



# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF TAMBORINE MOUNTAIN

## PARISH PROFILE 2021

*“Living in the way of Christ with faith and loving service and working together towards the future with hope”*



St George's Church Interior

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## Greetings

Our Priest-in-Charge has retired after six years with the Parish. So we are looking for a new Priest to guide us in our spiritual lives.

Here is a quick snapshot about our Parish and the qualities that we are looking for in a priest.

### Where we are

Tamborine Mountain is in the hinterland of the Gold Coast Queensland. It is 550 metres above sea level so the temperature is usually 5 degrees below that of the Gold Coast in summer – very pleasant! The Parish also includes the town of Canungra and the localities of Tamborine Village and Beechmont.

### Our Buildings and Parish Vehicle

The principal church is St George's on Tamborine Mountain which was built in 1992 and seats 200 people. It is architect designed in modern brick and glass construction. There are 2 timber halls, a kitchen and toilet block which pre-existed the main church.



St George's Church

St Luke's church in Canungra was built in 1936 and seats 40 people. It is also architect designed, built from local timbers and has local heritage status. It has a pavilion with tea making facilities, 2 store rooms and toilet



St Luke's Church

The rectory is situated on the same parcel of land as St George's church. It was constructed of brick veneer in 1990 and has 4 bedrooms, study, 2 bathrooms, lounge, dining, family room, 2 car garage and double carport. The kitchen and floor coverings have been recently refurbished and the family room air conditioned.



Rectory & Parish vehicle

All of our buildings are debt free and in excellent condition thanks to a timely and properly funded maintenance program.

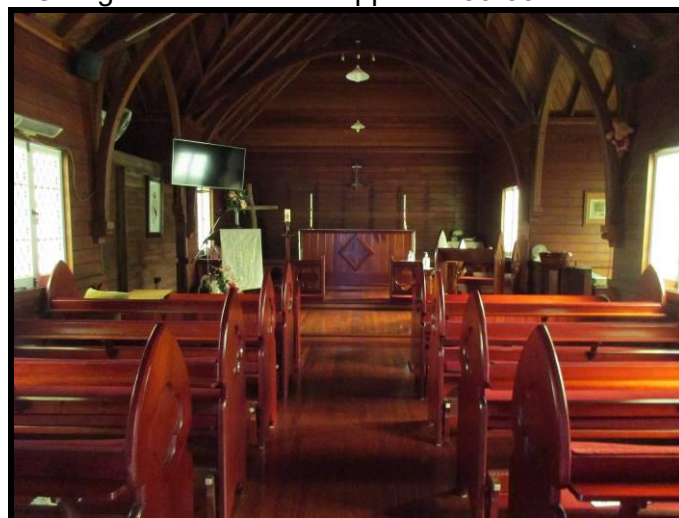
The parish vehicle is a 2011 Toyota Corolla Ascent 1.8 litre automatic hatch which is owned by the Parish. The Parish will replace this car with a new one to meet the requirements of the new priest.

### **Regular Church Services**

Services are mostly traditional and are currently held at the following times.

Saturday 5.00pm @ St George's      Celebration Eucharist  
Sunday 8.00am @ St Luke's      Eucharist  
Sunday 9.30am @ St George's      Eucharist (Family service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)  
Wednesday 10.15am @ Roslyn Lodge nursing home fortnightly Eucharist for residents.

Prior to Covid, attendance at St George's was 50 – 60 and St Luke's was 15-20. In 2020 during the Covid restrictions, St George's attendance dropped to 30-35 and St Luke's to 15-18.



St Luke's Interior

### **Facilities within the Parish**

There are four state primary schools within the Parish as well as one state secondary school and an independent college, both on Tamborine Mountain.

On Tamborine Mountain, in close proximity to the rectory, facilities include ambulance, rural fire brigade, four surgeries, two physiotherapists, mental health professionals, several dentists, three day care centres and outside school hours care.

