

GATEWAY PARISH PROFILE

THEOLOGICAL BACKGROUND

The gateway parish is a blended Anglican community within the diocese of Bunbury embracing and drawing from the reformed, conservative evangelical / charismatic renewal traditions.

GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION

The Gateway parish adopted the name "Gateway" in 2018 to better reflect its position as the gateway to the great southern region of WA.



The parish covers an area some 120 kms in length and 60 km wide and consists of seven worship centres.

The parish is totally rural with farming and related service industries being the main industry along with a vibrant gold and alumina mining industry in the Boddington area.

The parish has the township of Williams at its centre and this is where the clergy ministering to the parish live.

WILLIAMS



Shire of Williams: population 981 (2016 census)

Williams is situated 180 kms (2hrs) south of Perth, 150 kms (1.5 hrs) west of Bunbury, and 220 kms (2.5 hrs) north of Albany.

Williams has a medical centre visiting doctors with a major regional hospital in Narrogin. (32km)

Williams has a well respected primary school of approx 115 students and secondary schooling is available at the Narrogin Senior High School (32 km) which is serviced

by school bus.

In the early days of European settlement Williams was the home of the Bush Brotherhood servicing the great southern of WA.

The Williams Anglican community run the OP shop and other ministries such as teaching scripture in school and helping those that need financial support within the school community.

Church services weekly at 10.30 at Holy Trinity, Williams.

Accommodation: Comfortable brick veneer rectory adjacent to church. 3 bed, 1 bathroom, WC in laundry. 4th bed/study part of enclosed east veranda.

Ceiling fans in bedrooms.

Reverse cycle aircon in lounge adjacent to dining/kitchen.

large converted garage storeroom connected to house.

double garage with roller doors.

Large store shed with sliding door in large enclosed back yard.

Williams has a childcare centre and pre-school as well as a primary school in town, the nearest high school is in Narrogin and students are transported from Williams via buses daily.

The town has an outdoor swimming pool and swimming lessons .

Clubs and organisation in Williams

Repertory, Arts and Crafts, play group and Toy Library, Home care, Stay on Your Feet group, Williams resource centre, Community paper, St John Ambulance Association and sub centre, Gateway expo committee, Friends of the Medical Centre, Land care group, Bowling Club, Mens shed, Football Club, Golf Club, Hockey Club, Tennis Club, Trotting Club. Swimming Club, and Numbutts cycling club.

WANDERING

St Martins

Wandering shire population: 444 (2016 census)

Service times monthly on a Sunday. 60 kms distance from Williams



BODDINGTON

Boddington Shire population 1844 (2016 census) 52 kms from Williams.

Services once monthly during the week. The service is held in old school premises. The parish has no property within the township.

MARRADONG

St Albans.

Within Boddington Shire, 8 kms south of Boddington township. 59 kms from Williams

One service monthly and currently undergoing reconstruction work.



QUINDANNING

St Boniface

Within the Williams Shire. 35 kms west of Williams.

Services held every 5th Sunday for the entire parish.

DARKAN

West Arthur Shire population 809 (2016 census) 40 km SW of Williams

Anglican community meet every second Sunday per month except for the 5th Sunday in the Darkan Uniting Church.

ARTHUR RIVER St Pauls

Within the West Arthur Shire. 40 km south of Williams.

Comments:

The Parish council acknowledges that the role of Parish Priest in the Gateway Parish is a challenging role in a large multi-centred rural parish with a full age range.

We feel we need an evangelistic and mission focussed person with a heart for hospitality and building relationships with young families whom we need to join us in carrying on the great commission.

This will need an energetic approach to inspire and galvanise us all into supporting this mission with all the gifts we have in the body of Christ.

If you wish to apply for this role, please contact Archdeacon Julie Baker at archdeacon@bunbury.org.au or by telephone 08 9721 2100.

