

## CHURCH OF THE WAY

### ANGLICAN PARISH OF COODANUP

#### PROFILE - 2023

Welcome to the friendly and caring, Christ centred church in Coodanup, Mandurah. Mandurah is a coastal city an hour's journey south from Perth, considered one of the top tourist locations in Australia. A vibrant and beautiful city to live in.

Church of the Way, Coodanup Anglican Church, was established in 1988 as an alternate worship centre to the main Anglican Church in Mandurah. We are seen as a charismatic outreach church, serving our community and surrounds with compassion and generosity of heart.

The parish of Coodanup - Church of the Way, is nestled into the eastern suburbs of Mandurah. Our membership is currently at 60 faithful people. After an upheaval in 2022 when the incumbent priest left the church, taking half the congregation, we have been cared for by 3 retired priests who have faithfully served us this year. Whilst the parish is running well, there is a sense that there is need for more than simply being maintained if the church is to grow and succeed into the future. There is a wonderful sense of unity and connection of the congregation, and any who enter in feel warmly welcomed. The parish is now ready to expand and grow after regrouping from the sadness of the split.

#### A little bit about us.

The church was first opened when a rectory was built and the church began in the garage of the rectory, 35 years ago. 7 people from Christ Church Anglican Church Mandurah began the church with the priest, his wife and daughter. The church was affectionately known as St Garages. Some challenges were faced in the early years, however during the year of 1993 we were at capacity in the garage at 90 people. After being given two miraculous financial donations, we were able to construct a building for Sundays and other various activities and offices to house the people of God in this parish, and church services began in the new building in December 1994. The men and women of God at Coodanup prayed, and God heard their needs.

The church has had 4 serving ministers in the time since 1988 to this present year. The rectory has been replaced with a large outreach centre which contains, 3 offices, a commercial kitchen, a large dining room - Rafters - and the op shop. This building serves both the church and the community. The ER arranges food hampers, showers, clothes washing, financial counselling and support, and finding accommodation for homeless people in a highly effective manner. All of these activities are run by enthusiastic and caring volunteers. The op shop is open 3 days a week and the Emergency Relief operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The demographic of the parish is mainly Australian and Filipino members of middle age to elderly. We are missing younger families of believers. We see the need is to change this demographic to encompass the ages from young to elderly and feel that an enthusiastic, energetic younger person would be a right fit for the task.

Our income in giving in 2023 will approximate \$86 000, and the income from the op shop is approximately \$25,000 for the year. We currently have no rectory for the new Priest we are seeking to employ.

#### Who are we seeking?

We are trusting God for a person who has strong leadership, sound biblical teaching, and who is open to moving in the power of the Holy Spirit, with Jesus Christ at the centre of their life. The parish is ready to grow quickly under the right and Godly leadership of a new minister. This would likely be a three day a week position to begin with, however as the parish continues to grow under your ministry, the parish council will monitor finances in the hope to be able to increase your time to full time Priest in Charge. As a home is not able to be provided at this time, consideration of the various costs would need to be considered.





Church of the Way worship centre, creche, offices and toilet facilities.



Church of the Way 'Rafters' complex which is adjacent to the worship centre, consisting of an Op Shop, Offices, Commercial Kitchen, large Dining Room, Emergency Relief, showering facilities and toilets.