

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Anglican Parish of Dunsborough



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Vacancy – Priest in Charge

St George's Anglican Church is located in the beautiful South West coastal town of Dunsborough. Set in the heart of the Margaret River tourism region, we are surrounded by a pristine natural environment of beaches and bushland within a thriving local community. Although a regional town, Dunsborough and its surrounding townships are a part of the growing Southwest region within Western Australia with access to excellent schools, health and social services, sporting clubs and leisure activities, a range of businesses, cafes, restaurants and much more.

Currently our Sunday congregation consists of up to 40 people, mostly of a mature age. Our numbers fluctuate seasonally with tourists visiting the region. Alongside our congregation our ministries are supported by many enthusiastic volunteers from the wider community.

We offer a range of ministry services and programs including:

- A thriving Op Shop, employing a manager for 20 hrs/week
- Manna & Mercy weekly community dinner, employing a coordinator for 8 hrs/week
- Emergency Relief
- Pastoral Partners
- Mother's Union
- Prayer Quilters
- The Family Centre, also available for hire to community groups

We are looking for a full time Priest who can work with these existing ministries plus:

- provide enthusiastic leadership and direction
- develop participation of young families in worship
- offer spiritual guidance in accordance with the Gospel, through liturgy and preaching
- attend to the pastoral care of our Church members
- maintain excellent, friendly and transparent communications with all church lay groups
- build on existing ecumenical relationships with other churches in the local area
- work with our parish administrator, employed 21 hrs/week across emergency relief and parish administration needs



Our Priest will have overall leadership responsibility for all ministry program areas of St George's including our Parish, Family Centre and Op-Shop. Our Priest will work together with our Parish Council and the congregation to agree strategies and priorities for the future with emphasis on a caring, inclusive, non-judgmental ministry reaching out to new families in the area.

It is a requirement that all clergy in the Diocese of Bunbury comply with current safe church requirements including holding a valid Police Clearance, Working with Children Card, and Safe Ministry Check and undertake Safe Ministry Training. The latest requirements can be found on the diocesan website www.bunburyanglican.org.au

KEY ROLES

1. To act as Priest for the congregation of St George's Anglican Church.
2. To develop the involvement and participation of young families in St George's worship.
3. To provide enthusiastic leadership and direction for the future development of St George's.
4. To maintain excellent, friendly and transparent communications with all church lay groups.
5. To build on existing ecumenical relationships with other churches in the local area.
6. To conduct baptisms, weddings and funeral services.

KEY TASKS

1. Priest

1. To preside and preach at regular Sunday morning, weekday services and special services within the liturgical year, overseeing and supporting the participation of lay members.
2. To attend to the pastoral needs of the whole congregation, especially those who are old or ill and unable to attend services.
3. To support and encourage children in the church and to maintain working relationships with the local primary school.
4. To promote in the local area the opportunity for Anglican worship at St George's Church

2. Leadership

To have overall responsibility for enthusiastic leadership within St George's, working with the Parish Council and congregation to agree on strategies and priorities for the future with emphasis on a caring, inclusive, non-judgmental ministry reaching out to new families in the area. The lay ministry also requires support and guidance.

3. Job Description – Priest in Charge

Management/Administration

1. To chair the meetings of the St George's Parish Council and the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.
2. To be responsible for the day to day operations of the church. This includes responsibility and awareness of relevant legislation relating to for example, the Protection of Children and Safe Church.
3. With the help of the Parish Council, to ensure that budgets are set and managed properly.
4. To oversee and support fund raising organised by the Parish Council.
5. To ensure that St George's Church operates within the Canon Law of the Anglican Diocese of Bunbury.

Diocesan and Wider

1. To work in cooperation with fellow diocesan clergy and the bishop to enhance the unity of the diocese.
2. To build on good ecumenical relations with other churches in the area.

Personal

1. To be comfortable communicating with all ages and sorts of people in a sensitive, friendly and approachable manner.
2. To be able to think strategically but with practical skills to enable God's mission to become reality within the wider community.
3. To be at ease with different expressions of worship.
4. To maintain his/her spiritual growth.
5. To hold a valid Australian driving license.
6. To have competent computer skills.
7. To maintain the rectory and surrounds.