

Anglican Church Jimboomba



PARISH PROFILE

One Parish, Two Churches, Many Families, ALL God Focussed

47-57 East Street
Jimboomba Queensland



ABOUT OUR PARISH

The Anglican Parish of Jimboomba exists as a worshipping community to glorify God. We are committed to the growth of the Kingdom of God through:

1. Sharing the message of God with all
2. Welcoming, Nurturing, Teaching and Baptising
3. Responding to human needs in the community and beyond through loving service and prayer

Jimboomba is a town and locality in the City of Logan, Queensland, Australia. It is located approximately 1hr south of Brisbane CBD and has a population of just over 8,000. Jimboomba is a lovely quiet, friendly, safe place to raise a family. It has nice parks, local shops, supermarkets, doctors and health care specialists and is growing with new developments surrounding the area. There is a mix of private and public schools in the area. More information, history and statistics can be found in the 'Links' at the end of this document.

The Anglican Parish of Jimboomba consists of two (2) churches, St James at Jimboomba and the heritage listed historic sandstone church, St John's Mundoolun, built 1901.

St James Anglican Church is the main church and where the Parish office is located. It was built in 1988 and has been an active part of the Jimboomba Community ever since.

ST JAMES JIMBOOMBA

St James sits at the front of a 10-acre property set amongst a bush setting.

The church is modern in design, has a small hall attached and a patio area as well. Glass sliding doors are along the sides of the church building allowing people to be able to enjoy the bush surrounds as well as allowing for large church events to happen.

Services are held weekly on Wednesdays at 9:00am and Sundays at 8:30am, along with a monthly Saturday night service at 5:30pm in which the children and youth help with the service through music, singing and reading. This is then followed by a 'Bunnings' (think sausage sizzle) meal together.

A monthly Taize service is also held on a Saturday at 5:30pm and is well supported. The church is also well known in the community for our colour changing cross which can easily be seen every night from the road side.

Also on the property is the St James Op Shop (refurbished and rebuilt 2021), a meeting room (available for hire), a private 5 bedroom residence (rectory) as well as the agricultural department of Emmaus College, who utilise the back 5-acres of the property.

St James has also been the Home of Rockin' Jimmy's, an annual Car show that provides wonderful community engagement opportunities.



ST JOHN'S MUNDOOLUN

Built in 1901 from sandstone and cedar, St John's Mundoolun is a hidden location set amongst trees and is rich in history.

The Church was built as a memorial to John and Anne Collins by their children, soon after the death of John Collins 1898.

It was architect Robin Dods who supervised the construction of St John's Mundoolun. Work began on 22nd June 1900.

