

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

PARISH PROFILE 2020

“Living in the way of Christ with faith and loving service and working together towards the future with hope”



St George's Church Interior

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1. Parish Location

Tamborine Mountain Parish is located west of the Gold Coast and within the eastern boundary of the Scenic Rim Regional Council. It is approximately one hour's drive from Brisbane, 40 minutes from the Gold Coast beaches, and 30 minutes from Beaudesert, the administrative centre for the Regional Council. The Parish includes the suburbs/localities of:

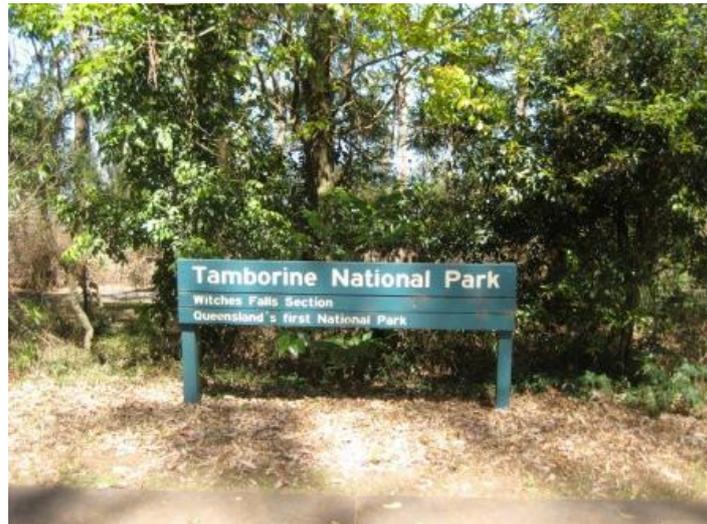
- Tamborine Mountain (4272) – *incl. Eagle Heights, North Tamborine, Mount Tamborine*
- Tamborine (4270)
- Canungra (4275) – *incl. Boyland, Biddaddaba, Wonglepong, Benobble, Sarabah, Lamington National Park, Witheren, Ferny Glen, Flying Fox, Illinbah*
- Beechmont (part of 4211) – *incl. Binna Burra.*



Parish Map

Tamborine Mountain is a plateau measuring about 8km by 5km and is roughly 550m above sea level. The area was opened to selection in 1875. Due to difficulties accessing the mountain, its population remained small until the early 1900s. From 1918 to 1925, rapid land subdivision occurred including the 1920 – 1921 creation of North Tamborine and Eagle Heights. The area is noted for its rich volcanic soil which sustains both the native vegetation and introduced crops such as avocados, rhubarb, kiwi fruit, lychees, tamarillo and flower plantations. Nine National Parks conserve remnants of the original rainforests and eucalypt forests, preserve the habitats of native animals, and provide easy gradient walking tracks. The area is a major tourist attraction especially

at week-ends and there are numerous crafts/souvenir shops, eating places and accommodation. The area is a popular place for retirement.



Tamborine village (originally spelt Tambourine) developed in the 1870s around a store, post-office and St Mary's chapel. It was the administrative centre for the former Tambourine Shire. The railway line to Canungra which opened in 1915 also passed through the village. Tamborine is now a rural residential community.

Canungra was not formally surveyed until 1915; however a settlement developed in the 1880s around the Lahey Brothers' Sawmill. The town also served emerging communities at Beechmont and Tamborine Mountain after the Canungra Branch Railway opened in 1915. The military area now known as the Kokoda Barracks was established in 1942. Canungra still retains its village atmosphere and is the entry point to the Lamington National Park and a popular weekend venue for paragliders, hanggliders and motorcyclists.



Canungra

Beechmont - In the 1870s timber getters and selectors worked their way up the Nerang River to Beech Mountain. Small-scale sawmilling developed in the twentieth century and dairy farms were established on the slopes of Beech Mountain in 1925. Tourism was also important with cabins available at Binna Burra Mountain Lodge from 1933. Beechmont has retained its rural identity and is popular for weekend drives and visits to Binna Burra.

2. Parish History

The Anglican Parish of Tamborine Mountain was originally part of the Beaudesert Parish. In 1987 it was established as a separate Mission District, and since 1991 it has been a non-beneficed Parish.

