



*The Anglican Parish of
Caloundra-Glasshouse Country
Anglican Diocese of Brisbane*

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PARISH VISION

Our Parish seeks to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God.

MISSION STATEMENT

To share our Christian faith and values in love with one another; connecting the love of God with our community.

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What the Parish is looking for in a Priest:

- Good communicator with ability to lead worship and preach in a way that helps parishioners grow in their faith
- Initiative to grow the Parish and the ability to develop strategies for our Church's growth
- Have a great love for our Lord and His people.
- Ability to not only nurture the older congregation but able to reach out and connect with the younger folk and families coming into the area
- To be open to a shared decision making environment
- Have enthusiasm to motivate and inspire others to think strategically and to plan for the future
- Be attentive to the needs of the Diocesan and Parish administration so that programmes and policies can be implemented.

HISTORY

In approximately 1914, Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian services were held at the Caloundra Primary School. During 1926 Reverend R.G. Walker rode his horse into Caloundra to hold monthly ecumenical services in Maltman's Hall and later at the School of Arts.

The first St. Andrew's Church was erected, completed and dedicated in 1939 largely due to the efforts of the then Archbishop, The Most Reverend J.W.C. Wand, who had a particular knowledge of the small township of Caloundra, as he sometimes spent holidays with his friends Governor Sir Leslie and Lady Wilson, in their home at Dicky Beach. The Patron Saint, St. Andrew, was chosen as being specifically appropriate for Caloundra, with Andrew being a fisherman who went on to become a missionary. At this time Caloundra was but an insignificant little centre in a distant corner of the Parish. Palmwoods was the centre of the Parish and the home of the Parish Priest. Caloundra looked forward to one day having its own Priest.

In 1961 Father Reg Mills agreed to live in three different parts of the Parish. Caloundra Vicarage named "Stewardon" would become the official Vicarage and he would sleep there three nights a week while ministering in the Caloundra-Mooloolah-Landsborough part of the Parish. One night each week he would sleep at Maleny whilst ministering to the fold there and the other three nights would be spent at the Palmwoods Vicarage whilst he ministered to the parts of the Parish – Palmwoods-Montville-Maroochydore-Mooloolaba and Buderim.

In 1965, St. Andrew's Parochial District was raised to the status of a Parish. The foundation stone of the new St. Andrew's Church was laid by then Archbishop of Brisbane, Philip Strong, on 10th December, 1966 and the new building was dedicated by him a year later on 8th December, 1967.

St Thomas' Mooloolah all began around 1925, when a small group of Anglican women discussed the possibility of building a Church in Mooloolah. They formed a Guild in order to get things happening. After much fundraising the Anglican Church of St Thomas' was built and dedicated on the 15th April 1927.

Most of the Churches held Services in the local hall before this, and later, in the 1930's, St Thomas' Church was shared with the Methodist congregation of Mooloolah.

St Thomas' Mooloolah came under the Maroochy Parish from 1923 to 1928. Since then it has been attached to the Parishes of Maleny, Palmwoods and now Caloundra.

The "Glasshouse Country" district, now part of the Anglican Parish of Caloundra and Glasshouse Country, consists generally of the railway corridor townships of Mooloolah, Landsborough, Beerwah, Glasshouse Mountains and Beerburrum, and west to Peachester. Until the early 1990s, the southern part of the district (from Beerwah south, and including Peachester) was part of Caboolture Parish.

All these small churches were struggling to maintain their congregations, and the decision was made in the mid 1990s to create a combined Provisional Parish of Glasshouse Country. While maintaining St Thomas' at Mooloolah as a worship centre for the northern end, the southern centres were consolidated into one larger Anglican community, worshiping at the Mary MacKillop Catholic Centre at Beerwah.

The three small churches at Beerwah, Glasshouse Mountains and Landsborough were eventually sold for removal, and our ecumenical partnership with the Beerwah Catholic community was developed into a more formal agreement. (The church at Peachester was destroyed by a cyclone in 1963.)

