

Parish Profile

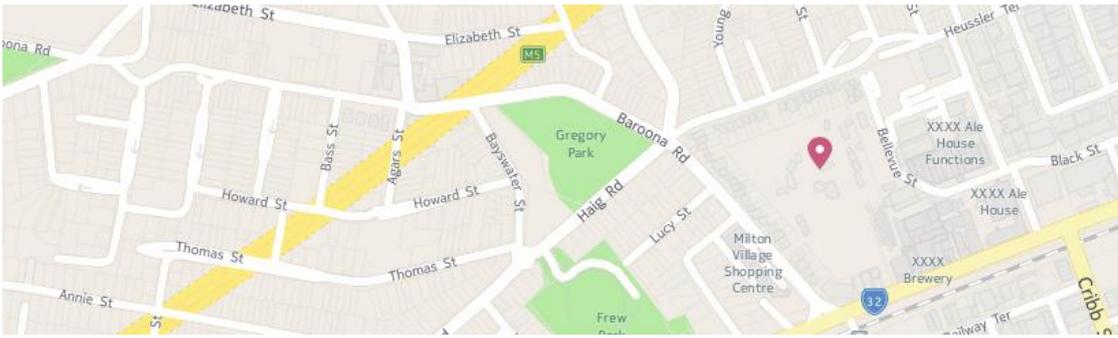
Auchenflower – Milton Anglican Parish

(now known as Milton Anglican)

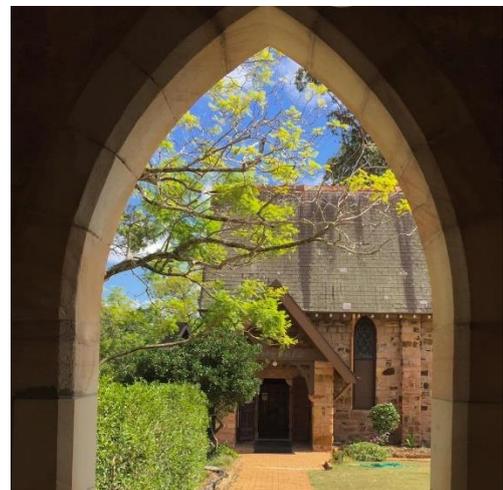


Our Vision - To be a contemplative, connected, creative and celebrating diverse community of faith in the inner west of Brisbane, providing worship, service and advocacy from a standpoint of humility and hospitality.

Where we are



Our Parish is located in Milton, Brisbane. With our main base on the historic St Francis College site (just off Baroona Road opposite the Milton Village shops), the Chapel of the Holy Spirit and surrounding amenities provide a real 'spiritual oasis in the inner city'. Our Parish office is also located at St. Francis College (currently manned 2 days a week).



We are also blessed with the historic Christ Church Milton site (church & Rectory), nestling next to Suncorp Stadium. The Christ Church Rectory is currently rented to the School of Philosophy, Brisbane and the Church has a number of hirers – The Curators Theatre Group, The Church of Southern India, ARC drama classes, occasional casual hirers and is used for occasional services by the Parish. Our events there include Brisbane Open House, joint historic talks with the Toowong History group and a yearly All Souls service.



The Rectory



Christ Church

Ours is a growing parish and our members mainly come from the suburbs surrounding Milton - Auchenflower, Rosalie, Bardon, Ashgrove & Paddington. Our monthly Sanctus service draws participants from much further afield around Brisbane.

Who are we?

Our Vision & Values

To be a lively, inclusive and growing community of faith in the inner west of Brisbane, providing worship, service and advocacy from a standpoint of humility and hospitality.

We seek to be a contemplative, connecting, creative Christian community in Brisbane's inner west, nurturing love, truth & beauty in today's world. We aim to be welcoming and affirming of all, whatever cultural or social background, sexual or gender orientation, blending the best of living wisdom traditions in the Christian Faith with openness to the Spirit alive among us in new ways today.



About Us

We are a small but passionate and gifted parish, committed to growing a faith community where all are welcome and can deepen their encounter with Christ. Our parish has a long and fine tradition of responding to the needs of the community, adapting to change and advocating for justice. We intend to continue this mission.

