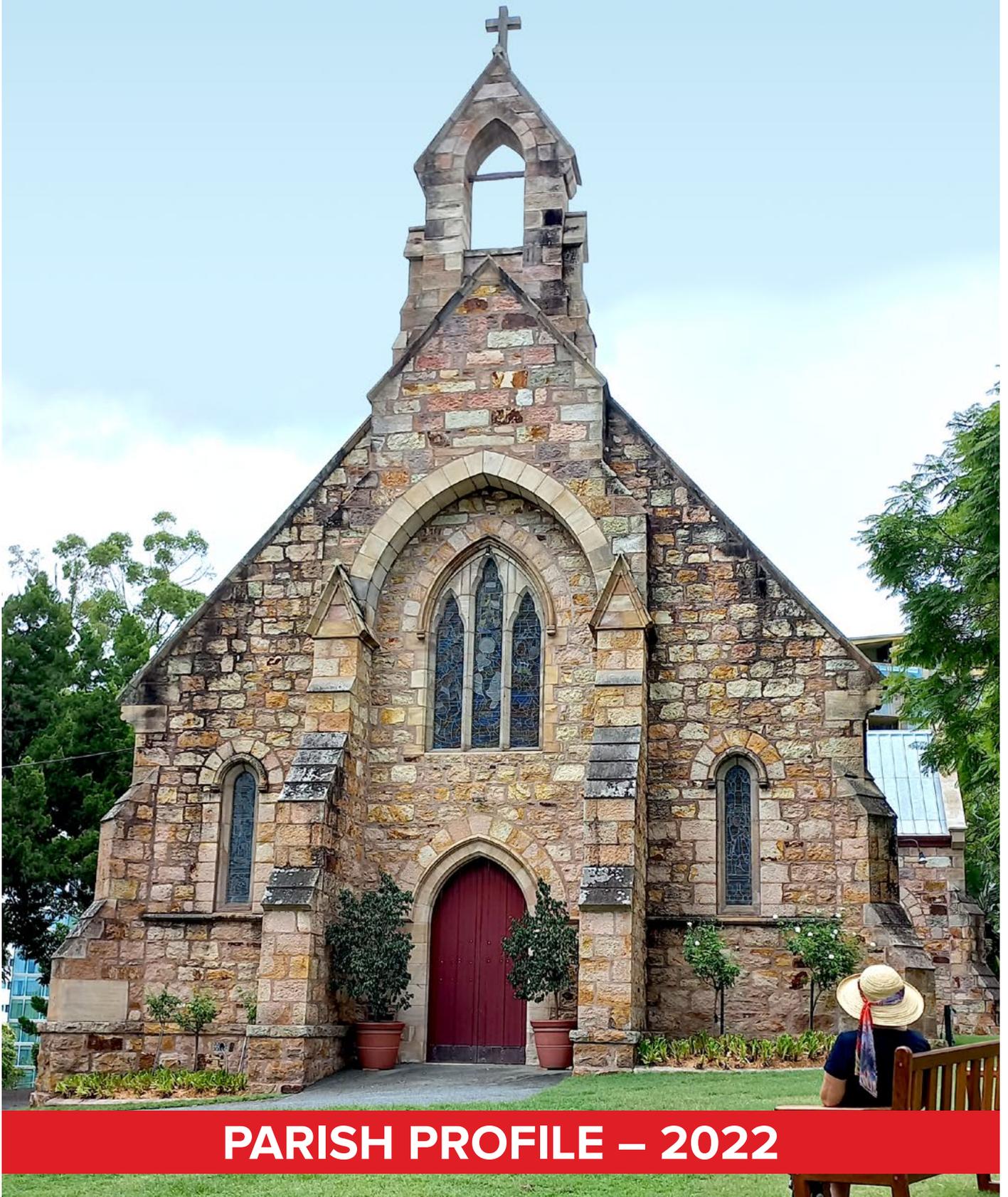




ST MARY'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH
KANGAROO POINT



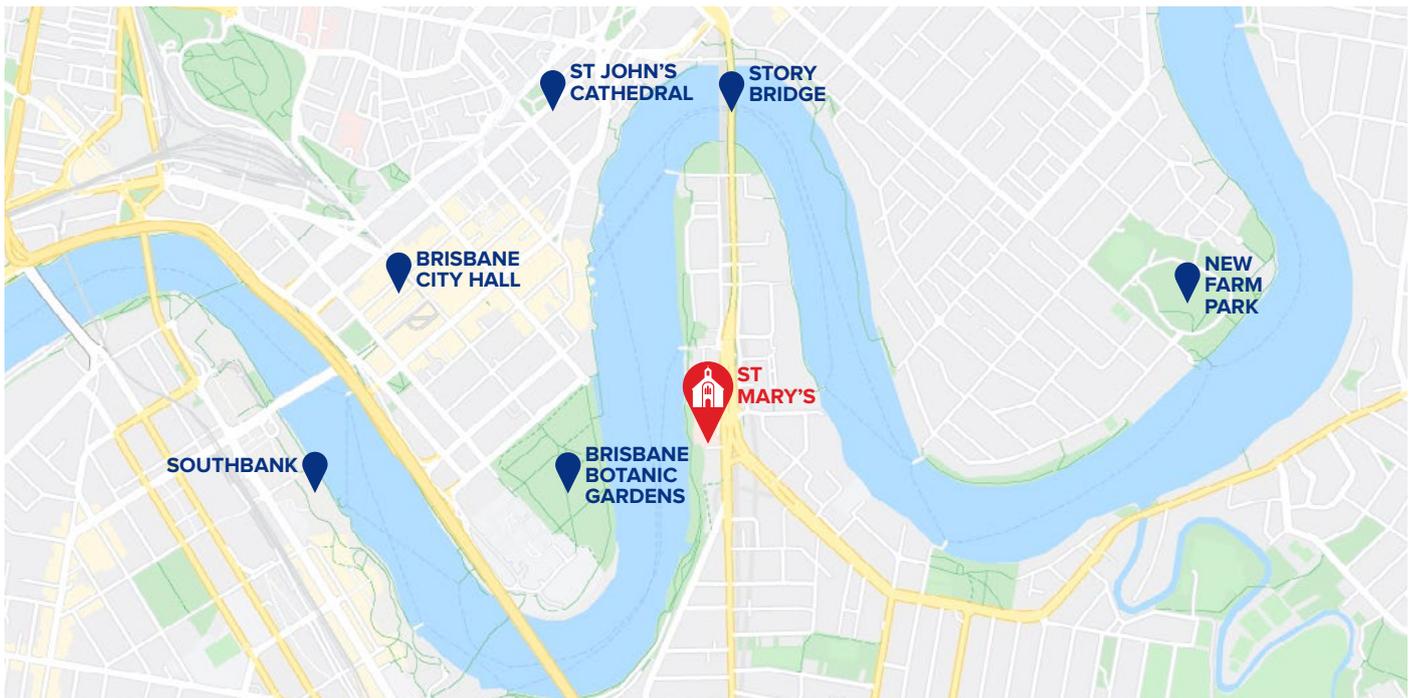
PARISH PROFILE – 2022

INTRODUCTION

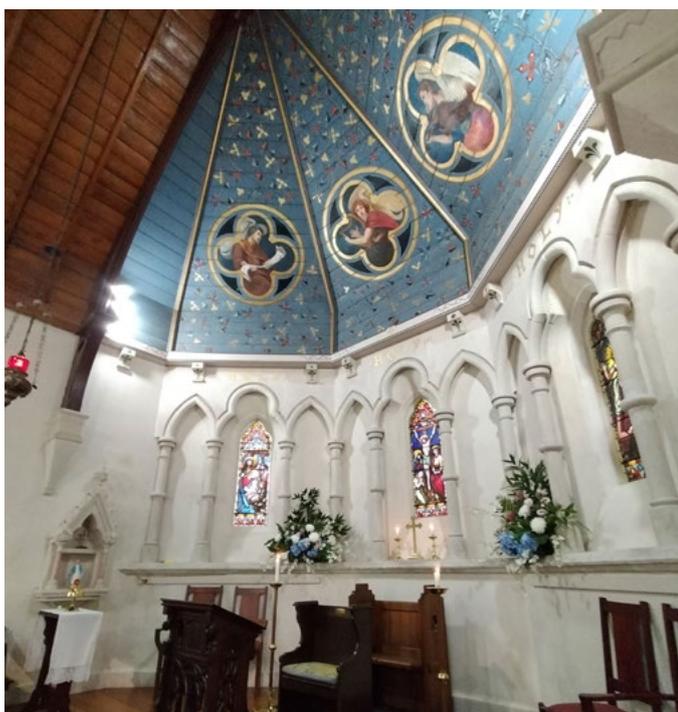
Kangaroo Point Anglican Parish is centred around the St Mary's Church precinct, but we draw our congregation from across Brisbane and the surrounding Local Government areas. The Parish