



**The Anglican Parish of
Caloundra-Glasshouse Country**

Anglican Diocese of Brisbane

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PARISH VISION

Our Parish seeks to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

MISSION STATEMENT

To share our Christian faith and values in love with one another; connecting the love of God with our community.

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ATTRIBUTES FOR OUR PARISH PRIEST

- Has a personal relationship with God. Is willing to proclaim the Gospel and faithfully minister the Sacraments.
- Has a love of Our God, God`s Word, His people and a desire to serve with humility and dignity.
- Has the ability to relate, respect and nurture all members of the congregation, and can connect with the local and wider communities.
- Has the capacity to be a good listener and the ability to work collaboratively with others.
- Has the initiative to be an enterprising leader who will inspire others to think and plan judiciously for the future.
- Will support and adhere to Diocesan Policies and Procedures, which translates to Parish implementation.

HISTORY

In approximately 1914 Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian services were held at the Caloundra Primary School. During 1926 Reverend R.G. Walker rode his horse into Caloundra to hold monthly ecumenical services in Maltman's Hall and later at the School of Arts.

The first St. Andrew's Church was erected, completed and dedicated in 1939 largely due to the efforts of the then Archbishop, The Most Reverend J.W.C. Wand, who had a particular knowledge of the small township of Caloundra, as he sometimes spent holidays with his friends Governor Sir Leslie and Lady Wilson, in their home at Dicky Beach. The Patron Saint, St. Andrew, was chosen as being specifically appropriate for Caloundra, with Andrew being a fisherman who went on to become a missionary. At this time Caloundra was but an insignificant little centre in a distant corner of the Parish. Palmwoods was the centre of the Parish and the home of the Parish Priest. Caloundra looked forward to one day having its own Priest.

In 1961 Father Reg Mills agreed to live in three different parts of the Parish. Caloundra Vicarage named "Stewardon" would become the official Vicarage and he would sleep there three nights a week while ministering in the Caloundra-Mooloolah-Landsborough part of the Parish. One night each week he would sleep at Maleny whilst ministering to the fold there and the other three nights would be spent at the Palmwoods Vicarage whilst he ministered to the parts of the Parish – Palmwoods-Montville-Maroochydore-Mooloolaba and Buderim.

In 1965, St. Andrew's Parochial District was raised to the status of a Parish. The foundation stone of the new St. Andrew's Church was laid by then Archbishop of Brisbane, Philip Strong, on 10th December, 1966 and the new building was dedicated by him a year later on 8th December, 1967.

St Thomas' Mooloolah began around 1925, when a small group of Anglican women discussed the possibility of building a Church in Mooloolah. They formed a Guild in order to get things happening. After much fundraising the Anglican Church of St Thomas' was built and dedicated on the 15th April 1927.

Most of the Churches held Services in the local hall before this, and later, in the 1930's, St Thomas' Church was shared with the Methodist congregation of Mooloolah.

St Thomas' Mooloolah came under the Maroochy Parish from 1923 to 1928. Since then, it has been attached to the Parishes of Maleny, Palmwoods and now Caloundra.

The "Glasshouse Country" district, now part of the Anglican Parish of Caloundra and Glasshouse Country, consists generally of the railway corridor townships of Mooloolah, Landsborough, Beerwah, Glasshouse Mountains and Beerburrum, and west to Peachester. Until the early 1990s, the southern part of the district (from Beerwah south, and including Peachester) was part of Caboolture Parish.

All these small churches were struggling to maintain their congregations, and the decision was made in the mid 1990s to create a combined Provisional Parish of Glasshouse Country. While maintaining St Thomas' at Mooloolah as a worship centre for the northern end, the southern

centres were consolidated into one larger Anglican community, worshipping at the Mary MacKillop Catholic Centre at Beerwah.

The three small churches at Beerwah, Glasshouse Mountains and Landsborough were eventually sold for removal, and our ecumenical partnership with the Beerwah Catholic community was developed into a more formal agreement. (The church at Peachester was destroyed by a cyclone in 1963.)

