



THE **CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION**
ASPLEY - ALBANY CREEK ANGLICAN

PARISH
PROFILE

Christlike Hospitality

30 Ridley Road, Bridgeman Downs
www.aspley-albanycreek.org.au





THE CHURCH

Welcome to The Church of the Resurrection. You will find us in the beautiful suburb of Bridgeman Downs. The Church of the Resurrection was consecrated on 25 October 1981. It is the amalgamation of the Parish of Aspley and the Parish of Albany Creek, with the latter joining the Church at its present location in 1997.

The vacancy follows the retirement of the Reverend Nicholas Whereat, who, together with his wife Gwenn, faithfully served the Church from January 2015 to July 2024.

The Church sits on 1.7 acres at 30 Ridley Road, Bridgeman Downs. The site consists of the Church and the rectory, a hall, an office, a labyrinth, a Sacred Space and a Men's Shed. Our grounds boast large green spaces, mature trees and established gardens.

A detailed history of the Church is available to read on our website.

THE PARISH



IN A SNAPSHOT



99,343 Residents*



5 Public Schools



1 Anglican School
(immediately north
of parish border)



8 Nursing Homes &
Retirement Villages



1 Public Hospital
(immediately south
of parish border)

The Parish area is approximately 36 square kilometres, comprised of the suburbs of Albany Creek, Aspley, Bridgeman Downs, Carseldine and Eatons Hill, with the exception of a small portion of Aspley, to the east of Kirby Road (Zillmere Parish) and a small portion of Bridgeman Downs, to the north of Roghan Road (Sandgate–Northpoint Parish)

*2021 Census data

BRIDGEMAN DOWNS

Bridgeman Downs is located 15 kilometres north of Brisbane's CBD. The suburb is home to professionals, families with children and retirees.

The neighbourhood is widely known for its network of tree lined bikeways and walkways adjoining Cabbage Tree Creek and surrounding areas. Its residents enjoy a tranquil suburban lifestyle.

Bridgeman Downs is within convenient proximity to local shopping centres and cafes, as well as the larger Westfield Chermside shopping and dining precinct.

The prestigious St Pauls School (pre-prep to year 12) is an Anglican, co-educational school, approximately 10 minutes' drive north of the Church.

The Priest will have the opportunity to reside on site at the Rectory or at the Church's alternate residence in the neighbouring suburb of Warner.



Christlike HOSPITALITY

It is our vision that our parishioners and guests will experience Christlike Hospitality when worshipping at The Church of the Resurrection.

While we are always learning what it means to truly be Christlike in our Hospitality, we see this as having two layers. The first being that we hope to welcome all who come to the Church or onto the grounds of the Church warmly and sincerely. Secondly, we trust that our friendship and fellowship will be recognisable in all we do in the wider community. Fundamentally, we hope that our welcome communicates the love of Christ Jesus our Lord.

*“Above all love
each other
deeply, because
love covers
over a
multitude of
sins.”*



*Offer
hospitality to
one another
without
grumbling.”*

1 Peter 4:8-9

MINISTRY

The Church offers three celebrations of Holy Communion each week.

Saturdays 5:00pm

Our Saturday evening Eucharist embraces the Jewish notion that the day starts at dusk and is characterised by tones of gentle contemplation. Parishioners embrace the ambience by sitting quietly in prayer and meditation before the service commences.

The service is a full, traditional Eucharist and uses the readings set for the Sunday service. We primarily worship with the spoken word alone; there are no hymns sung during the service. While this is a quiet service, we still love for children to come along, and find their liveliness refreshes the energy of the older members of the congregation.

Sundays 8:30am

A traditional sung Eucharist is offered on the second and fifth Sundays of the month. This service embraces the liturgical traditions of the Anglican Church. A more contemporary, family-oriented service is offered on the first, third and fourth Sundays of the month. Each service is enriched with a live musical accompaniment to the hymns.

Parishioners enjoy fellowship following the service with morning tea together on the terrace adjoining the Church.

Our Sunday service is also live-streamed on our YouTube channel, attracting an average of 40 views each Sunday.