For the sporting or culturally active, there are sports grounds, public swimming pool, bowls club, arts & crafts centre, opportunity for hang gliding, several choirs, an orchestra and drama groups. Because of its natural beauty, the Mountain attracts many resident artists. The Mountain has several wineries, a brewery & cheese factory.

For the keen bushwalker, there are 9 small national parks on the Mountain, one within 100metres of the rectory. For the more adventurous, Lamington National Park lies within the parish with access and accommodation at O'Reilly's and Binna Burra.

### **Parish Finances**

Our parish is debt free. We have over \$500,000 invested in 6 month roll-over term deposits and a working account of over \$50,000 because former parishioners have been very generous in their wills. Our weekly offerings are commensurate with the size of our parish and, with a full time priest, our annual expenditure is likely to exceed our present income. However, because of the level of the Parish reserves, we expect to be able to support a full time priest for many years to come.

### **EXPECTATIONS OF OUR NEW PRIEST**

The Parish engaged a facilitator to assist parishioners to determine the attributes sought by the Parish in its priest. In order of preference, these were:

- Good communication skills, good listener, good speaker, approachable
- Full-time presence in the parish
- Strong faith, true communicator of the gospel, biblically based preaching
- Leader, wise, life experience, spiritual
- IT skills, technology
- Team player, collaborative
- Attract younger generations, intergenerational, grow the church
- Personality vibrant, enthusiastic, sense of humour
- Creative, innovative, flexible, musical in worship
- Anglican tradition (middle ground/middle of the road)

From these attributes, Parish Council has agreed on the following:

**The spiritual leader** being called for our parish is someone who is solid in Anglican identity, in knowing and knowledge of the scriptures, a person who has a strong personal faith and identity, and is a person of prayer, who values prayer and different styles of prayer in parish life.

**The pastoral leader** of our parish must be compassionate in working with and supporting everyone in our congregation, have a listening ear, and be a resilient, enthusiastic and energetic person, especially in times of change. There is great depth of pastoral compassion in our parish, identified in the "unconditional acceptance" of each other and those coming in. There is a sense that the incoming parish priest will be accepting, and build on this pastoral foundation. Though we try to meet the pastoral and worship needs of young families with children, the congregation is largely an ageing one, with a few young families attending each church. This guides the kind of pastoral support needed by the older congregants, while it opens up leadership opportunities for younger members, young people and children. Enthusiastic parish council, activity leaders and volunteers will appreciate a collaborative leadership style.

**As the parish family co-ordinator**, we would like a new priest to be flexible, be familiar with current technologies, communicate clearly, and work collaboratively and constructively with the parish council and activity leaders to nourish and grow our parish.

## STILL INTERESTED?

Have we whetted your appetite for more information?

If so, then you will find all the pertinent statistics and details about our parish in the following appendices. So grab a coffee and a comfortable chair – not too comfortable. You have read this far and we don't want you to fall asleep while you are reading all this extra stuff.

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**Better still, give our Bishop, The Rt Rev'd John Roundhill a call on 07 3835 2213 for an independent assessment of our parish.**



Little Lukies at their Christmas breakup



Children's Meditation at St George's

## 1. Parish Location

Tamborine Mountain Parish is located west of the Gold Coast and within the eastern boundary of the Scenic Rim Regional Council. It is approximately one hour's drive from Brisbane, 40 minutes from the Gold Coast beaches, and 30 minutes from Beaudesert, the administrative centre for the Regional Council. The Parish includes the suburbs/localities of:

- Tamborine Mountain (4272) – *incl. Eagle Heights, North Tamborine, Mount Tamborine*
- Tamborine (4270)
- Canungra (4275) – *incl. Boyland, Biddaddaba, Wonglepong, Benobble, Sarabah, Lamington National Park, Witheren, Ferny Glen, Flying Fox, Illinbah*
- Bechmont (part of 4211) – *incl. Binna Burra.*



Parish Map

Tamborine Mountain is a plateau measuring about 8km by 5km and is roughly 550m above sea level. The area was opened to selection in 1875. Due to difficulties accessing the mountain, its population remained small until the early 1900s. From 1918 to 1925, rapid land subdivision occurred including the 1920 – 1921 creation of North Tamborine and Eagle Heights. The area is noted for its rich volcanic soil, which sustains both the native vegetation and introduced crops such as avocados, rhubarb, kiwi fruit, lychees, tamarillo and flower plantations. Nine National Parks conserve remnants of the original rainforests and eucalypt forests, preserve the habitats of native animals, and provide easy gradient walking tracks. The area is a major tourist attraction especially

at week-ends and there are numerous crafts/souvenir shops, eating places and accommodation. The area is a popular place for retirement.