A demountable building now known as the Anglican Annexe, was purchased and established next to the Catholic Church in 1996/97. In 1998 a major celebration was organised, and the Anglican and Catholic Archbishops both attended to bless the new building and the ecumenical partnership.

In June 1993 Mooloolah and Glasshouse Country joined with Caloundra to form the Anglican Parish of Caloundra – Glasshouse Country.

What the Community can Offer

Caloundra is a scenic beachside city located at the southern gateway to the Sunshine Coast, only 1 hr north of Brisbane. Caloundra really is the “City of Beach Days” and with 6 completely different beaches all in one place, you are seriously spoilt for choice, each beach creating their unique holiday experience.

From Golden Beach to Bulcock Beach, Kings Beach to Shelly Beach & Moffat Beach to Dicky Beach, then check out the Caloundra Markets on Sundays. You can swim in the clear blue sea, dive into the ocean waves, paddle in the calm shallows, work on your tan, surf the breaks, fish from the jetty, boat or shore, kayak, jet ski, wind surf & explore this interesting piece of coastline — from Pumicestone Passage around the tip of Bribie Island along the family friendly swimming beaches & beyond to the tip of Kings Beach, watching the freighters in the shipping lanes on the horizon heading into & out of the Port of Brisbane. Call in to Shelly Beach, Moffat Beach & Dicky Beach & cross Currimundi Lake as you head further north towards Kawana & Mooloolaba.



Mooloolah together with a hinterland known as Mooloolah Valley is on the Mooloolah River and is 80kms north of Brisbane and 20 km inland from Caloundra. It is thought that the name was derived from an Aboriginal word referring to the dark coloured fish which were plentiful at the mouth of the river. The most outstanding feature of the area is the natural environment which includes an abundance of lush bushland, streams and rainforests. The favourite feature is the friendly community in this quiet and peaceful location.

Beerwah is a rural town situated north of the Glasshouse Mountains and just south of Landsborough. The name Beerwah comes from the Kabi Kabi Language word “birrawaman” with “birra” meaning sky and ‘wandum” meaning climbing up. Australia’s major tourist attraction is Australia Zoo, which has brought many visitors to the town of Beerwah. Another tourist attraction is the Glasshouse Mountain Range located nearby.

LOCATIONS OF THE PARISH CHURCHES

Caloundra-Glasshouse Country is a parish with three worship centres.

They are Caloundra, Mooloolah and Beerwah. Mooloolah and Beerwah centres are called Glasshouse Country. There are 310 parishioners on the roll at Caloundra and 122 parishioners at Mooloolah and Beerwah.

Caloundra (St. Andrew's) is situated in Upper Gay Terrace, Caloundra.



Mooloolah (St. Thomas') is situated in 31 Bray Road, Mooloolah.



Beerwah congregation worships at the Mary MacKillop Catholic Centre, Peachester Road, Beerwah.



Weekly Worship Services

Sunday	7.00am	Sung Eucharist	St. Andrew's Caloundra
	9.00am	Eucharist for all ages	St. Andrew's Caloundra
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist	Mary MacKillop Catholic Centre, Beerwah
	5.30pm	Healing Service (1 st Sunday of the month)	St. Andrew's Caloundra
	5.30pm	Ecumenical Worship, Peachester Community Church, Peachester. (Last Sunday of the month)	
Monday to Saturday	8.00am	Morning Prayer	conducted via Zoom
Wednesday	9.00am	Holy Communion	St. Thomas' Mooloolah
	9.45am	Christian Meditation	St. Andrew's Caloundra
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St. Andrew's Caloundra

Due to the restrictions imposed and cleaning requirements to meet Covid compliance, the St Andrew's Wednesday Holy Communion and Christian Meditation have been deferred. Deacon Diana Ware does conduct a meditation in the open air, weather permitting, on Wednesday mornings. The Sunday Services at St Andrew's Caloundra have also been condensed into one service only, held at 8.00 am.