Wednesdays 9:00am

Our Wednesday morning service offers a simple Eucharist with the readings set for Wednesday. Parishioners enjoy a short reflection on the readings rather than a sermon. There are no hymns and the service tends to have a more contemplative tone. We love to gather in the back of the Church after worship for refreshments and great conversation.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our children are widely embraced by the Church

We are blessed with a devoted Children's Ministry team. Every Sunday a 'Children's Talk' is delivered by either the Priest or a member of the Children's Ministry team. This talk examines a reading from the service in an engaging and age-appropriate manner. On the first and third Sunday of the month, the children are then invited upstairs to the gallery to participate in 'Godly Play'. Children are free to respond to the message in the way that best suits their individual creativity, through art, the desert box or materials from the story.

Craft activities and children's activity sheets are available in the children's creche area at the back of the Church for children to engage with, which are reflective of the scripture reading.

Each week the children are encouraged up front to take part in the service by providing a musical accompaniment to the final hymn. Their talents are often wanting, but their enthusiasm puts a smile on many faces! The children leave with the Priest and Liturgical Assistant to join them in prayer at the back of the Church.



OTHER MINISTRIES

Our Church is blessed to offer or support a number of other Ministries

Community Ministries

We offer or support a number of community ministries, including Mother's Union, Sacred Space, Meditation and Environmental Groups, Men's Shed, Classes for Seniors and Godly Play.

Pastoral Care and Nursing Home Ministry

Our Pastoral Care Team offer home communion. The Priest administers Holy Communion at seven nursing homes or retirement villages each month. We also have a prayer chain to support our Parishioners.

Study Groups

We offer a Lenten study and an Advent study each year. In addition, a number of small study groups meet regularly to study the Bible and other Anglican study resources.

Community Outreach

Many of our parishioners contribute to the Chermside Pantry weekly and to Meals on Wheels monthly. At Christmas we contribute to the Angel Tree Prison Fellowship.

Special Services

We offer a number of special services during the year, including during Holy Week, an ANZAC service, an All Souls service and a Christingle service.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION and SUPPORT

The Priest will receive a number of supports to assist them in their role



Parish Administrator
Monday to Thursday
8:30am to 3:00pm



Parish Vehicle
For the use of the Priest



Wardens
Meets monthly
2nd Thursday, 7:00pm



Liturgical Assistance
Volunteer, rotational basis



Parish Council
Meets monthly
3rd Thursday, 7:00pm



Musicians
Paid and volunteer, rotational basis



Liturgy Committee
Meets bi-monthly
Sunday, following the service



Technological Assistance
Remunerated on an hourly basis



Pastoral Care Coordinator
Volunteer role



New office building project
Due to be completed end 2024



Rectory
30a Ridley Road, Bridgeman Downs, or
35 Brisbane Road, Warner



Property Maintenance
Mowing roster, gardening group
and regular working bees.



The Church



Coffee Catch Up



The Hall



Men's Shed



Church Entrance



Art Class with Ms Gwenn



Wednesday Fellowship



Memorial Garden and Labyrinth



Godly Play Space

EXPECTATIONS OF OUR NEW PRIEST

It is incumbent upon any Church to grow its membership in order to ensure its continued existence in subsequent generations. There is a need for regeneration in the Church of the Resurrection, which largely features an older congregation. Bridgeman Downs and its surrounds are experiencing significant housing development. Engaging with this growing community to enhance our congregation will be an important and exciting challenge for our new Priest. In taking up this opportunity, it is our expectation that our new Priest will:

- Have a great love for God and live out an infectious, life-transforming faith;
- Be committed and passionate about working with parishioners to grow our parish;
- Embrace our vision of Christlike Hospitality and develop our strategic vision;
- Be willing to offer both traditional and more contemporary Anglican worship;
- Be both a leader and a servant; someone who will invest in the spiritual talents of the congregation to collaboratively achieve our goals to serve God and his Church;
- Be a champion of our community - explore ways to connect with the local State schools and the neighbouring St Pauls Anglican School, as well as the local community, to grow our congregation;
- Be an effective communicator, both in preaching the word of God and in the routine management of Church affairs; an ability to resolve differences in a respectful and empathetic manner;
- Recognise each member of the congregation, appreciate their spiritual gifts and nurture their life of faith; and
- Have sound administration and technological skills.

A large, leafy tree with a thick trunk and many branches, casting a shadow on the grass. In the background, there is a black metal fence, a red car, and a white car. To the left, there is a white building with a blue object on the wall. The sky is clear and blue.

IS GOD CALLING YOU HERE?

If you feel God is calling you to know The Church of the Resurrection, we warmly invite you to contact Bishop Sarah Plowman.

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