Tamborine village (originally spelt Tambourine) developed in the 1870s around a store, post-office and St Mary's chapel. It was the administrative centre for the former Tambourine Shire. The railway line to Canungra which opened in 1915 also passed through the village. Tamborine is now a rural residential community.

Canungra was not formally surveyed until 1915; however a settlement developed in the 1880s around the Lahey Brothers' Sawmill. The town also served emerging communities at Beechmont and Tamborine Mountain after the Canungra Branch Railway opened in 1915. The military area now known as the Kokoda Barracks was established in 1942. Canungra still retains its village atmosphere and is the entry point to the Lamington National Park and a popular weekend venue for paragliders, hanggliders and motorcyclists.



Canungra

Beechmont - In the 1870s timber getters and selectors worked their way up the Nerang River to Beech Mountain. Small-scale sawmilling developed in the twentieth century and dairy farms were established on the slopes of Beech Mountain in 1925. Tourism was also important with cabins available at Binna Burra Mountain Lodge from 1933. Beechmont has retained its rural identity and is popular for weekend drives and visits to Binna Burra.

## 2. Parish History

The Anglican Parish of Tamborine Mountain was originally part of the Beaudesert Parish. In 1987 it was established as a separate Mission District, and since 1991 has been a non-beneficed Parish.

The Vicar in Charge of the Mission District was Rev. Leslie Duncan. In 1990 the Venerable H. St. John Edwards was appointed Priest-in-Charge. He retired in 1995. The Rev. Dr. Murray Harvey was commissioned as Priest-in-Charge in December 1995. He resigned from the position in April 2002 to take up an appointment in England. The Rev. Shan Vierow was inducted as Priest-in-Charge from June 2002 until June 2005. The Venerable Allan Paulsen was Priest-in-Charge from October 2007 to December 2012. Archdeacon Valerie Hoare was Priest-in-Charge from June 2013 to July 2019.

There are two centres of worship in the Parish.

- St. George's at Eagle Heights on Tamborine Mountain
- St. Luke's at Canungra

Services have been held on Tamborine Mountain since 1900 and the original St. George's church was a community hall, relocated and rebuilt on the present site in 1938. The present St. George's church was constructed and consecrated in 1992 and was the result of a bequest from a parishioner, Miss Jean Dunlop who died in 1990. The old church is now the church hall.

Parishioners from Tamborine Village at the northern base of Tamborine Mountain worship at St George's.

Services have been held in Canungra since 1908 and St. Luke's church was constructed debt free and dedicated in 1936. St. Luke's was consecrated at its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011.



St Luke's consecration 2011

Until 1987, Beechmont was part of the Southport Parish. Services were held in the local school until an agreement in 1990 with the Nerang Roman Catholic Parish led to services being held in St. John's Worship Centre. In 2011, regular services ceased at Beechmont due to lack of numbers. Home church was provided monthly to Beechmont residents till mid 2019.

