were 3 Baptisms and 1 wedding. There was 1 baptism celebrated at St Elizabeth's. Most funerals are held at the crematorium chapel rather than in our Churches.

12 Current Sunday service program:

Our weekly services include Sunday Holy Communion at both churches:

- St. Mark's 8.00am and St. Elizabeth's 9.30am.
- Holy Communion is also celebrated on a Thursday at 8.30am, with a Healing Service held at 9.30am following the Holy Communion. This service has proved

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to be a wonderful source of comfort, an insight into the workings of the Holy Spirit and shows how God works through prayer, honouring the prayers of persistence, trust and faith. People from other denominations and all walks of life are known to attend these services. This service is currently in abeyance due to the restriction of Covid.

The Parish finances are the responsibility of the Parish wardens in accordance with the Diocesan Statutes. The treasurer manages the accounts and financial records with due diligence.

Should you wish further information concerning our Parish please feel free to contact any of the Wardens by phone or email.