The services at St. Andrew's are conducted with overhead Power Point, the video and audio are managed by two people in the audio room. The Sunday Service has also been transmitted via Zoom.

Our Clergy conduct church services in various Caloundra Nursing Homes, on a monthly basis. It is hoped that Holy Communion services will resume in the Nursing Homes once Covid restrictions have been lifted.

STAFF

Clergy

We have no Rector at present, however, The Reverend Ingrid Busk, has been our Locum-in-Tenens.

Associate Clergy:

Reverend Tony Halstead (PTO) officiates at Glasshouse Country (Mooloolah & Beerwah) and attends to their Pastoral Care needs.

Reverend Stephen Redhead (PTO).

Reverend Dr Ray Barraclough (PTO) preaches at St. Andrew's every month.

Reverend Diana Ware – Retired Deacon

Other Staff

The Parish Office is situated next door to St. Andrew's Church, in the Rectory, and is staffed by the Parish Administrator, Rowena Rayner, Monday to Friday, from 9am until 5pm. There are several volunteers who assist with proof reading and other administrative support when needed.

Buildings

The main church is St. Andrew's in Caloundra, which can seat approximately 180 worshippers. Adjoining the main church is a small Lady's Chapel. In the connecting hall area, accessed from the main Church, there are concertina walls which can be closed to create two separate rooms. On a Sunday morning, one is used as a morning tea area and the other can be used for Sunday School. Off this hall on one side is a storage area and work utility room and on the other side a fully equipped kitchen, complete with dishwasher. Outside the hall is a lovely shady verandah which overlooks the elevated playground. The church and both female and male toilets are wheel-chair friendly.



Next door to the church is the Rectory which is a three bedroom (main with ensuite) brick home. Upstairs are 3 bedrooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen, family area and downstairs is the Parish Office.



The Parish owns one car - a 2010 Toyota Aurion.
The Parish leases a Toyota Corolla Hybrid for the Rector.



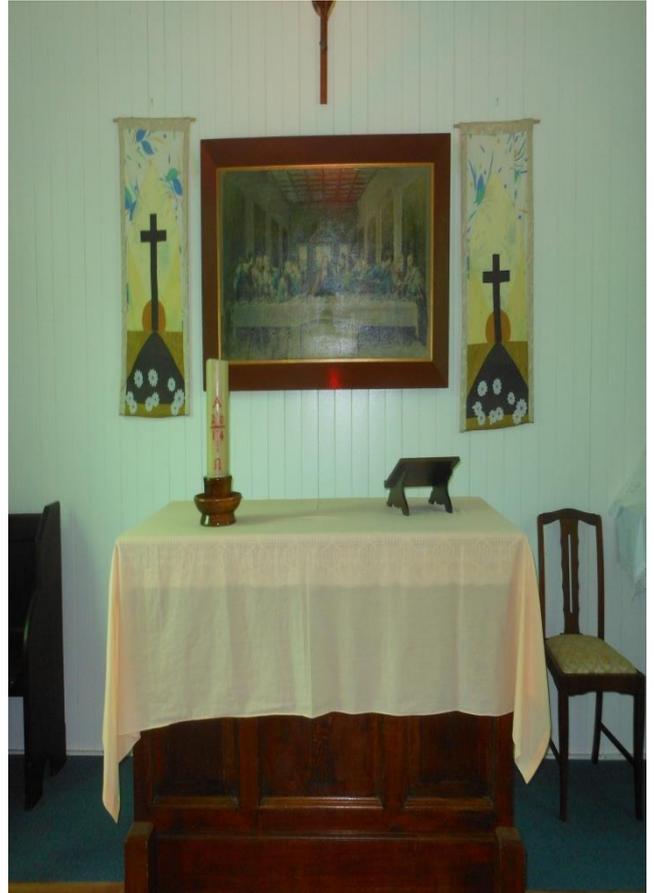
Beerwah House



Rectory & Parish Office

A four bedroom home situated in the township of Beerwah, and built in 2017, was purchased with the proceeds from the sale of an older style house in Landsborough. This Beerwah house is tenanted and managed by a local real estate agent, giving the Parish an income stream.