church, hall and rectory are located on the Kangaroo Point cliffs overlooking the Brisbane River and across to the city centre. The site sits between the Kangaroo

Point Cliffs Park and the St Vincent's Private Hospital complex.

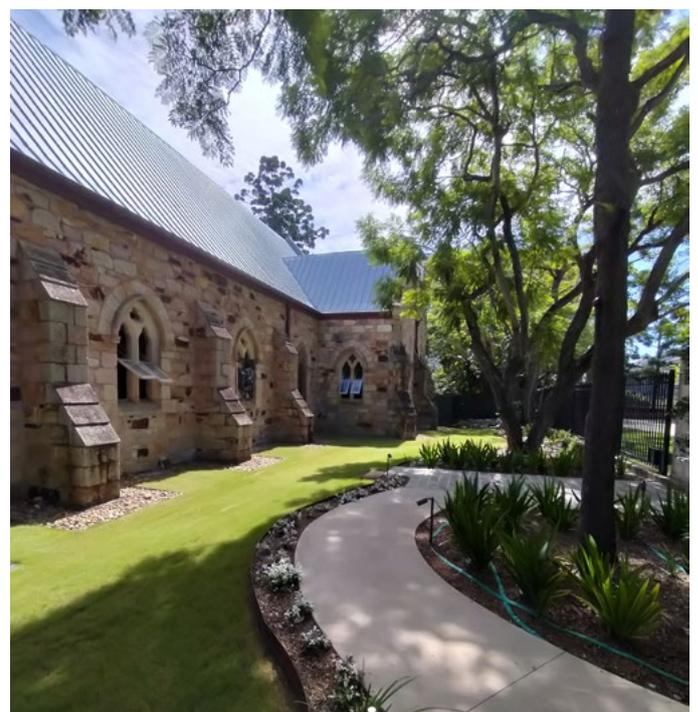
We will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the laying of our Church's foundation stone later in 2022 and of its consecration in November 2023.