### 3. Civic Demographics of Parish

From the 2016 Census:

- **Tamborine Mountain:** The population is 7,506. The median/average age of the Tamborine Mountain population is 50 years of age, 12 years above the Australian average. The country of birth of people living in Tamborine Mountain is 64.9% Australia, 9.1% England, 5.5% New Zealand. 16.1% are Anglican, and the median household income is \$1,244 per week.
- **Tamborine:** The population is 3,950. The median/average age of the Tamborine population is 41 years of age, 3 years above the Australian average. The country of birth of people living in Tamborine is 71.9% Australia, 6.6% England, 5.0% New Zealand. 19.8% are Anglican, and the median household income is \$1,841 per week.
- **Canungra and surrounds:** The population is 3,434. The median/average age of the Canungra population is 42 years of age, 4 years above the Australian average. The country of birth of people living in Canungra is 72.8% Australia, 5.5% New Zealand, 5.4% England. 20.7% are Anglican, and the median household income is \$1,542 per week.
- **Beechmont:** The population is 842. The median/average age of the Beechmont population is 46 years of age, 8 years above the Australian average. The country of birth of people living in Beechmont is 73.4% Australia, 5.1% England, 5.0% New Zealand. 14.5% are Anglican, and the median household income is \$1,399 per week.

The population statistics for the Parish are summarized in the following table.

Area	Post code	Total persons	Anglicans	Parish roll
Tamborine Mountain	4271, 4272	7506	1209	73
Tamborine	4270	3950	780	2
<b>St George's catchment</b>		<b>11456</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>75</b>
Canungra	4275	3434	705	17
Elsewhere				2
<b>St Luke's catchment</b>		<b>3434</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Beechmont</b>	Part 4211	<b>842</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Parish Total</b>		<b>15714</b>	<b>2814</b>	<b>94</b>



Curtis Falls – 700m walk from Rectory

## 4. Parish Buildings and Vehicle

### Tamborine Mountain

The principal church for the Parish is St George's, situated on 4021m<sup>2</sup> (1 acre) of land on the corner of Eagle Heights Road and Dapsang Drive, Eagle Heights. The property also contains the church hall, meeting room, toilet block and the Rectory. There are also two small storage sheds.

St George's Church has a pipe organ built by Simon Pierce, installed and dedicated to the parish in 1993, and given by the Fulcher family in memory of their son Christopher. The porte-cochere, which was a part of the original church design, was completed in 2011 by a generous donation from Mrs Laurel Youngman in memory of her late husband, Dr Norman Vincent Youngman.

The church hall (Georgian Room) was the main church until 1992 when it was renovated to include a kitchen. It is linked to the church with a covered way. The Sunday school room (deVoil Room) is connected to the Georgian Room and is of similar vintage. It has tea making facilities.



Georgian Room, deVoil Room & Toilet Block

The site relies on tank water and has septic tank installations for its waste water. The waste water disposal systems were upgraded in 2012.

### Clergy accommodation

The Rectory was repainted externally in 2012 and internally in 2013. It has a private yard and is in accordance with requirements of the relevant Diocesan Regulation.

### Canungra

St Luke's Church is situated at 15-21 Kidston Street, Canungra on 1318m<sup>2</sup> of land. St Luke's seats about 40 people and is constructed from local timber in a gothic style with rosewood walls and ceilings, rose gum floor and red cedar pews. St Luke's church is listed on the Scenic Rim Regional Council's Local Heritage Register.

Also on this site is a storage shed, toilet and a small pavilion with tea making facilities. All the buildings were painted externally in 2017.

## 5. Parish Staffing & Committees

### **Parish Priest-in-charge**

With the exception of interregnum periods, the Parish has had a full time Priest since its inception. It is a full time paid position with a car and a four bedroom rectory.

### **Retired Priests**

There are three retired priests currently living on Tamborine Mountain - The Reverend John Corner, The Ven. Allan Paulsen and Canon Brian Lynes. The Reverend John Corner and The Ven. Allan Paulsen have permission to officiate and are willing to assist with church ministry if able, particularly when the Priest-in-Charge is on leave.

### **Administration Assistant**

This is a casual paid position (8 hours a week, currently Wednesday and Thursday 9.00am to 1.00pm) with main duties being as follows:

- Prepare weekly powerpoint presentations for church services
- Prepare & print the weekly Parish bulletin
- Prepare & print wedding & funeral orders of service.
- Prepare & print any special orders of services & handouts
- Invoice hall hirers

### **Organists**

There are currently two volunteer organists in the Parish, one at St George's and one at St Luke's. They can usually back each other up if necessary.