There is a lovely old country church in Mooloolah called St. Thomas', situated on a large block of land, in the heart of the village. This little chapel can seat approximately 40 people (25 with Covid restrictions),



At Beerwah, there is a building which is called The Annexe (previously owned by the Anglican Diocese) situated next to the Catholic Church. This is now owned by the Catholic Diocese. There is an agreement in place between the Catholic and Anglican Dioceses so that the Anglicans have use of the Church for their Sunday services and use of the Annexe. The Annexe has one large meeting room, a kitchen and an office.



Parish Ministry Groups & Activities:

ACCA Food Bank - supports members of the committee who are in need of food items.

Alpha Course – conducted annually, provides an opportunity for people from all faith denominations to explore the meaning of faith through video presentations, group discussions and a meal.

Anglican Frenz – offers fun, fellowship and friendship for the ladies of the Parish and friends.

Bush Church Aid – Caloundra and Glasshouse Country – an outreach raising much needed funds for the ministry, to assist with the spreading of God’s Word, to 29 mission fields throughout the remote parts of our land.

Busy Bees Playgroup – Caloundra Mothers’ Union volunteers, offer a family friendly playgroup called “*Busy Bees*”, each Thursday morning from 9.30am in the hall (during school term time), currently meeting outdoors in a local park, to comply with covid restrictions. Busy Bees is for families with children aged from newborn to preschool. Usually we provide craft, making playdough, creative & educational toys, reading, rhyme & music time and the opportunity for adult interaction over morning tea, however, our outdoor meetings are simply a gathering of the group using the park facilities, plus rhyme & music time.

Cursillo – those parishioners who have attended a Cursillo Week-end, attend regular meetings both in Caloundra and Glasshouse Country.

Glasshouse Country Anglican Men - approximately five breakfasts are held each year and attendees enjoy some very interesting topics presented by the various guest speakers.

Home Groups - all these groups are well attended and enjoy good fellowship and spiritual growth.

Men’s Dinner Group - these are held approximately four times a year and give the men of the Parish and their friends an opportunity to come along, enjoy a sit down meal, and hear a wide variety of excellent guest speakers.

Mother’s Union-Caloundra - The Mothers’ Union has operated as a prayerful group within the Parish of Caloundra/Glasshouse Country, since the early 1980’s, and currently has 24 members, which forms part of the Mothers’ Union Sunshine Coast Deanery. Mothers’ Union are also involved with Baptisms and Confirmations, conducting pre-Baptism instruction, being present for the ceremony, presenting Baptismal Teddys and Children’s Bible, and via the Cradle Roll, remain connected with children baptised in the Parish.

Pastoral Care-Caloundra and Glasshouse Country – each leader has a small flock of Parishioners to look after so that contact and care are maintained and therefore they are aware when the person is not well, in hospital, or needing a visit by a Priest, or unable to attend a Church service for some reason.

Prayers and Squares-Caloundra and Glasshouse Country - quilts are lovingly made to give physical, emotional and spiritual comfort and strength to anyone in need.



Other Activities:

We have 3 Home Groups operating throughout the Parish offering Bible Studies and discussions on faith. Throughout the year we also have many social and fund raising activities which include: Spring Fair, Trivia Night, Board Games Afternoons, various Musical Concerts, Market Days and Parish Picnics.

Community:

Two community groups meet regularly in the Hall of St. Andrew's Church, they are AA and Compassionate Friends. A Community Breakfast is held each Wednesday from 7.30am at St. Andrew's, offering a meal for folk in need of the nourishment of food and an empathetic ear.