St Mary's Kangaroo Point and Surrounding Area



St Mary's Sanctuary

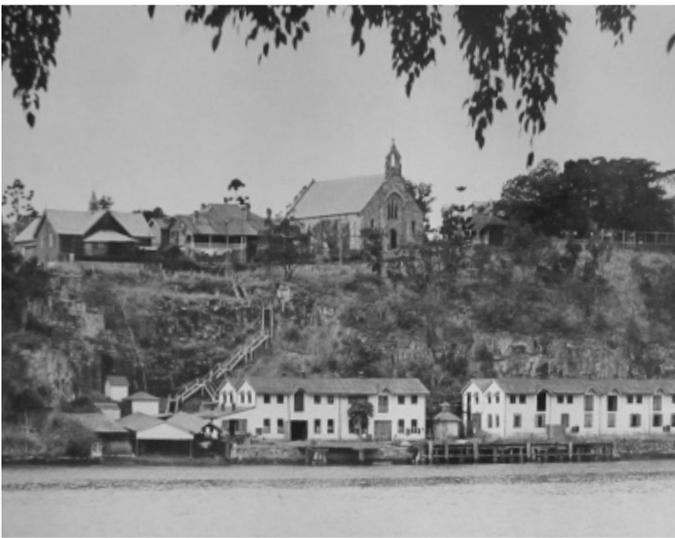


Garden and Path between Church & Park

PARISH HISTORY

The Parish of Kangaroo Point began its life in 1849 in a small wooden church building in John Street. In 1873, a newly erected church building, made of Brisbane Tuff from the nearby cliffs, was consecrated by the then Governor of Queensland, His Excellency