The Vicar in Charge of the Mission District was Rev. Leslie Duncan. In 1990 the Venerable H. St. John Edwards was appointed Priest-in-Charge. He retired in 1995. The Rev. Dr. Murray Harvey was commissioned as Priest-in-Charge in December 1995. He resigned from the position in April 2002 to take up an appointment in England. The Rev. Shan Vierow was inducted as Priest-in-Charge from June 2002 until June 2005. The Venerable Allan Paulsen was Priest-in-Charge from October 2007 to December 2012. Archdeacon Valerie Hoare was Priest-in-Charge from June 2013 to July 2019.

There are two centres of worship in the Parish.

- St. George's at Eagle Heights on Tamborine Mountain
- St. Luke's at Canungra

Services have been held on Tamborine Mountain since 1900 and the original St. George's church was a community hall, relocated and rebuilt on the present site in 1938. The present St. George's church was constructed and consecrated in 1992 and was the result of a bequest from a parishioner, Miss Jean Dunlop who died in 1990. The old church is now the church hall.

Parishioners from Tamborine Village at the northern base of Tamborine Mountain worship at St George's.

Services have been held in Canungra since 1908 and St. Luke's church was constructed debt free and dedicated in 1936. St. Luke's was consecrated at its 75th anniversary in 2011.



St Luke's consecration 2011

Until 1987, Beechmont was part of the Southport Parish. Services were held in the local school until an agreement in 1990 with the Nerang Roman Catholic Parish led to services being held in St. John's Worship Centre. In 2011, regular services ceased at Beechmont due to lack of numbers. Home church was provided monthly to Beechmont residents till mid 2019.

3. Civic Demographics of Parish

From the 2016 Census:

- **Tamborine Mountain:** The population is 7,506. The median/average age of the Tamborine Mountain population is 50 years of age, 12 years above the Australian average. The country of birth of people living in Tamborine Mountain is 64.9% Australia, 9.1% England, 5.5% New Zealand. 16.1% are Anglican, and the median household income is \$1,244 per week.
- **Tamborine:** The population is 3,950. The median/average age of the Tamborine population is 41 years of age, 3 years above the Australian average. The country of birth of people living in Tamborine is 71.9% Australia, 6.6% England, 5.0% New Zealand. 19.8% are Anglican, and the median household income is \$1,841 per week.
- **Canungra and surrounds:** The population is 3,434. The median/average age of the Canungra population is 42 years of age, 4 years above the Australian average. The country of birth of people living in Canungra is 72.8% Australia, 5.5% New Zealand, 5.4% England. 20.7% are Anglican, and the median household income is \$1,542 per week.
- **Beechmont:** The population is 842. The median/average age of the Beechmont population is 46 years of age, 8 years above the Australian average. The country of birth of people living in Beechmont is 73.4% Australia, 5.1% England, 5.0% New Zealand. 14.5% are Anglican, and the median household income is \$1,399 per week.

The population statistics for the Parish are summarized in the following table.

Area	Post code	Total persons	Anglicans	Parish roll
Tamborine Mountain	4271, 4272	7506	1209	69
Tamborine	4270	3950	780	2
Elsewhere				3
St George's catchment		11456	1989	74
Canungra	4275	3434	705	17
Elsewhere				4
St Luke's catchment		3434	705	21
Beechmont	Part 4211	842	120	5
Parish Total		15714	2814	100

There is one nursing home within the Parish on Tamborine Mountain – Roslyn Lodge run by Beaumont Care.

There are four state primary schools within the Parish – Tamborine Mountain, St Bernards, Canungra and Beechmont as well as one state secondary school and an independent college, both on Tamborine Mountain.

There are no hospitals within the Parish. The nearest hospitals are at Beaudesert and Southport.



Curtis Falls – 700m walk from Rectory

4. Parish Buildings and Vehicle

Tamborine Mountain

The principal church for the Parish is St George's, situated on 4021m² (1 acre) of land on the corner of Eagle Heights Road and Dapsang Drive, Eagle Heights. The property also contains the church hall, meeting room, toilet block and the Rectory. There are also two small storage sheds on the site.

St George's Church is a modern brick construction and seats about 200 people. It has a pipe organ built by Simon Pierce, installed and dedicated to the parish in 1993, and given by the Fulcher family in memory of their son Christopher. The church was repainted inside and out and maintenance work carried out in 2012. The porte-cochere, which was a part of the original church design, was completed in 2011 by a generous donation from Mrs Laurel Youngman in memory of her late husband, Dr Norman Vincent Youngman.