A demountable building now known as the Anglican Annexe, was purchased and established next to the Catholic Church in 1996/97. In 1998 a major celebration was organised, and the Anglican and Catholic Archbishops both attended to bless the new building and the ecumenical partnership.

In June 1993 Mooloolah and Glasshouse Country joined with Caloundra to form the Anglican Parish of Caloundra – Glasshouse Country.

THE CALOUNDRA COMMUNITY

Caloundra is a picturesque coastal city on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, known for its stunning beaches, laid-back atmosphere, and rich natural beauty. Popular spots include Kings Beach, Bulcock Beach, and Moffat Beach, offering opportunities for swimming, surfing, and family-friendly activities. The city boasts scenic coastal walks, including the famous Caloundra Coastal Walk, and a variety of cafes, markets, and art galleries. Its relaxed vibe, coupled with access to outdoor adventures, makes Caloundra a favourite destination for both tourists and locals seeking a beachside escape.



Over the past 20 years, Caloundra has experienced notable demographic shifts driven by both population growth and changing age profiles. The city has seen a surge in younger families, particularly in new housing estates in areas like Caloundra West, Baringa, Nirimba and Banya in Aura. These developments have contributed to a rise in the city's population, with a growth rate of

about 9.8% in recent years. However, the beachside suburbs of Caloundra and Golden Beach still maintain a significant older population, with a high median age and many residents over 60.

Alongside this, there has been an influx of young families drawn to the more affordable housing in newer suburbs. This has resulted in a more mixed demographic, blending the established older communities with a growing number of younger, working-age individuals and children.

The city's population has steadily increased from around 236,000 in 2006 to over 365,000 in 2023, reflecting broader trends across the Sunshine Coast. This blend of aging beachside populations and growing young families inland continues to shape the city's social and political landscape.



The Glasshouse Mountains area, located in Queensland's Sunshine Coast hinterland, is renowned for its striking volcanic peaks and lush national park. Towns and villages such as Beerwah, Glass House Mountains Village, and Landsborough offer a relaxed, rural lifestyle. The region is popular for outdoor activities like hiking, rock climbing, and exploring scenic lookouts, with Mount Tibrogargan and Mount Ngungun being standout attractions. The area has a mix of families, retirees, and professionals seeking tranquillity. Rich in Indigenous heritage, the Glasshouse Mountains hold cultural significance and attract nature enthusiasts seeking a blend of history, natural beauty, and small-town charm.

<https://www.tallyroom.com.au/qld2024/caloundra2024>

https://www.citypopulation.de/en/australia/sunshinecoast/316021419_caloundra_kings_beach/

<https://profile.id.com.au/sunshine-coast/population-estimate>

LOCATIONS OF THE PARISH CHURCHES

Caloundra-Glasshouse Country is a parish with three worship centres. They are Caloundra, Mooloolah and Beerwah. Mooloolah and Beerwah centres are called Glasshouse Country. There are 147 families on the roll at Caloundra and 57 families at Mooloolah and Beerwah.



Caloundra (St. Andrew's) is situated in Upper Gay Terrace, Caloundra.



Mooloolah (St. Thomas') is situated in 31 Bray Road, Mooloolah.



Beerwah congregation worships at the Mary MacKillop Catholic Centre, Peachester Road, Beerwah.

REGULAR PARISH AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

ANGLICAN FRENDS is a group of friends who meet regularly for a variety of social activities.

3rd Tuesday of the month, usually 2pm. Contact: Val B

BRING & BUY is an outreach activity with all monies going to designated charities/missions. Parish friends bring items, for supporters to buy.