the Marquis of Normanby. The other two buildings that now make up this historic precinct followed, with the Hall built in 1879 and the Rectory in 1889. The site is an iconic landmark of Brisbane and was listed on the Queensland Heritage Register in 1992.



more photos at kangaropointhistory.com.au/photo-gallery/churches/churches-in-kangaroo-point

The church has been at the centre of some of Brisbane's historic moments, as recorded in many of the memorial plaques and monuments in the building and grounds. These include:

- The receipt of Queensland's first ship to shore radio message from the HMQS Gayundah (later HMAS) in 1903
- The installation of the oldest pipe organ in Queensland. This organ was imported from a London church in 1876, dates back to about 1823 and is still in use every Sunday. It was built by H.C. Lincoln of London, Organ Builder to King George IV, and is believed to contain some pipes from the 1690s.
- The establishment in 1909 of the first Boy Scout troop in Queensland by Mr Charles Snow, who was the Church organist at that time.
- The dedication of the Warrior's Chapel in 1950 which commemorates the fallen of both World Wars. The chapel houses the Australian and British Ensigns and includes a memorial to those who died

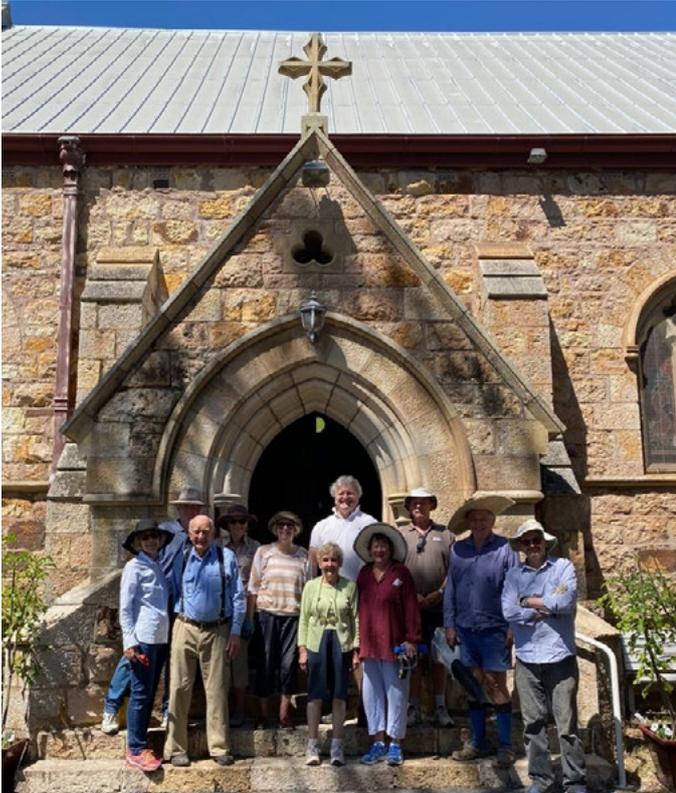
in the sinking of *HMAS Voyager* in 1964. It also contains a stained glass window in remembrance of the crew of *HMAS Marafele*, which sank with all hands in 1944.

- The contribution to the allied war effort in World War 1 by the first female doctor in Queensland, Dr Lilian Cooper and her partner, Miss Josephine Bedford is also acknowledged in the Warrior Chapel.

St Mary's has always been the chapel for the Australian Navy in Queensland and this tradition continues today. When early governors resided at Old Government House they were rowed across the river and climbed up the staircase that connected the Naval Stores at the bottom of the cliffs to the church above to attend services.