Mission Support

Bush Church Aid through money boxes.

Each calendar month we also support a different mission which includes:

January - Christian Blind Mission and Fred Hollows Foundation (shared); February – Nungalinga College; March – Diamond Valley Lodge; April – Bush Ministry Fund; May – Bush Church Aid; June - Leprosy Mission; July – Church Mission Society; August – School Chaplaincy; September – Anglican Aid Abroad; October – Angel Flight; November – ABM and Archbishops November Appeal; December – Mercy Ships.

Government Funded Outreach (Community Activities of the Parish)

St. Andrew's Care is a government funded agency offering assistance for home maintenance and minor modifications in the homes of frail aged, young disabled and their carers. It has an office in Bulcock Street operated by three paid staff members, 3 temporary staff and one volunteer who works two days a week. There is also a workshop in George Street manned by a contractor. The Rector of the Parish is the Chairman of the Management Committee, which includes four parishioners and the Parish Treasurer.



Busy Bees



Musical Concert





Christmas Lunch



Mother's Union Presentation



Confirmation



Blessing of the Pets



Market Day Stall



Fish & Chips for St. Andrew's Day

Parish Links

Our link with the companion Diocese of Wellington New Zealand is strengthened each year with the visit of families from Wellington who holiday here on a regular basis.

The Parish website is: www.cgca.com.au and our Facebook.com/AnglicanChurchCaloundraGlasshouse Country/. We also have a private facebook page which is used for parishioners only which is: CaloundraGlasshouseCountryAnglicanGroup.
Our Email Address is: admin@cgca.com.au

Parish Statistics

Average Sunday Communicants – Caloundra 125 and Glasshouse Country – 40 Total 165.
Average Mid week Communicants – Caloundra 20 and Glasshouse Country – 15 Total 35.
Baptisms – 10; Confirmations - 5; Weddings – 1; Funerals – 21; Christmas Attendance – 433; Easter Attendance – 558.

Parish Administration

The Parish has the following administrative structure, which was appointed/elected at or after the AGM held in February, 2021. They are: 1 x Priest's Warden; 2 x Church Wardens; 1 x District Warden; 3 x Parish Nominators; 9 x Parish Councillors; 2 x Synod Representatives; and a Treasurer. There is also a Parish Office Administrator.

Parish Finances

The 2021 financial budget for the Parish will be available if required.



Other Information

We have a band of very dedicated volunteers in our Parish who quietly and efficiently maintain ministries on various rosters – Church Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Sidespersons, Readers, Liturgical Assistants, Servers, Sacristans, Gardeners, Parish Recorders, Welcomers, Sound and Data Projector Operators, Organists and Morning Tea Servers. Others have taken on the responsibility for collections for the Chaplaincy Funds, Bush Ministry Fund and Bush Church Aid. The Building Committee continues to meet regularly to maintain the buildings of the Parish.

The Parish publishes a quarterly Newsletter entitled “Mountain and Sea”, which is in abeyance at present. Groups from across the Parish submit articles and photos of Parish activities.

We are a welcoming Parish with a great deal of empathy for the community at large. As a Parish where the majority of our Parishioners are in the older age bracket, our challenge is to minister to our congregation, nurture our existing Parishioners, and at the same time, spread the Good News of our Faith to the wider community. There are new housing estates being established within the Parish boundaries, which are expanding rapidly. These include the new ‘Aura’ Estate in Caloundra South which is said to become bigger than Caloundra City. Aura is an area many young families are calling home.

The Mooloolah and Beerwah districts are also experiencing significant growth in population and popularity, with new housing estates currently under construction.

While these new estates offer our Parish an opportunity for growth, one of the challenges we face is to find the path to connect and reach out to people coming into this area, while ensuring we do not neglect our existing parishioners. We need a Priest with a vision to lead and guide us into the future.

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Trivia Dress-ups



Concert Participants