3rd Sunday of the month, 10am at Mary MacKillop Centre. Contact: Ted & Eunice

CHURCH SERVICES:

Sunday , 7am & 9am	Eucharist	St Andrew's
Sunday , 9.30am	Eucharist	Mary MacKillop Centre
1st Sunday , 4pm	Evening Worship	St Thomas'
3rd Friday , 4.30pm	Healing Service	St Andrew's
Last Sunday , 5.30pm	Evening Worship	Peachester Community
Wednesday , 9am	Eucharist/Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
2nd Saturday , 6pm	Taizé Service	St Andrew's (Bring a torch. Contact: Wendy O'B

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Wednesdays, 7am to 9am at St Andrew's Church Hall.

HEALING SERVICE

3rd Friday of the month at 4:30 pm at St Andrew's.

HOME GROUPS operate throughout the parish.

- **1st and 3rd Thursday**, 9.30am at Golden Beach. Contact: Helene B-D
- **Fortnightly Saturday**, 11am at 7 Whitehaven Way Pelican Waters. Contact Leanne H
- **Fortnightly Wednesday**, 2pm at Glasshouse Country. Contact: Heather S

MEDITATION GROUP – ST ANDREW'S

Wednesdays, 9.45am in the Lady Chapel - Contact: Deacon Di W for information.

MORNING TEA - BEERWAH

2nd Sunday of the month, 10.30am at Mary MacKillop Centre. Contact: Heather S

MOTHERS' UNION

2nd Tuesday of the month, 10am at St Andrew's. Contact: Helene B-D

MUSIC - Friday Choir Practice at 3pm at St Andrew's Church. Contact Anne B

- **Sunshine Singers, every second Friday 10.00am** during school term time

NURSING HOME SERVICES are held at seven locations throughout the parish.

1st Tuesday of the month, 10am at Southern Cross

1st Thursday of the month, 10.30am at Aminya

3rd Tuesday of the month, 9.15am at Centaur

3rd Tuesday of the month, 2pm at Currimundi Gardens

4th Tuesday of the month, 9am at Seasons

4th Thursday of the month, 10.30am at St Mary's

Thursday 9.30am Glasshouse Views, monthly by roster

PRAYERS & SQUARES - 1st Tuesday of the month, 1pm at St Andrew's. Contact: Heather C

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Mondays, 1.30pm at Golden Beach. Contact: Jean W

WORKING GROUPS meet regularly throughout the month. Communication can be made via the Parish Office or to the contact person if listed.

Parish Council 4th Saturday of the month, 8.30am at St Andrew's Church Hall

Finance Committee/ET 3rd Friday prior to Parish Council at 12pm. Contact Parish Office

Building Advisory Committee Monthly by agreement. Contact: Peter K

Project Task Group Contact: John T

Communications Committee monthly by agreement. Contact: Leanne

St Andrew's Gardeners fortnightly. Contact: Ken M

PARISH STATISTICS

Average Sunday Communicants – Caloundra 80-90 and Beerwah – 20-30 Total 100-120.

Average Mid-week Communicants – Mooloolah– 12-15

STAFF

CLERGY

We don't have a Priest in Charge at present, however our Locum Tenens is The Reverend Ingrid Busk.

ASSOCIATE CLERGY

Reverend Tony Halstead (PTO) officiates at Glasshouse Country (Mooloolah & Beerwah) and attends to their Pastoral Care needs.

Reverend Dr Ray Barraclough (PTO) officiates at St. Andrew's at two services a month.

Reverend Jeanette Jamieson-Foard (PTO) has been a Locum Tenens in the Parish several times.

Reverend Bill Redmond (PTO) is newly retired to the Parish.

Reverend Diana Ware is a Retired Deacon.

OTHER STAFF

The Parish Office is situated underneath the Rectory which is next door to St. Andrew's Church. It is staffed from 9am to 5pm by Parish Administrator, Mrs. Sandy Hatton, every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Finance/ Compliance Officer, Ms Andrea Barton, every Monday and Friday. There are a few volunteers who assist with other administration support when needed.

VOLUNTEERS

There is a good involvement by parishioners in organising and running the many activities offered within the Parish.