Although the demographic of Kangaroo Point and St Mary's has changed dramatically over its almost 150 years, the Parish is still an active place of worship and of significant family events, with some current Parishioners having links that extend back generations.

WHO WE ARE



Congregation working bee – Sept 2021

Congregation

Our congregation is drawn from a wide range of suburbs around Brisbane, some travelling from as far as Cleveland and Rochedale to attend events and services. There are approximately 120 parishioners on the church roll and average attendance at Sunday services is around 60.

While some of our parishioners have an historical connection with St Mary's, many have been attracted from other parishes by word of mouth or by their experience of attending one of our services or events. With the proximity to the Kangaroo Point Parkland we also attract interest and involvement from passers-by. A commonly stated reason given by parishioners for joining our congregation and remaining committed to it, is their experience of our faith community which they find to be generally eclectic, welcoming and supportive.

Our Parishioners are an active group who participate in a range of activities and events either to promote the mission of the church, to raise Parish funds, to maintain our church precinct or simply to promote fellowship.

Staff

In addition to our Priest-in-Charge, we employ one part-time office administrator, who is supported by a part-time volunteer in the Church Office as well as our Director of Music. Except for routine internal cleaning, which is undertaken by a contractor, all maintenance, cleaning, gardening and provision of church flower arrangements are undertaken by small bands of dedicated volunteers according to their skill and availability.

Services

Our services follow "A Prayer Book for Australia" with two regular services of Holy Communion held each Sunday:

- The 7am service is a spoken Eucharist without hymns
- The 9am service is a sung Eucharist with choir or cantor on alternative weeks.

The music for the sung services is accompanied by the church organ or, on occasion, by guest musicians.

A number of special services are also held each year to celebrate Advent, Christmas and Easter as well as commemorations of events and associations related to St Mary's, such as the HMAS Voyager and the Battle of Britain services. There is also an annual service for Guides and Scouts. These are all supported by participating members of the associated organisations.

Music

The Parish has become associated with a very strong music tradition that has developed over the last 25 years, and we feature an accomplished Anglican choir and a professional organist and Director of Music.

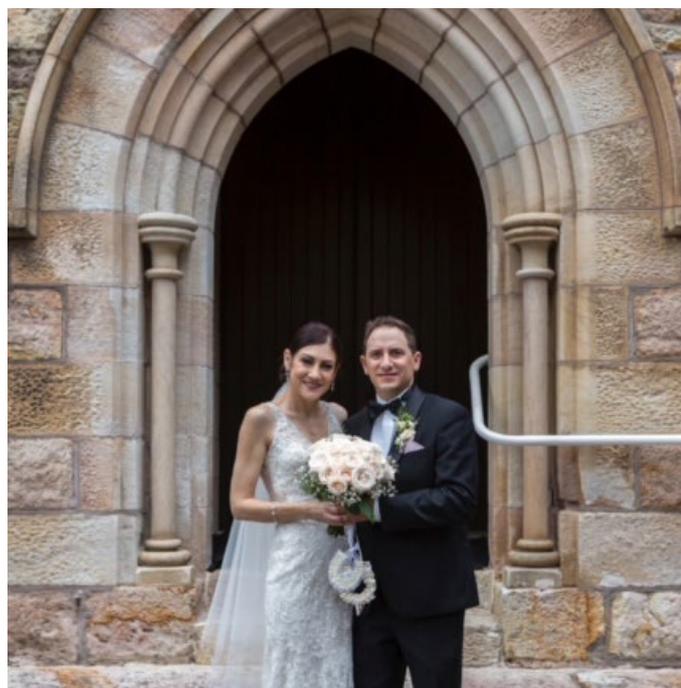
The musicians have links to a number of choral or instrumental groups who use the church as a paid venue for concerts from time to time, often utilising the original church organ or the modern electric organ or grand piano. The local choral group "Canticum" is currently "Ensemble in Residence".

Weddings

Because of St Mary's unique location, attractive setting and historic architecture, we provide a popular venue for couples who choose to celebrate a traditional Christian wedding ceremony. The ceremony, combined with an offering of pastoral care and ongoing support for the couple, is a means of outreach for the church and a number of couples have returned in later years to have their children baptised and adopt St Mary's as their spiritual home.