St George's Tamborine Mountain

The church hall (Georgian Room) was the main church until 1992 when it was renovated to include a kitchen. It is linked to the church with a covered way. The Sunday school room (deVoil Room erected in memory of Evelyn deVoil for her work among children) is connected to the Georgian Room and is of similar vintage. It has tea making facilities. All the older buildings on the site including the toilet block were repainted externally and maintenance work carried out in 2011. The Georgian room was painted internally in 2016 & the toilet block was painted internally in 2018.



Georgian Room, deVoil Room & Toilet Block

The site relies on tank water and has septic tank installations for its waste water. The waste water disposal systems were upgraded in 2012.

Clergy accommodation

The Rectory is also located on the Eagle Heights property at 2 Dapsang Drive. The Rectory is a large four bedroom brick veneer home with study, two bathrooms, family room, lounge, dining room, two car garage and two car carport. It was constructed in 1990 and was repainted externally in 2012 and internally in 2013. The Rectory has a private yard and is in accordance with requirements of the relevant Diocesan Regulation. The kitchen and floor coverings were refurbished in 2019.



Rectory & Parish Vehicle

Canungra

St Luke's Church is situated at 15-21 Kidston Street, Canungra on 1318m² of land. St Luke's seats about 40 people and is constructed from local timber in a gothic style with rosewood walls and ceilings, rose gum floor and red cedar pews. St Luke's church is listed on the Scenic Rim Regional Council's Local Heritage Register.

Also on this site is a storage shed, toilet and a small pavilion with tea making facilities. All the buildings were painted externally in 2017.



St Luke's Canungra

Parish vehicle

The parish vehicle is a 2011 Toyota Corolla Ascent 1.8 litre automatic hatch which is owned by the Parish. The Parish is prepared to replace this car with a new one to meet the requirements of the new priest.

5. Parish Staffing & Committees

Parish Priest-in-charge

With the exception of interregnum periods, the Parish has had a full time Priest since its inception. It is a full time paid position with a car and a four bedroom rectory with generous sized rooms and with all bedrooms having built-in wardrobes. The main bedroom has a walk-in robe and ensuite.

Retired Priests

There are three retired priests currently living on Tamborine Mountain - The Reverend John Corner, The Reverend Robin Keeley and Canon Brian Lynes. In addition, The Reverend Martin Hunnybun lives nearby and attends services at St George's. All are willing to assist with church ministry as they are able, particularly when the Priest-in-Charge is on leave. The Reverend Robin Keeley has indicated that he will soon be moving away from the parish

Clerical Assistant

This is a casual paid position (8 hours a week, currently Thursday and Friday 8.30am to 12.30pm) with main duties being as follows:

- Prepare weekly powerpoint presentations for church services
- Prepare & print the weekly Parish bulletin
- Prepare Mainly Music powerpoint presentations
- Prepare & print wedding & funeral orders of service.
- Prepare & print any special orders of services & handouts
- Invoice hall hirers

Organists

There are currently two volunteer organists in the Parish, one at St George's and one at St Luke's. They can usually back each other up if necessary.

Liturgical Assistants & Servers

There are 10 licensed Liturgical Assistants, 6 at St George's and 4 at St Luke's as well as 3 Servers at St George's. Sacristan duties are performed by volunteers on roster.

Parish Council

In addition to the Priest-in-charge, the Parish Council consists of

- 1 Churchwarden (2 vacancies)
- 2 District Churchwardens (St Luke's Canungra)
- 2 Parish Nominators (1 vacancy)
- 1 Synod Representative (1 vacancy)
- 4 Parish Councillors

One of the Parish Councillors is the treasurer and a District Churchwarden is the minute secretary. The Parish Council meets monthly and the Churchwardens keep in touch with the Priest-in-charge by email & telephone. The Wardens report to each Parish Council meeting and to the congregations in person as needed as well as through the Parish Bulletin.

Parish Social and Fund Raising Group

This Group organizes social and fund raising events on Tamborine Mountain including the Spring Fair (which is the Parish's major fund raising event for the year), street stalls and Parish dinners, afternoon teas, murder mystery evenings etc. This group reports to Parish Council.

St George's Anglican Emergency Relief Team

The team provides assistance to the needy in the form of food or funds which are donated by parishioners & the community. The team has a separate Anfin account and reports to Parish Council.

St George's Maintenance Team

This small group undertakes minor maintenance at St George's and where necessary, obtains quotes and supervises contractors for more major works. The team reports to the Churchwardens.