AUDIO VISUAL

Sunday morning services at St Andrews are projected to screen and live streamed by Facebook/Zoom to be available for those unable to attend services in person.

BUILDINGS

The main church is St. Andrew's in Caloundra, which can seat approximately 180 worshippers. Adjoining the main church is the small Lady Chapel. In the connecting hall area, accessed from the main church, there are concertina walls which can be closed to create two separate rooms. On a Sunday morning, one is used as a morning tea area and the other can be used for Sunday School. Off this hall on one side, is a storage area and work utility room. On the other side, is a fully equipped kitchen. Outside the hall is a lovely shady verandah which overlooks the elevated playground. The church, and both female and male toilets are wheel- chair friendly.



Behind the Sanctuary are two rooms – one is the Vestry and the other the priest's office.

Next door to the church is the Rectory which is a three-bedroom, brick home. Upstairs are 3 bedrooms, including the main with an ensuite, lounge, dining room, kitchen, family area and downstairs is the Parish Office. The Parish leases a Toyota Corolla Hybrid for the Priest in Charge.



Beerwah House



Rectory & Parish Office

(Please note that car port is no longer in existence)

A four-bedroom home in the township of Beerwah, built in 2017, was purchased with the proceeds from the sale of an older style house in Landsborough. This Beerwah house is tenanted and managed by a local real estate agent, which gives the Parish an income stream.

St. Thomas` is a lovely old country church in Mooloolah on a large block of land, in the heart of the Mooloolah Valley.



St Thomas'

The Mary MacKillop Catholic Church and Annexe are located at Beerwah. The Annexe, previously owned by the Anglican Diocese, is now owned by the Catholic Diocese. There is an agreement in place between the Catholic and Anglican Dioceses so that the Anglicans have use of the Church for their Sunday services and use of the Annexe. The Annexe has one large meeting room, a kitchen and an office.



The Annexe

PARISH MINISTRY GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

Anglican Frenz – offers fun, fellowship and friendship for the ladies of the Parish and friends.

Bring and Buy – is an outreach activity with all the monies going to designated charities/missions.

Bush Church Aid – Caloundra and Glasshouse Country – an outreach raising much needed funds for the ministry, to assist with the spreading of God's Word, to 29 mission fields throughout the remote parts of our land.

Community Breakfast – every Wednesday 7am to 9am at St Andrew's Hall, focusing on assistance to the needy and homeless.

Cursillo – those parishioners who have attended a Cursillo weekend, attend regular meetings both in Caloundra and Glasshouse Country.

Home Groups - all these groups are well attended and enjoy good fellowship and spiritual growth.

Meditation Group – Every Wednesday at 9.45am in the Lady Chapel St Andrew's

Men's Dinner Group – currently in abeyance.

Morning Tea – Beerwah – held on 2nd Sunday of each month.

Mother's Union-Caloundra – Held on 2nd Tuesday of each month at St Andrew's. The Mothers' Union has operated as a prayerful group within the Parish of Caloundra/Glasshouse Country, since the early 1980's, and currently has 24 members which forms part of the Mothers' Union Sunshine Coast Deanery. Mothers' Union are also involved with Baptisms and Confirmations, conducting pre-Baptism instruction, being present for the ceremony, and, via the Cradle Roll, remaining connected with children baptised in the Parish.

Music – Friday afternoon practice at St Andrew's church at 3pm. Sunshine Singers Dementia choir is held every second Friday 10.00am at St Andrew's.

Nursing Home Services – these are held at seven locations throughout the parish and are conducted by licenced Liturgical Assistants.

Pastoral Care-Caloundra and Glasshouse Country – The Parish roll is divided so that each leader has a small number of Parishioners to look after, so that contact and care are maintained, and they are aware when the person is not well, in hospital, needing a visit by a Priest, or unable to attend a Church service for a particular reason.

Prayers for the parish – Mondays at 1.30pm Golden Beach.