The first branch of the Mother's Union in Qld was formed at Christ Church in 1904 (led by Mrs. Arthur Exley, the great grandmother of one of our Wardens). One of the Parish's initiatives was to employ the first District Nurse to address issues including the high infant mortality in the area, this service later became St. Luke's Nursing Service, now part of Anglicare. This inspires our attitude of community engagement and openness to transformation.

In early 2017 we were delighted to welcome the Rev. Penny Jones as our part-time Priest. Penny was employed part-time (approximately 2 ½ days or 20 hours a week) and she was assisted by eight hours paid administrative support over 2 days by Kym Reid in the parish office.

Our Parish is promoted via our website <https://www.miltonanglican.org/> and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/miltonanglican/> and seasonal flyers. See these sites for further information.





8.30 Sunday service



Morning tea after the 8.30 service

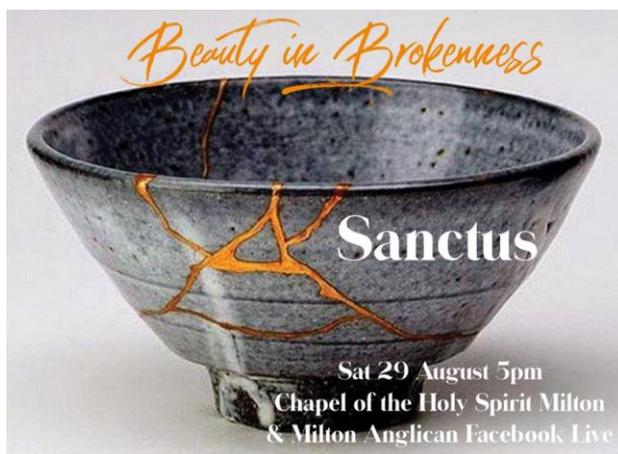
Services

Sunday service 8.30am

A relaxed and warm celebration of the love of God, using the ancient pattern of the eucharist (thanksgiving) - with engaging contemporary preaching & reflections, symbol and silence, and music from a range of traditions including today's world church. This is a joyous service which can incorporate christenings, confirmations and other celebrations.

Sanctus -Last Saturday of each month 5pm (no service in January)

Among initiatives Penny started our monthly Sanctus contemplative gatherings in April 2017, these have offered a less traditional style of prayer and attracted new people. The name 'Sanctus' just means 'holy' and the idea is to set aside some 'holy ground' to sit with God and listen. Are you longing for more space in your life, just to be, just to listen to your deepest self and the call of the mysterious depths of life? If so, then our monthly gathering *Sanctus* may be just what you are looking for. You do not need to hold any particular belief and you certainly do not have to fit into any human-made 'box' ! (all are welcome just as we are, whatever our age, background, sexual or gender identity, or giftedness)



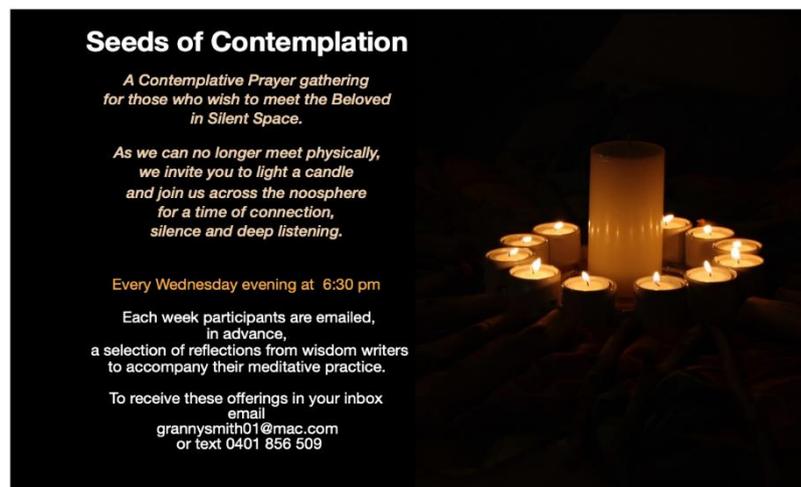
Contemplative Prayer

Two opportunities are offered through Milton Anglican for those wishing to engage in the practice of contemplative prayer. Similar to meditation, its focus is on connecting to God through stillness and silence: through listening rather than speaking.