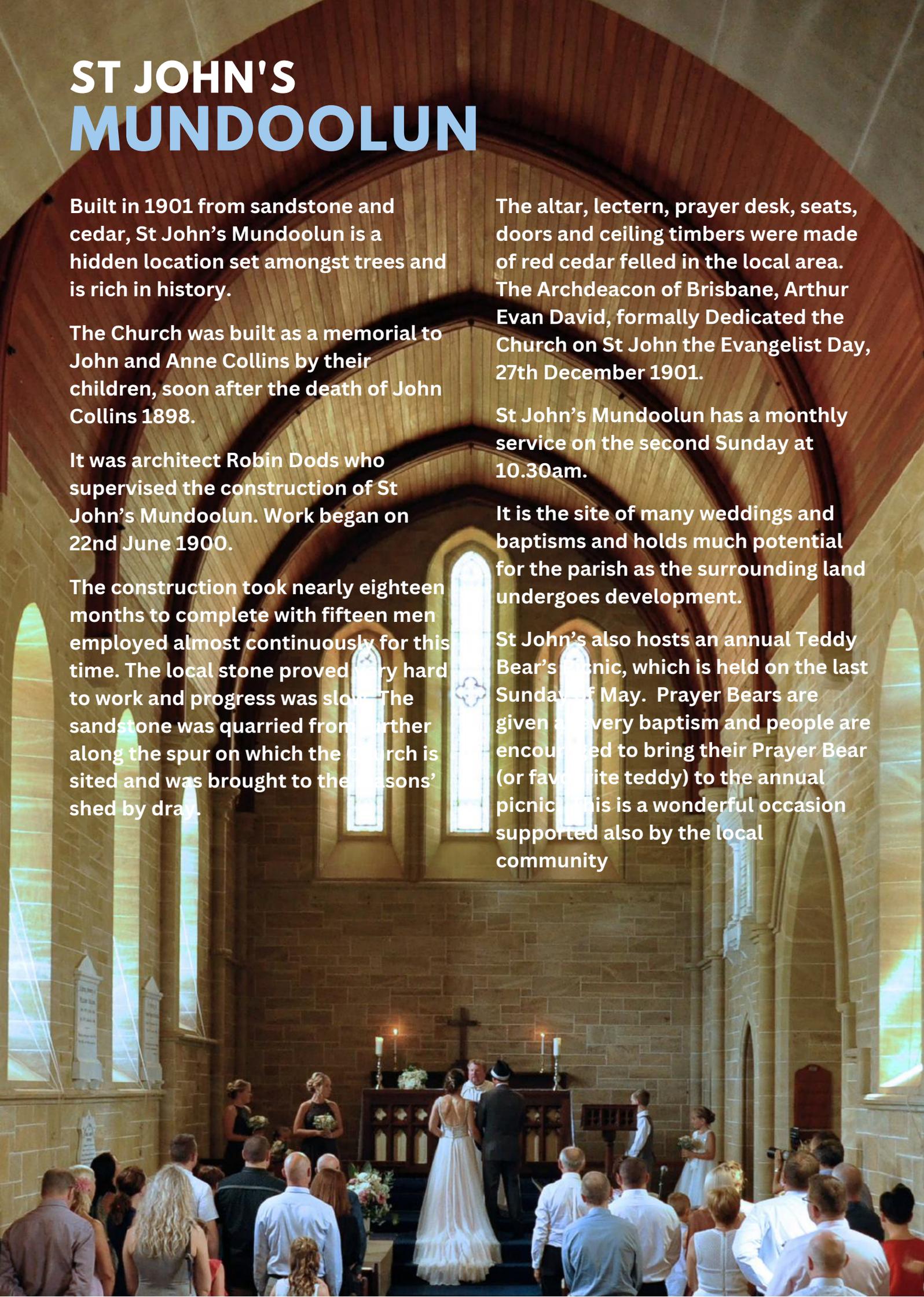
The construction took nearly eighteen months to complete with fifteen men employed almost continuously for this time. The local stone proved very hard to work and progress was slow. The sandstone was quarried from further along the spur on which the Church is sited and was brought to the seasons' shed by dray.

The altar, lectern, prayer desk, seats, doors and ceiling timbers were made of red cedar felled in the local area. The Archdeacon of Brisbane, Arthur Evan David, formally Dedicated the Church on St John the Evangelist Day, 27th December 1901.

St John's Mundoolun has a monthly service on the second Sunday at 10.30am.

It is the site of many weddings and baptisms and holds much potential for the parish as the surrounding land undergoes development.

St John's also hosts an annual Teddy Bear's Picnic, which is held on the last Sunday of May. Prayer Bears are given at every baptism and people are encouraged to bring their Prayer Bear (or favourite teddy) to the annual picnic. This is a wonderful occasion supported also by the local community.





MINISTRY

Average attendance for Sunday services is approximately 40 people, with Wednesday services around 14. There are 72 families on the parish roll. We are very blessed to have five retired clergy as part of the parish, four who regularly help out as needed. There is a strong commitment to 'Jimboomba Prays' prayer nights, which are held quarterly and alternate across several different churches.

The church has strong ministry links to Emmaus College, directly across the road. Emmaus College is a prep to year 12 ecumenical private school, auspice by Brisbane Catholic Education and is served by Catholic, Uniting, Luthern and Anglican churches. Involvement includes leading liturgies, attendance at weekly staff meetings for prayer and pastoral needs from students, families and staff. We celebrate and value our relationship with the school.

Our Op Shop is also an important place of ministry and is operated by wonderful volunteers from the parish and community. We are regularly called upon to help families and individuals in need. Over the last few years the Op Shop has supported prison ministries with resources and funds.



PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUED

There are several Bible study groups in the parish and an active KYB (Know your Bible) group as well. Lenten Bible studies are held annually and additional learning opportunities are offered from time to time. The parish also supports monthly Friday social lunches and parish fun days, which are held offsite normally after the Sunday service.