Prayers and Squares-Caloundra and Glasshouse Country - quilts are lovingly made to give physical, emotional and spiritual comfort and strength to anyone in need.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

We have 3 Home Groups operating throughout the Parish offering Bible Studies and discussions on faith.

Throughout the year we also have social and fund-raising activities which includes Trivia Nights, and various Musical Concerts.

COMMUNITY

Two community groups meet regularly in the St. Andrew's Church Hall. They are Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Compassionate Friends. A Community Breakfast is held each Wednesday from 7.00am until 9.00am at St. Andrew's.

MISSION SUPPORT

Bush Church Aid through money boxes.

We also support a different mission each quarter of the year.

GOVERNMENT FUNDED OUTREACH (COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH)

St. Andrew's Care is a government funded agency offering assistance for home maintenance and minor modifications in the homes of frail aged, young disabled and their carers. It has an office off Bulcock Street and is operated by three paid staff members, 3 temporary staff and one volunteer who works two days a week. There is also a workshop in George Street manned by a contractor. The Priest in Charge of the Parish is a member of the Management Committee, which includes four parishioners and a former Treasurer.



Music Concert



Taize Service



Mothers' Union



Trivia Night



Fish & Chips for St. Andrew's Day



Celebrating St Thomas' 95-year anniversary

PARISH LINKS

Our link with the companion Diocese of Wellington New Zealand is affirmed each year with the visit of a family from Wellington who holiday here on a regular basis.

The Parish website: www.caloundra.anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanChurchCaloundraGlasshouseCountry>

We also have two group pages: Glasshouse Country Anglican Churches and St Andrew's Anglican Church Caloundra

Email Address: caloundra@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish has the following administrative structure which was appointed/elected at or after the AGM held in February 2024. They are: 1 – Priest’s Warden; 2 Church Wardens; 1 District Warden; 3 Parish Nominators; 9 Parish Councillors; 2 Synod Representatives; and a Finance Committee. There is also a Parish Office Administrator and a Finance/Compliance Officer.

PARISH FINANCES

The 2024 financial budget for the Parish will be available if required.

OTHER INFORMATION

We have a band of very dedicated volunteers in our Parish who quietly and efficiently maintain ministries on various rosters – Church Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Sides persons/Welcomers, Readers, Liturgical Assistants, Servers, Sacristans, Gardeners, Sound and Data Projector Operators, Choir, Organists and Morning Tea Servers. Others have taken on the responsibility for collections for the Chaplaincy Funds, Bush Ministry Fund and Bush Church Aid. The Building Advisory Committee continues to meet regularly to maintain the buildings of the Parish. The Finance Committee, which works in place of a Treasurer, comprises of the Priest, 3 Wardens, District Warden and Finance/ Compliance Officer meets monthly

The Parish publishes a quarterly Newsletter entitled “Mountain and Sea”, which is in abeyance at present. Groups from across the Parish submit articles and photos of Parish activities.

We are a welcoming Parish offering friendship and care for the community at large. As a Parish, with many of our Parishioners in the older age bracket, the challenge is to maintain and minister to our congregation, nurture our existing Parishioners, and spreading the Good News of our faith to the wider community. There are new housing estates within the Parish boundaries and expanding rapidly. These include the new “Aura Estate” in Caloundra South which is said to become bigger than Caloundra City. Aura is an area many young families are calling home.

The Mooloolah and Beerwah districts are also experiencing significant growth in population and popularity, with East Beerwah emerging over the next 5-10 years.

While these new estates offer our Parish an opportunity for growth, one of the challenges we face is to find the path to connect and reach out to people coming into this area while ensuring we do not neglect our existing parishioners. Whilst we appreciate making some initial contact in Aura, we as a Parish, are mindful of the ministries our Priest in Charge provides weekly at Caloundra and Glasshouse Country.

For further information please contact Bishop Sarah Plowman, Bishop for the Northern Region

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