St Luke's Anglican Guild Canungra

The Guild has been active since before 1936 with the aim "to promote St Luke's Anglican Church, Canungra by offering support to the Canungra community and organizing social and fund-raising events to (a) maintain the assets of the church for the use and benefit of the Anglican community and (b) by resolution at a general meeting, provide specific financial support to the Anglican Parish of Tamborine Mountain". The Guild meets approximately 4 times per year and, where possible, is attended by the Priest-in-Charge. It has separate bank accounts and its activities are reported to the Parish Council by the two District Churchwardens. Its fund raising activities include a car boot sale in March, an annual dinner in mid-year and a street stall late-year.

Cleaning of Churches

St George's church, hall, meeting room and toilet are cleaned by a contract cleaner once per week. St Luke's church is cleaned by St Luke's congregation volunteers on a roster basis.

Grounds Maintenance

St George's grounds are now mowed & gutters cleaned regularly by a contract groundsman and the gardens are kept in trim by a small band of parishioners from St George's. St Luke's grounds are mowed regularly and maintained by St Luke's congregation volunteers.



Australia Day 2019



Bollywood Fund raiser 2018

6. Active Ministries

The Parish has been found compliant with the requirements of the Diocesan Policy and Procedures for the Protection of Children-Parishes by the Office of the Director of Professional Standards.

Regular Church Services

Regular church services are held at the following times.

St George's:

Saturday 5.00pm Celebration Eucharist
 Sunday 9.30am Eucharist (Family service on the 2nd Sunday)

St Luke's:

Sunday 7.45am Eucharist

Roslyn Lodge

Wednesday 10.15am Eucharist fortnightly for residents.

Service attendance

Service attendance	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
St George's Av. attendance at Sat/Sun. services	54	52	49	53	61
St Luke's Av. Attendance at Sun. services	15	15	15	19	18
Parish Average attendance at weekend services	69	67	64	72	79
Annual Totals					
Baptisms	12	8	10	12	14
Weddings	7	2	10	6	3
Funerals	8	4	8	3	6
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	1
First communion	1	1	1	0	1

Church focussed Ministries

- Footsteps - Kids @ Church Sundays 9.30am at St George's
- Meditation Group Tuesdays at 8.00am at St George's
- Meditation for children Tuesdays at 3.30pm in school term at St George's.
- Bible Study Group Tuesdays at 7.00pm at St Luke's
- Bible Study Group Wednesdays at 2.00pm in the Rectory.
- South End Meditation Home Group 1st & 3rd Fridays at 9.30am.
- St Luke's congregation meets socially on the last Friday of the month at 5.00pm
- Discipleship of the Good Shepherd Mondays at 3.00pm at St Luke's in school terms



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Outward focussed Ministries

- St George's Anglican Emergency Relief provides assistance to the needy in the form of food or funds. Clients are interviewed by appointment on Wednesdays at 9.00am in the deVoil room. Food & funds are donated by parishioners & the community.
- Bread ministry collects unsold bread from a bakery on Tamborine Mountain on Friday evenings and bags and makes it available to the needy on Saturday mornings at St George's.
- Mainly Music is conducted on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am in school terms followed by morning tea and socialising free play time.
- Religious Education is provided to the Canungra State School on Friday mornings in conjunction with other denominations.
- The parish has a representative on the Local Consultative Committee for school chaplaincy
- Parishioners support various charities determined by the Parish Council through monthly retiring collections. – eg. Bush Ministry Fund, Mercy Ships, ABM Lent Appeal, Chaplaincy, Abp. Drought Appeal Abp. November Appeal, Christmas Bowl etc.
- St Luke's Faith Journey (LyCiG) Group meet regularly for brunch to plan and support
 - A Good Friday ecumenical service with the Uniting Church
 - A stall at the Canungra show in August
 - Pet blessing service in September/October
 - Canungra turns pink for cancer in October
 - Nativity scene in December
 - Carols by torchlight at St Luke's in December
 - Pastoral Care Plan
 - Coffee in the Community
 - Tuesday evening bible studies
 - Canungra school chaplaincy



Mainly Music Group

7. Characteristics and Traditions

Services at St George's and St Luke's are presented on powerpoint without the need for prayer books & hymn books. In general they are based on the following texts with variations for Lent, Advent etc.

