



Parish of Break O'Day



Parish Profile

August 2021

Our Vision

We are aiming to take our part in fulfilling the Diocesan vision to be *a church for Tasmania, making disciples of Jesus*.

Two new focusses for this vision will include:

- Reaching out to those under 40 years of age who are largely absent from our church congregations
- Considering whether/when a new congregation will assist in reaching that demographic

About the Parish

For the past 20 years the parish has been operating as an Enabler Supported Parish, with an experienced member of clergy externally equipping a local leadership team. During that time several local members of the Parish Support Team have been ordained to the priesthood and have operated under a licence from the Bishop to carry out parish ministry on a voluntary basis. In 2020 the parish moved from the ESM model to having an honorary incumbent (one of the former ESM team). Although some of the team have stepped back from ministry due to age, there is still significant ministry support available for a new incumbent from honorary clergy and lay leaders.

In 2019 and 2020, there was also some leadership coaching and assistance with using digital technology for sermons and training that came through the BCA Digital Church project operating in Tasmania.

The parish has discussed and prayed about its future over the past two years and is excited to now be seeking a stipended minister who can come and lead the parish as it works to revitalise and take new steps to reach the community for Jesus. This position is partly supported by a 3 year Diocesan grant towards new and strategic ministry which we hope will enable growth into long-term sustainability.

Current ministries

St Helens:

- Know Your Bible study groups
- Prayer Meetings
- Outreach Ministries - Women's (Hearts 'n' Hands, supporting Operation Christmas Child - pictured) and Men's (Beef, Beer and Bibles)
- There is an Anglicare office on the church property and the Parish is deeply involved in their ministry, including provision of short stay accommodation for the homeless, good quality donated furniture for the needy, and donated bread from the local Banjos bakery.



St Marys

- Know Your Bible study group
- Prayer Meeting
- Pub Ministry
- One evening Bible study, following a meal

Students from Worldview College in Launceston (linked to Melbourne School of Theology) and Youth With A Mission regularly visit St Helens and St Marys as part of their training experience. The parish hosts the students and they assist in outreach work, including schools ministry.

Potential Ministry Opportunities may include:

- Mountain bike riders (a growing tourist attraction)
- Surfers
- Unchurched retirees moving into the area
- St Helens District high school - 500 students and part-time Chaplain

About Break O'Day

The Parish of Break O'Day is located on Tasmania's North East Coast, about 2 hours from Launceston. About 6,100 people live in the area, though this swells to over 15,000 in the summer months. The main industries are tourism and agriculture, and there are a range of schools and community facilities.

Find out more at:

- <https://www.bodc.tas.gov.au/>
- <https://www.discovertasmania.com.au/about/regions-of-tasmania/east-coast/st-helens>
- <https://www.discovertasmania.com.au/about/regions-of-tasmania/east-coast/st-marys>
- <https://www.discovertasmania.com.au/about/regions-of-tasmania/east-coast/Pyengana>

Buildings

The parish currently has 3 properties:

St Paul's, St Helens

There is one Prayerbook service each week at St Paul's. It is an older congregation (25-30 people regularly) with, in general, a strong Anglican background. The first church on this site was established in 1875 and the present church was consecrated in 1884. There are good hall facilities.



Holy Trinity, St Mary's

There is one service each week, with a growing average attendance of 25 people. Parishioners are from very different church backgrounds, or new Christians, and there is a strong desire among the members to take Jesus into the community. The church is fully equipped digitally.



St Michael and All Angels, Pyengana

There is one service a month at Pyengana, led by a faithful parishioner, with between 5 and 10 people attending.



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 reaching the generations not currently part of our church. 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 create and lead a new vision to make disciples
- Able to lead new outreach to children, families and young people
- Highly motivated and a self-starter
- Gifts or experience in building new ministries from a low base
- 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). There are a significant number of parishes that have started to revitalise and reach the community, and numerically we are growing overall as a Diocese.

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

Conditions

- Information about stipends and allowances in the Diocese is found [here](#)
- 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.
- Housing or a housing allowance will be provided.

The available Rectory at St Helens is a brick veneer modern home, 4 bedrooms with en-suite in main, large dining and kitchen, separate lounge with modern wood heater, study and small lounge with separate entrance, 3 car garage.



How to apply

Please send applications including a resume, a response to this parish profile, and 2-3 referees to personnel@anglicantas.org.au by **28 February 2022**.

For further information ring Claire Upton (EA to the Diocesan Registrar) on 6220 2019