



## **Parish of Ulverstone**



## **Parish Profile for a new Rector**

**November 2021**

A church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus.

## Our Vision

Ulverstone Anglican Church is aiming to be *A church for Ulverstone, making disciples of Jesus.*

Whilst we have some strategies in place for how we have been trying to do that in recent years, including a recent consultation with City to City Australia through the *MultiplyTas* program (available on request), we would expect that a new Rector would lead us in directing these plans. We have a more senior age profile in the church, but have made a good start over the past few years on reaching families with the good news of Jesus and making new disciples.

## About the Parish

The Anglican Parish of Ulverstone may be described as an evangelical parish.

We have two Sunday morning services. One is a more traditional Anglican expression and the second seeks to be a livelier and more contemporary alternative.

A mid week communion service is proving popular and there are monthly communion services at both of the aged care facilities.

There are a number of small group bible studies operating weekly during school terms.

Average weekly attendance at services is around seventy to eighty in total. The parish has a number of families that attend with school aged children, and is well represented in the older age groups. There is a small Sunday School that caters for around a dozen or more children and a fortnightly youth group is about to start on Friday evenings. The parish conducts a mentoring program in the local primary school and has a Mainly Music program that attracts parents and their children from the general community.



A community meal for about 25 people is served on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Centre. Meals are also delivered to about 20 housebound residents each week.

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Overall, the parish is well connected into the local communities and has been creating opportunities for gospel ministry amongst children, families and those in need.

The parish is in a strong financial position due to some generous financial endowments. The Parish currently employs a full-time Rector, full-time Children and Families Worker (who will be ordained as a Deacon in February) and a part-time Parish Secretary.

You can see more about us at <https://ulverstoneanglican.weebly.com>

## Buildings

The current church (Holy Trinity) was built in 1961 and is able to accommodate two hundred and fifty people. The adjoined parish centre, built in 1980, offers a good facility for children's and youth ministry.



The Rectory is a spacious four-bedroom brick home built in the 1930s, adjacent to the Church. It has a wonderful view of the Leven estuary and is within easy walking distance of the shopping centre as well as primary and high schools.



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The Rectory has a refurbished kitchen/casual dining room, a formal dining room and a separate lounge room with sliding doors which can open up to form one large room. The home is carpeted throughout. Heating is all electric. The kitchen faces the East and catches the morning sun



while the lounge room receives the afternoon sun. The kitchen overlooks a large grassed back yard which has plenty of room for a vegetable garden or flower garden if required. Adjacent to the house is a lock up garage.

We believe that Ulverstone and its surrounds are the most picturesque in the whole of Tasmania. It is a wonderful place in which to live and minister.

## **About Ulverstone**

Ulverstone is a very pleasant seaside town located on the North-West Coast of Tasmania and situated on the banks of the Leven River. It has a population of around fourteen thousand five hundred and is the largest town in Tasmania.

The Central Coast Municipality has a total population of a little over twenty-two thousand and swells to over 25,000 during the summer holidays. It includes smaller towns, such as Penguin to the west, Turners Beach to the east, and inland Forth, Gawler and Sprent with an area of approximately 932 square kilometres.

The Central Coast Council area has a fairly static population, growing by 6% in the past ten years. Although there are close to five and a half thousand people over the age of 60 years, there are nearly five thousand people under the age of 18 years. Ulverstone is well serviced with shops, eateries, sports clubs and community groups.

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Ulverstone is well positioned between the two coastal cities of Burnie and Devonport. Travelling the dual carriage way of the Bass Highway, Devonport is only a 15 minute drive to the east and Burnie around 20 minutes to the west. The iconic Cradle Mountain National Park is an hour and a quarter by car, as is the city of Launceston.

The area was first settled in 1840 by James Fenton and Ulverstone was proclaimed a town on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1861. The economy of the municipality is largely rural based with most of the workforce employed in agriculture, manufacturing, community service, retail and wholesale trades.

Ulverstone has three state primary schools, a Roman Catholic primary school, one state high school (Years 7-12), and the independent Leighland Christian School (K-12). Grades 11 and 12 are also offered at Colleges at Devonport and Burnie. The town is well served by three medical practices. Two major hospitals are within a 30 minute drive. Ulverstone has retirement home facilities.

Ulverstone has a mild maritime temperate climate with a temperature range in summer of 11°C to 21° C. and in the winter of 3.5° C. to 11.5° C. There are a large number of Churches across the North-West of Tasmania representing a wide range of denominations, and many of these are found in Ulverstone.

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## What sort of Rector are we looking for?

As you can see from the parish profile, we need a new Rector who can creatively and energetically lead us in making our vision a reality and in reaching Ulverstone for Jesus. We need someone who will see what we can become, under God, as well as what we currently are.

The gifts needed will include:

- Preaching and teaching
- Ability to lead our vision to make disciples
- Able to lead a small staff team and equip volunteers
- Work with others to build outreach to children, families and young people
- Highly motivated and a self-starter
- Able to continue to disciple, grow and love existing church members

## The Diocese

The Diocese of Tasmania has been through a major turn around over the past 20 years, under the leadership of two evangelical bishops (the first in 100 years).

Bishop Richard Condie, the current Bishop, wants making disciples of Jesus to be at the core of everything we do. He also highly values training and support for church leaders – this includes each ministry leader in the Diocese having a coach/mentor, being in a cohort with others at the same life/ministry stage, and money and time given from the parish for professional development each year.

The current group of clergy/ministry leaders (about 80 in total) meet together twice a year and are highly supportive of each other in gospel partnership.

Find out more at [anglicantas.org.au](http://anglicantas.org.au)

## Conditions

- Information about stipends and allowances in the Diocese is found [here](#)
- Housing (the Rectory) or a housing allowance will be provided.
- Appointment will be subject to fulfilling Safe Church Communities requirements, including a Tasmanian Working with Vulnerable People Card and completion of a satisfactory Safe Ministry Screening Check.

## How to apply

Please send applications including a resume, a response to this parish profile, and 2-3 referees to [personnel@anglicantas.org.au](mailto:personnel@anglicantas.org.au) by **Friday 10 December 2021**. For further information ring Claire Upton on 6220 2019.

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