### **Liturgical Assistants & Servers**

There are 9 licensed Liturgical Assistants, 5 at St George's and 4 at St Luke's as well as 3 Servers at St George's. Sacristan duties are performed by volunteers on roster.

### **Parish Council**

In addition to the Priest-in-charge, the Parish Council consists of

- 2 Churchwardens (1 vacancy)
- 2 District Churchwardens (St Luke's Canungra)
- 2 Parish Nominators (1 vacancy)
- 2 Synod Representatives
- 5 Parish Councillors

One of the Parish Councillors is the treasurer and a District Churchwarden is the minute secretary. The Parish Council meets monthly and the Churchwardens keep in touch with the Priest-in-charge by email & telephone. The Wardens report to each Parish Council meeting and to the congregations in person as needed as well as through the Parish Bulletin.

### **Parish Social and Fund Raising Group**

This Group organizes social and fund raising events on Tamborine Mountain including a Spring Market, street stalls and Parish dinners, afternoon teas, murder mystery evenings etc. This group reports to Parish Council.

### **St George's Anglican Emergency Relief Team**

The team provides assistance to the needy in the form of food or funds which are donated by parishioners & the community. The proceeds of an annual cake stall also support this ministry. The team has a separate Anfin account and reports to Parish Council.

### **St George's Maintenance Team**

This small group undertakes minor maintenance at St George's and where necessary, obtains quotes and supervises contractors for more major works. The team reports to the Parish Council.

### **St Luke's Anglican Guild Canungra**

The Guild has been active since before 1936 with the aim “to promote St Luke's Anglican Church, Canungra by offering support to the Canungra community and organizing social and fund-raising events to (a) maintain the assets of the church for the use and benefit of the Anglican community and (b) by resolution at a general meeting, provide specific financial support to the Anglican Parish of Tamborine Mountain”. The Guild meets approximately 4 times per year and, where possible, is attended by the Priest-in-Charge. It has separate bank accounts and its activities are reported to the Parish Council by the two District Churchwardens. Its fund raising activities include a car boot sale in March, an annual dinner in mid-year and a street stall late-year.

### **Cleaning of Churches**

St George's church, hall, meeting room and toilet are cleaned by a contract cleaner once per week. St Luke's church is cleaned by St Luke's congregation volunteers on a roster basis.

### **Grounds Maintenance**

St George's grounds are now mowed & gutters cleaned regularly by a contract groundsman and the gardens are kept in trim by a small band of parishioners from St George's and a paid gardener. St Luke's grounds are mowed regularly and maintained by St Luke's congregation volunteers.



Australia Day 2019



Bollywood Fund raiser 2018



Scarecrow Festival 2020



St Luke's turns Pink for Breast Cancer in October

## 6. Active Ministries

The Parish has been found compliant with the requirements of the Diocesan Policy and Procedures for the Protection of Children-Parishes by the Office of the Director of Professional Standards.

### Church Service attendance

Service attendance	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
St George's Av. attendance at Sat/Sun. services	54	52	49	53	61
St Luke's Av. Attendance at Sun. services	15	15	15	19	18
Parish Average attendance at weekend services	69	67	64	72	79
<b>Annual Totals</b>					
Baptisms	12	8	10	12	14
Weddings	7	2	10	6	3
Funerals	8	4	8	3	6
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	1
First communion	1	1	1	0	1

In 2020 during the Covid restrictions, St George's attendance dropped to 30-35 and St Luke's to 15-18.

### Church focussed Ministries

- Footsteps - Kids @ Church Sundays 9.30am at St George's
- DGS Little Lukies Mondays at 3.00pm at St Luke's in school terms
- Meditation Group Tuesdays at 8.00am at St George's
- Meditation for children Tuesdays at 3.30pm in school term at St George's.
- Bible Study Group Tuesdays at 7.00pm at St Luke's
- Bible Study Group Wednesdays at 1.00pm at St Luke's
- South End Meditation and Bible Study Home Group 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 9.30am.