Other ministry opportunities have included Jimmy's Carpark Café. This ministry commenced after noticing parents arriving up to an hour early waiting in St James carpark for school to end and collect their students. What started out as an attempt to connect with parents, quickly became a haven for students who enjoy a hot chocolate and social time after school. This is a fantastic outreach opportunity for the parish.

The parish has also taken the lead at a new Aged Care Facility (in the same street) to provide services each Wednesday afternoon and support for residents. Retired clergy and a St Francis student help with this ministry.

Parish Finances

The parish is in a stable financial position, with a small loan for the parish vehicle being the only debt.

The Op Shop and plate/pledge offerings match equally and is enough to pay for one full time parish priest and part time (two days per week) secretary.

The rectory is currently rented to a family in need at below market rental.

The new priest could choose to live onsite, or in the community with a housing allowance paid.

Rockin' Jimmy's car show also provides a boost to parish finances to enable more ministry in the community.



PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUED

Parish Structure

Our parish is supported by a part time administrator (two days per week), who looks after the administration and operational needs of the parish. The administrator also enters transactions into Xero (accounting software) for easy reconciliation by the treasurer.

Parish Council meets monthly, generally online, with the Priest, wardens, parish council members, treasurer and nominators.

The parish purchased a new vehicle in 2022 which is in very good condition. A trailer, two Zero-turn mowers (one brand new) and other associated maintenance equipment is owned by the parish and securely stored onsite at both churches.



Service Style

Our style of ministry is typically traditional Anglican worship interlaced with evangelical-style teaching, creating a unique and vibrant religious experience.

We follow the rich liturgical traditions of the Anglican Church, this style of worship embraces the beauty of ritual, sacred music, and formalised prayers. The familiar cadence of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' underpins the dynamic teaching style found in evangelical congregations.

Overall, it's a worship experience that combines the deep traditions of Anglicanism with the enthusiastic and relevant teaching style of evangelicals.

Saturday night services feature a small band with current praise and worship music.

Children and Young People are encouraged to participate at all services, both in serving, reading, intercessions, operating sound and IT equipment. Our Sunday services are live-streamed and watched by many.





WHY JIMBOOMBA?

Strengths

- Inclusive, welcoming, caring and friendly parish
- Parish priests have made good inroads to the community and have been involved with RSL to lead Anzac Day/Remembrance services, local emergency services, Rotary, local events and schools, which has allowed people outside of the church to access the service of a priest and church
- Good Lay leadership and support of services
- Strong sense of church family within the congregation, many young families attending
- Good ecumenical relationships in the Jimboomba and surrounds community

Needs

- Improve engagement with youth and youth programs
- More volunteers to support operation of parish
- Explore teaching opportunities
- Maintenance of site needs continual monitoring
- Engagement with new building subdivision adjoining St James and future developments around St John's Mundoolun



IS GOD CALLING?

We are looking for a parish priest who will nurture and grow the pastoral needs of the parish, be involved in the community, minister the sacraments and preach the gospel faithfully, whilst encouraging the parish to grow in their understanding of Christ's redeeming love for us.

We value someone who is committed to expositional preaching, teaching, sound doctrine and Biblical understanding of the gospel. Someone who understands the decision to follow Christ is urgent, costly and worth it.

A Biblical understanding of church membership and church discipline, not about building numbers but caring for each person who attends church.

A person who can build a good team around them to shepherd the parish into the future.



Helpful Links:

1. Jimboomba Anglican Website: <https://jimboombaanglican.org.au>
2. Jimboomba Parish History St James: <https://jimboombaanglican.org.au/the-parish/st-james/>
3. St John's Mundoolun History: <https://jimboombaanglican.org.au/the-parish/st-johns/>
4. Jimboomba History & Location: <https://www.logan.qld.gov.au/jimboomba#:~:text=options%20and%20more.,History,by%20Thomas%20Dowse%20in%201845.>
5. Jimboomba Census Data: <https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL31440>
6. Emmaus College: <https://www.emmausjimboomba.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>



CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have a sense that God may be calling you to the Parish of Jimboomba and would like to know more, please contact the Bishop for the Southern Region, Bishop John Roundhill



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