

Leichardt-Chinchilla Anglican Mission Area

Profile & Position Description



Our Mission

“To be welcoming communities, who invite and nurture,
and in God’s grace, make a difference for good.”

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What are we? Where are we?

In the Diocese of Brisbane an ‘Anglican Mission Area’ is created when a number of Parishes work collaboratively together to financially support ordained leadership. The Leichardt-Chinchilla Anglican Mission Area is an exciting new partnership between the Parishes of Leichardt and Chinchilla.

Leichardt Parish has four churches:

1. **St Luke’s Church, Miles**, was built in 1906 and has capacity to seat sixty people. Music is provided by a pianist and there is seating and facilities for Morning tea at the back of the church. There is a rectory next to St Luke’s.
St Luke’s has worship each Sunday at 8am with an average attendance of between 15-20 people. We have Morning Prayer led by LA’s when no priest is available, and Holy Communion when a priest is available.
2. **Holy Trinity, Taroom**, was built in 1936, and has capacity to seat one hundred people. Music is provided by an organist and there are facilities for morning tea in the adjacent church hall. There is a one bedroom flat at the back of the church hall. The old rectory at Taroom is rented.
Holy Trinity has worship each Sunday at 8am with an average attendance of 15 people. We have Morning Prayer led by LA’s when no priest is available, and Holy Communion when a priest is available.
3. **St Margaret’s, Wandoan**, was originally built in 1956, and has capacity to seat one hundred and twenty people. The church was completely renovated in 2013 after a fire damaged the building. Music is provided by an organist and there are facilities for afternoon tea or dinner in the adjacent church hall. There is a one bedroom flat at the back of the church hall.
St Margaret’s has worship with Holy Communion, fortnightly, when a priest is available.
4. **St Mary’s, Condamine**, was built in 1961, and has capacity to seat eighty people. Music is provided by the visiting priest, and congregation members bring what is needed for hospitality after monthly worship.
St Mary’s has worship with Holy Communion, once a month, when a priest is available.

Chinchilla Parish has one large church:

1. **St Cecilia’s, Chinchilla**, was built in 1965 and has capacity to sit three hundred people. Music is provided by a pianist, and a band for special occasions. There is a large kitchen and area for morning tea hospitality at the back of the church. St Cecilia’s is air-conditioned.
St Cecilia’s has worship at 6.30pm each Saturday evening (8-12 people), 9.30am each Sunday morning (20-25 people), and 9.30am each Wednesday morning (10-12 people), using Morning Prayer led by LA’s when no priest is available, and Holy Communion when a priest is available.

So on a map we are here:



Distance and travel time between centres:

Miles – Chinchilla	47kms	34mins
Miles – Taroom	128kms	1hr 31min
Miles – Wandoan	69km	46min
Miles – Condamine	33km	23min
Chinchilla – Miles	47kms	34mins
Chinchilla – Taroom	175kms	2hr 5mins
Chinchilla – Wandoan	116kms	1hr 20mins
Chinchilla – Condamine	59kms	46mins

Distance and travel time to other centres:

Miles – Roma	141km	1hr 48min
Miles – Toowoomba	211km	2hr 28min
Miles – Brisbane	336km	3hr 56min

What we are looking for in Priest?

We are praying for and seeking:

1. Someone who has a great love for God, and a great love for people
2. Someone who feels called to lead and serve the communities and congregations of the Leichardt-Chinchilla Anglican Mission Area
3. Someone who can relate well with people who live in rural communities
4. Someone who can lead worship well and teach
5. Someone who is patient and has a good sense of humour
6. Someone who will visit parishioners and encourage them
7. Someone who is physically and emotionally resilient (and able to cope with the challenges of travelling in the west)
8. Someone who is prepared to work ecumenically and build relationships with the wider community
9. Someone who has knowledge of Diocesan & Parish administration processes.

Scenario 1: Full-time priest

In an ideal world we would love to have a full-time priest who will live and be based in the rectory at Miles. It is thought that they would lead worship in the two parishes (Leichhardt & Chinchilla) on alternating weekends, and develop pastoral ministry and training in the two parishes on the same alternating weeks.

The priest would receive the full-Diocesan stipend for a Priest in Charge, and the usual emoluments (phone, electricity, car, fuel).

Scenario 2: Part-time priest

We recognises that it may not be possible to find someone able to be with us full-time so we are open to the possibility of a part-time priest who would come and base at the rectory in Miles one week/month – then the following week base at the Chinchilla rectory.

- Fly In Fly Out (FIFO) – One scenario, if the priest is coming from Brisbane is that they fly in to Roma and drive back to Miles at the beginning of the month, and after two weekends they drive back to Roma and fly back to Brisbane.
- Drive In Drive Out (DIDO) – Another possibility, if coming from Toowoomba, is that they drive out to Miles at the beginning of the month, and after two weekends they drive back to Toowoomba from Chinchilla.

The priest would receive the relevant percentage of the Diocesan stipend for a Priest in Charge, and the same percentage of emoluments (phone, electricity, car, fuel).

You may have another idea as to how this might work, and we would be delighted to hear from you to discuss things further... you'll find that we are very flexible! For more details – or, to discuss things further, please contact our regional bishop:

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