### Outward focussed Ministries

- St George's Anglican Emergency Relief provides assistance to the needy in the form of food or funds. Clients are interviewed by appointment on Wednesdays at 9.00am in the deVoil room. Food & funds are donated by parishioners & the community.
- Bread ministry collects unsold bread from a bakery on Tamborine Mtn. on Friday evenings and bags and makes it available to the needy on Saturday mornings at St George's.
- Mainly Music was conducted on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am in school terms but was put on hold during Covid and the parish is searching for a new leader.
- Religious Education is provided to the Canungra State School on Friday mornings in conjunction with other denominations.
- The parish has a representative on the Local Consultative Committee for school chaplaincy
- Parishioners support various charities through monthly retiring collections. – eg. Bush Ministry Fund, Mercy Ships, ABM Lent Appeal, Chaplaincy, Christmas Bowl etc.
- Christmas Eve service at St George's when children from the community can participate.
- A choir with members from the local community is a regular feature for special Services and Family Services at St George's.
- St Luke's Faith Journey (LyCiG) Group meet regularly for brunch to plan and support
  - A Good Friday ecumenical service with the Uniting Church
  - A stall at the Canungra show in August
  - Pet blessing service in September/October
  - Canungra & St Luke's turn pink for cancer in October
  - Nativity scene in December
  - Carols by torchlight at St Luke's in December
  - Pastoral Care Plan
  - Coffee in the Community at 10.00am on the second Tuesday of the month
  - Friday evening social on the last Friday of the month at 5.00pm
  - Canungra school chaplaincy

## 7. Traditions and Other Matters of Interest

Services at St George's and St Luke's are presented on powerpoint without the need for prayer books & hymn books. In general they are based on the following texts with variations for Lent, Advent etc.

### **Prayer book** – A Prayer Book for Australia (APBA)

St George's Saturday 5.00pm

APBA fifth order or Taize

St George's Sunday 9.30am

APBA second order

St Luke's Sunday. 8.00am

APBA second order

### **Music**

Various

Mainly Together in Song (TiS)

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### **Inclusiveness in hospitality**

The parish has a reputation for being a friendly, welcoming group of Anglicans. Fellowship takes place every Sunday following the main Services at St George's and St Luke's. All who come to seek the way of Christ are warmly welcomed.

### **Ecumenical relationships**

On Tamborine Mountain, Ecumenical Good Friday services are held with the Presbyterian Church and attendance at the annual fund raising dinner for School Chaplaincy.

In Canungra, the St. Luke's congregation join with the Uniting church for the annual Good Friday service which is shared between the two churches. The two churches mix socially on occasions.

### **Current year budget and YTD statement**

A detailed current Parish budget, and year-to-date profit & loss statement and balance sheet are available on request.

### **Stewardship program**

A Parish Stewardship Committee has conducted a Stewardship Program since 2013 consisting of two elements – a Commitment program in mid-year and a Ministry program in December.

### **Fund raising activities**

The Parish relies heavily on its fundraising program to balance its operating budget. The major fundraiser for the year has been a Spring Fair held on the first Saturday in November. This is supplemented with street and market stalls, car-boot sales, Parish dinners, afternoon teas, murder mystery evenings etc.

The St George's church and hall are hired out to various groups. St George's church has excellent acoustics and is popular with choral and orchestral groups for Sunday afternoon concerts.

### **Infrastructure Maintenance Reserve Funds**

The Parish operates a Maintenance Reserve Fund to cover the cost of programmed major maintenance at St George's and the replacement of the parish car. The fund is held in a 6 month roll-over Anfin term deposit to which the Parish Council attempts to add \$6000 per year. When programmed major maintenance is required at St George's or a new parish car needs to be purchased, the cost is withdrawn from the fund. At the start of 2021, there was \$101,727 in the maintenance reserve fund.

The St Luke's Guild has developed a similar program for the maintenance & capital improvements to St Luke's & the Guild raises the funds to carry out the program. The Guild is active in applying for grants and has recently been successful with a grant to purchase a new keyboard and another to cover part of the cost of painting the buildings.