Our congregation also offers a "drinks ministry" on the lawn for wedding guests after the service. Besides providing a source of income for the Parish, this has proven to be another form of outreach to the community and has promoted interest in our congregation and in some instances, offers of financial or in-kind support.

In the past weddings have provided a vital source of income for the Parish but, over recent years, this has decreased because of the nation-wide trend away from church weddings. Despite this, the unique wedding experience that we offer provides the Parish with an advantage which we hope will allow us to continue to build this ministry in the future.



Weddings at St Mary's

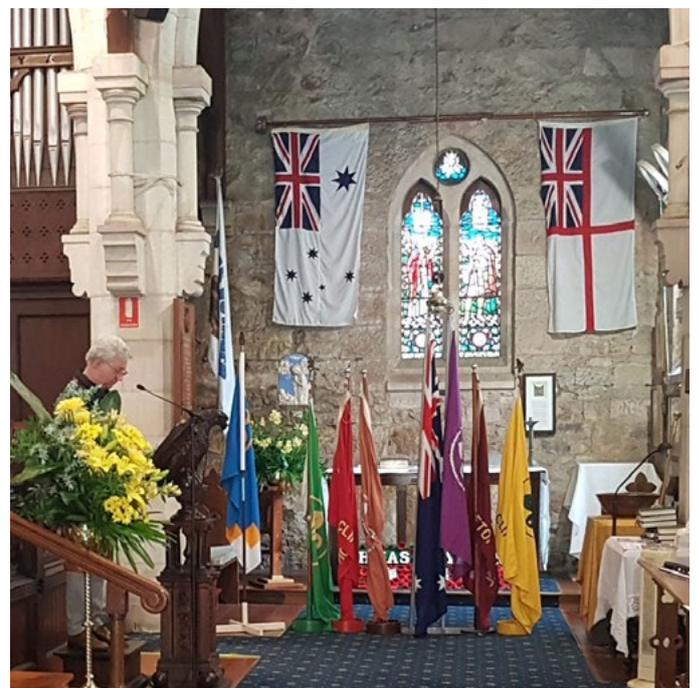
External Associations

Due to our historic links with the Scouting Association and the Royal Australian Navy, St Mary's retains a spiritual connection with both organisations and with the Naval Association. This is reflected by their participation in annual commemorative events such as Anzac Day and *HMAS Voyager* Services, as well by the commemorative memorials constructed in and around the site. These include the Naval Memorial and the monument to Canon Garland, the founder of the Australian tradition of Anzac Day.

Our Parish has had long and strong connections with Anglicare and our neighbours, St Vincent's Private Hospital and Aged Care Services. These were curtailed when COVID 19 restrictions were introduced. It is our firm wish that this partnership will recommence in the near future.

Technology

The Parish administration system is computerised and accessible at various levels to the Priest-in-charge, Wardens, Administration Officer/Volunteer and the Parish Treasurer. Our qualified voluntary Parish Treasurer maintains the financial records using MYOB software and has remote access to the system.



Scout Ceremony and Warriors' Chapel

Web-based live streaming of the 9am Sunday service was introduced during 2020 to enable our whole congregation to participate in worship under COVID19 restrictions. Its success will ensure the continuation of this aspect of our worship. Similarly, Zoom conferencing is being used to ensure regular communication is maintained for Wardens' and Parish Council meetings and Bible studies.

An audio loop is maintained in the church to assist those attendees who rely on hearing aids.

Design and maintenance of our website and any other social media presence is dependent upon the support of parish volunteers who possess these skills.

Use of the St Mary's Site

The Church, Rectory and Hall are located within landscaped grounds with a panoramic view of the river and city centre, and the site has a sealed car park for approximately 35 cars. The existing facilities and the location of St Mary's offer a range of possibilities for site use and we are always looking at ways to utilise the site within the bounds of its age and heritage listing.