Each Thursday at 12:15 in the chapel. A candle is lit and a short reading leads into 20 minutes of silent prayer, bookended by a gong. People arrive, and leave, in silence.

Each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, members of our parish gather virtually, within the sanctuary of our own homes, with many others across the planet, for 30 minutes of contemplative prayer. An internet-free gathering, we are united through the energies of Love, to aid the healing of our fragile beautiful world. 'Seeds of Contemplation': a sheet of wisdom voices from mystics and contemporary writers, is emailed weekly to all participants as entryway into the silence.

This is a Brisbane-based community, birthed from a 6 day silent retreat 5 years ago. We now have 160+ members across all continents. For further information, or to join our mailing list, please contact Christine on grannysmith01@mac.com



Seeds of Contemplation

*A Contemplative Prayer gathering
for those who wish to meet the Beloved
in Silent Space.*

*As we can no longer meet physically,
we invite you to light a candle
and join us across the noosphere
for a time of connection,
silence and deep listening.*

Every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm

Each week participants are emailed,
in advance,
a selection of reflections from wisdom writers
to accompany their meditative practice.

To receive these offerings in your inbox
email
grannysmith01@mac.com
or text 0401 856 509

The poster features a central image of a lit candle surrounded by several smaller lit candles, creating a warm, glowing effect against a dark background.

In the past 18 months we have started some new projects - our Art & Justice project (currently focused on presenting art exhibitions on a social justice theme by local artists); Milton Menders & Makers (a sewing/upcycling group); the monthly Sanctus gatherings and we have made new links in the community through a Grandparents and a Carers Service (with assistance from our students at the time), and a Candlemas 'start the year' community service last year.



'Coming together' art project



Parishioners painted silhouettes to depict them & their faith

At present we are still small, but unquestionably green shoot. Only one member of our existing Parish Council was on the council when Penny came in 2017 and the majority have joined the parish in the last two and a half years. Their skill and commitment promise well for the future of the parish.

In many ways, despite our long history, we are in the position of a new church plant and needing support from the diocese. Our parish serves a significant area of inner Brisbane and ministry in this place is essential. We are also adding value to the St Francis college site by providing not only regular Sunday worship on site, but also numerous workshops and other events attractive to those who see the college site as an oasis of spirituality in the midst of the busy city.



We hosted World Labyrinth Day 2019

and a talk by Father Rod Bower from Gosford Anglican

Where are we going

In 5 years, we would like to be a vibrant, growing, inclusive parish catering to the needs of the people of the inner western suburbs of Brisbane. This would include being the go-to choice for traditional church services, including baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals, but also being well known as a hub for contemplative expressions of Christian spirituality in our area.

We aim to be well known as inclusive to all – families, singles, children, the LGBTI community, the homeless, those with disability and refugees. We have in place an ethos that supports these communities and would like to create more systematic faith development and pastoral programs to support them and others who would seek to join us.



Penny blessing the animals at Milton dog park on St. Francis Day

We have links with a number of groups in our local community –
Toowong History group - <http://www.toowong.org.au/>
Suncorp Stadium Community SMAC Group

Attributes we are seeking in a Priest

We believe that the key attributes for our new Parish Priest are-

- Demonstrated ability to preach, connecting theology to everyday life
- To be sacramental, contemplative & embracing
- To be welcoming and affirming of all, whatever cultural or social background, sexual or gender orientation
- Encourage fellowship in our church community & be strong on pastoral care
- Possess good management, counselling, communication & administrative skills
- A sense of humour and fun
- Expanding the engagement of our church in the local community
- Available to work 2 ½ days or 20 hours per week & be flexible with work arrangements

Expressions of interest should be sent to The Right Reverend John Roundhill.
Email Jrose@anglicanchurchsq.org.au