

READY FOR A SEA CHANGE?



*Holy Spirit Anglican Church
Coolum Beach might be it!*

Parish Priest position (part-time)

Available from December 2022



Who are we?

Steps away from the golden sands of Coolum Beach, the Church of the Holy Spirit has stood up high watching over the community for 50 years, becoming a spiritual home for locals and visitors alike.

With a strong focus on the Holy Communion in worship and pastoral mission within a comprehensively Anglican approach, our evolution over the years has seen the Parish grow into the caring and serving congregation it is today, maintaining extensive outreach and fellowship links to our community.



Ministry

OUTREACH

From youthful beginnings the Parish has responded to God's call in the community over time by hosting Sunday School, organising Religious Education volunteers in schools, conducting a Mainly Music children's movement group and hosting a weekly Pram Service. The Parish is currently actively involved in numerous areas of ministry including Bible study, Holy Communion services in several nursing homes, Church Healing Services, Prayer Chain, Craft group, Guild, Christian Meditation, Men's fellowship, morning teas and High School Chaplaincy support.

Our energetic and optimistic Parish is open to, and well positioned to respond in Christ to our local post-Covid population boom, activating new ministry and strengthening existing ministry, given our strong financial position and love of people.



Ministry

OUR SACRAMENTAL COMMUNITY

Holy Spirit Coolum is a dynamic and inclusive sacramental community, which embodies excellent liturgy and preaching. The community values diversity and intellectual freedom, and includes people who travel from surrounding areas on the Sunshine Coast to share in church life. We are all ages, from young children to octogenarians, and from many different backgrounds. One challenge that we recognise is to increase the number of younger people in our congregation. Holiday makers also often join us in worship. We seek to grow in faith, to reflect God's beauty and grace in our life together and to serve the wider community.



Ministry

OUR SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Our Parish is blessed with devoted Lay members who participate in the practical and spiritual preparation of our church life. In addition to a capable and active Deacon, there are seven Liturgical Assistants with a variety of licences that enable them to conduct devotions and services at Holy Spirit and outreach venues. They are supported by a significant number of Lay parishioners who prepare the church for worship, read the lessons, welcome people as they arrive at services, lead the intercessions, count the offerings and prepare the morning teas where there is lively conversation. Their active support is powerful and reassuring, evidenced in the regular production of the Beacon on the Hill magazine, the frequent updating of the Website, regular devotional group activities and celebrations of the different seasons of the Church year.



Ministry

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Our discernment process has so far cited numerous areas the Parish would like to explore. Community outreach will create opportunities to bring the wider community into the church and to take the church community out into the local community.

There is also interest in enabling the church space to become more multi-functional with changes to provide more flexible seating, updating the sound system and the provision of video screens.

The church grounds can also be developed to improve the access to the church from the carpark and create some outdoor space for social events to take advantage of the sunshine and amazing weather.



Are you our missing piece?

We are looking for a part-time (1/2 time) Priest who is approachable, consultative and collaborative with good pastoral care and organisational skills. A progressive outlook, both socially and technologically, would enable the Parish to develop a wider multi-media outreach to the ever-growing and changing community.

The Parish is seeking a person with an excellent scholarly background, some financial acumen, an interest in developing church music and the ability to build relationships and assist cultivating a home for all people in our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and outreach.

The part-time position would appeal to a person wanting to pursue other commitments such as study or other part-time work. A loving, active and supportive Church community awaits you in an idyllic location with a 4-bedroom Parish property close to cafes, restaurants, beautiful beaches, great sporting facilities and schools.



A word from our parishioners

“With relocation 16 years ago I was searching for a new place to worship. I was blessed to find Holy Spirit Coolum. The warmth and non judgemental acceptance of the congregation has enforced my intuitive decision.”

- Heather Chalmers

My wife and I started attending Holy Spirit Coolum when we moved to the Sunshine Coast about ten months ago. We received a very warm welcome from the congregation, with morning tea after the service helping us to get to know people. The services provide good teaching with times for private prayer and reflection. We found plenty of opportunities for spiritual growth with excellent teaching and groups for Bible Study, Meditation, and Lenten Studies. Regular get togethers for men and women have helped us to get to know people and we have been invited to serve on various committees. We are delighted to have found such a welcoming and inclusive Church to call our spiritual home.

- Jim Raw



What next?

If you have a sense that God may be calling you to the Parish of Coolum and would like to discuss this further; or, if you have some questions about the role, please contact

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