Beside its liturgical role, the church site is suited to small wedding receptions, intimate outdoor events, music recitals, events associated with St Mary's historic connections and events that capitalise on our vantage



St Mary's Hall

point for viewing "draw-card" events on the Brisbane River (such as Riverfire). The Hall is also an available venue for meetings and small social functions.

We are keen to investigate the future potential and versatility of our unique precinct within our traditional Anglican heritage, including the possibility of opening it as a chapel for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and other community events. We might also capitalise on the facilities of the adjoining Kangaroo Point Cliffs Park to complement weddings, baptisms and public music concerts.



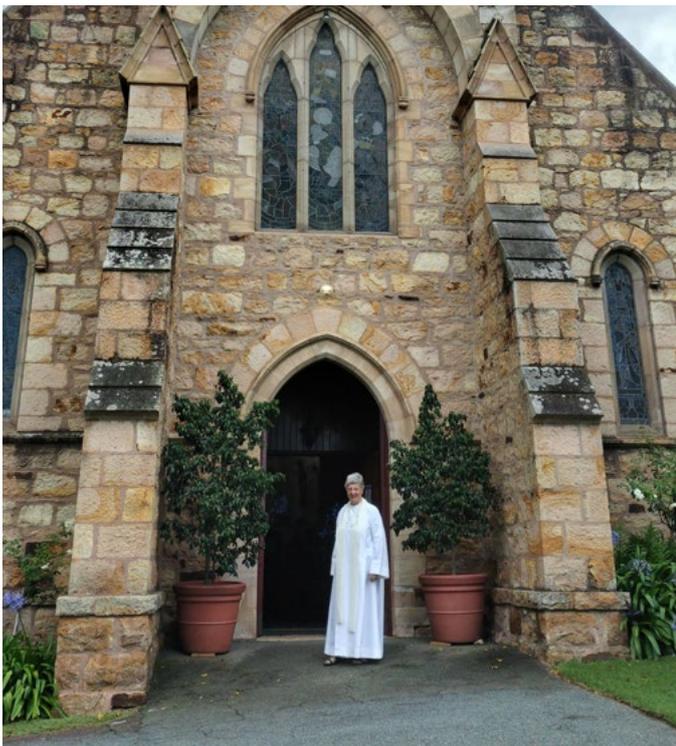
St Mary's Rectory

OUR NEW PRIEST

We envision our new Priest to be a person who:

- Demonstrates good communication skills and the ability to preach and lead worship in a manner that encourages parishioners to grow their faith while allowing newcomers to feel welcomed and included.
- Is committed to traditional Anglican values and forms of worship but willing to also explore alternative approaches to promote engagement with the wider community.
- Works co-operatively with the Parish Council in ministering to the people of the Parish, utilising and expanding existing ministries as well as creating new and viable ministries to promote the Ministry of God in the Kangaroo Point area.
- Is committed to spiritual outreach and pastoral care for a congregation consisting mainly of persons of mature age and from a wide catchment area.
- Demonstrates a diplomatic and inclusive team leadership style in leading the Parish Council and others in the affairs of the Parish.
- Has an active interest in supporting and promoting the musical and wedding ministry tradition and standing of St Mary's in the wider community.
- Is capable of connecting and communicating with a wide range of groups including parishioners, other interest groups and government departments who are involved with or impact on the activities of the Parish.
- Is comfortable with, or capable of adapting to, the use of modern technologies in promoting the Ministry, the operations of the Parish and engaging with the wider congregation.
- Is capable of fostering financial support from the community and government.
- Is interested in maintaining and promoting the heritage values of the 150-year old site.
- Is willing to share responsibility for the day-to-day upkeep and maintenance of the rectory and its grounds.

CONCLUSION



Whilst we seek to retain our rich traditional style of worship and appreciation and upkeep of our heritage site, we also see this discernment process as an opportunity to begin a period of growth and sustainability.

Together with the next incumbent/s, we would like to explore ways of growing our Parish in diversity of services and promoting our unique site for the spiritual and financial benefit of our Parish and the whole community, so that it can retain its spiritual place in the City of Brisbane.





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