Prayer book – A Prayer Book for Australia (APBA)

St George's Saturday 5.00pm	APBA fifth order or Taize
St George's Sunday 9.30am	APBA second order
St Luke's Sunday. 7.45am	APBA second order

Music

St George's Saturday 5.00pm	Various
St George's Sunday 9.30am	Mainly Together in Song (TiS),
St Luke's Sunday 7.45am	Mainly Together in Song (TiS),

Inclusiveness in hospitality

The parish has a reputation for being a friendly, welcoming group of Anglicans. Fellowship takes place every Sunday following the main Services at St George's and St Luke's. All who come to seek the way of Christ are warmly welcomed.

Ecumenical relationships

On Tamborine Mountain, Ecumenical Good Friday services are held with the Presbyterian Church and attendance at the annual fund raising dinner for School Chaplaincy.

In Canungra, the St. Luke's congregation join with the Uniting church for the annual Good Friday service which is shared between the two churches. The two churches mix socially on occasions.

Expectations of the new Priest

The spiritual leader being called for our parish – is someone who is solid in Anglican identity; in knowing and knowledge of the scriptures. A person who has a strong personal faith and identity, able to withstand challenging “slings and arrows”, who is flexible in outlook and embracing of change. Our new priest needs to be a resilient, enthusiastic and energetic person and familiar with current technologies. Undergirding all of this is the call for a person of prayer, who also values the worth of prayer in all aspects of parish life.

There is great depth of pastoral compassion in our parish, identified in the “unconditional acceptance” of each other and those coming in. There is a sense that the incoming parish priest will need to be accepting, and build on this pastoral foundation.

Overall, our parishioners have named good leadership skills as essential in their new priest, so that the ministries and outreach into the community can be further developed and strengthened – by the whole community, as they have been enabled by their spiritual leader.

8. Financial Information

Current year budget and YTD statement

A detailed current Parish budget, and year-to-date profit & loss statement and balance sheet are available on request.

Stewardship program

A Parish Stewardship Committee has conducted a Stewardship Program since 2013 consisting of two elements – a Commitment program in mid-year and a Ministry program in December.

Fund raising activities

The parish has no debt. However, the Parish relies heavily on its fundraising program to balance its operating budget. The major fundraiser for the year is the Spring Fair held on the first Saturday in November. This is supplemented with street stalls, Parish dinners, afternoon teas, murder mystery evenings etc.

The St George's church and hall are hired out to various groups. St George's church has excellent acoustics and is popular with choral and orchestral groups for Sunday afternoon concerts.

Infrastructure Maintenance Reserve Funds

The Parish operates a Maintenance Reserve Fund to cover the cost of programmed major maintenance at St George's and the replacement of the parish car. The fund is held in a 6 month roll-over Anfin term deposit to which the Parish Council attempts to add \$6000 per year. When programmed major maintenance is required at St George's or a new parish car needs to be purchased, the cost is withdrawn from the fund. At the start of 2020, there was \$94,564 in the maintenance reserve fund.

The St Luke's Guild has developed a similar program for the maintenance & capital improvements to St Luke's & the Guild raises the funds to carry out the program. The Guild is active in applying for grants and has recently been successful with a grant to purchase a new keyboard and another to cover part of the cost of painting the buildings.

Philanthropic trusts and bequests

The parish benefited in its early days by a most generous bequest left to it by Miss Jean Dunlop which paid for the building of the Rectory and St George's Church free of debt to the parish.

Parishioners have been very generous in recent years with donations to construct the porte-cochere, solar power installation, garden shed, and to upgrade the pipe organ at St George's. An organ fund has also been established for the major maintenance of the pipe organ.

In 2017, the Parish was advised that Lesley Williams, a long term parishioner of Tamborine Mountain, had bequeathed her former home in Freemont Drive to the Parish.

Extract from her Will –

“TO GIVE my property situated at 64 Freemont Drive, North Tamborine in the State of Queensland to the St George's Anglican Church, North Tamborine to be used for general charitable purposes”.

The Parish Council resolved *“in principle, to sell Lesley Williams' property when it can legally do so”* and the property was sold on 18 July 2018. The net proceeds from the sale after legal and pre-sale costs etc., \$484,344.77 was transferred to a Lesley Merle Williams Bequest account. \$50,000 was donated to the Diocese for Going for Growth & Property Management in 2019. The remainder was held in two trust accounts with Anfin. At the end of 2019, the bequest accounts totaled \$436,714. The Parish will utilize the bequest funds to balance its budget while it GOES FOR GROWTH