

Position Available: Community-focused Clergy Leader

St Augustine's Anglican Parish, Palmwoods

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Are you ready to make a meaningful impact within a thriving community while balancing your other commitments? St Augustine's in beautiful Palmwoods is seeking a compassionate and dynamic clergy leader to guide us in a part-time capacity, dedicating one to two days a week to fostering growth, connection, and spiritual leadership.

Our parish is supported by a forward-thinking and collaborative Parish Council, united by a shared goal: to grow together and make a difference. ***With an emphasis on innovation and community involvement, this is your chance to contribute to something extraordinary while maintaining flexibility in your schedule.***



Why Palmwoods?

Palmwoods is a vibrant and picturesque residential centre offering the best of both worlds. Located just a short drive from the Sunshine Coast's stunning beaches and nestled amid lush hinterland rainforests, the town is a hub of arts, crafts, and nature. With a growing population and new developments, Palmwoods is brimming with opportunities to connect with a diverse and welcoming community.

Palmwoods is approximately 80 minutes north of Brisbane via the Bruce Highway, 40 minutes south of Noosa and an hour south of Gympie.

Palmwoods' history dates back to the late 19th century when the district's fertile land attracted settlers who cultivated orchards and farms. Today, it's a thriving town with modern

amenities, boutique cafes, and a mix of long-time residents and newcomers drawn to its charm.

Recent years have seen a major expansion in Palmwoods with many people moving to the area. Several new housing estates have been developed, an Over 50's Village of 200 odd villas is under construction, several new restaurants and cafes have opened, Woolworths is beginning construction of a supermarket and a new shopping development is slated for construction in the new year. Significant population growth continues, providing exciting opportunities for community engagement and ministry.

At the 2021 census Palmwoods had a population of 6,357, with

- 2381 people aged over 50.
- 1886 people aged 15 to 49
- 1129 school age children

These statistics indicate that there is a good balance of young and old in the community and significant population growth at both ends of the spectrum is set to continue.

About St Augustine's

Our History: Established in 1925, St Augustine's has a rich legacy of serving the Palmwoods community. While societal changes have impacted church attendance, our congregation remains steadfast in its commitment to fellowship, worship, and outreach.

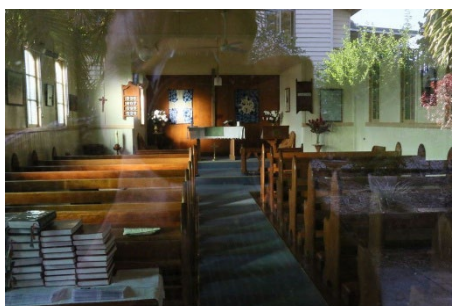
Community Connection: A key part of our outreach is the St Augustine's Op Shop, which serves as a vital ministry in funding a school chaplain at both Palmwoods and nearby Woombye State Schools.

Facilities for Growth:

- A well-maintained church building at 13 Hill Street.
- A rented rectory providing stable income.

Worship and Fellowship:

- Weekly services with a congregation of approximately 25-30 dedicated members.
- Opportunities to innovate and attract younger generations and families.
- Retirement villages are now becoming a feature of the area.
- A welcoming community that values harmony, inclusiveness, and care.



Duties and Responsibilities

A priest working one to two days per week at St Augustine's Anglican Parish, Palmwoods, may focus on some of the following:

- 1. Prepare and Deliver Sermons**
Provide inspiring and biblically grounded sermons for worship services that nurture the congregation's faith.
- 2. Lead Worship Services**
Conduct Anglican liturgical services, including Holy Communion, and facilitate other rites such as baptisms, funerals, and weddings.
- 3. Pastoral Care and Home Visits**
Offer pastoral support to members of the congregation through home visits, hospital visits, or phone calls, with particular attention to those in need of comfort or guidance.
- 4. Community Outreach**
Engage with the wider Palmwoods community through outreach initiatives, fostering connections with local organisations and individuals.
- 5. Support Spiritual Growth**
Facilitate Bible studies, prayer meetings, or other faith-building initiatives to strengthen the spiritual life of the parish.
- 6. Administrative Duties**
Collaborate with the Parish Council, wardens, and other leaders to oversee parish operations, contribute to decision-making, and support ongoing projects.
- 7. Attend Parish Events**
Participate in parish gatherings and events to build relationships within the church community and encourage active involvement.
- 8. Special Services and Additional Duties**
Preside over weddings and funerals as needed, with the understanding that any contributions from families for these services will go directly to the priest as additional remuneration.

Flexible Commitment

This position is part-time, requiring a commitment of one to two days per week. It is an ideal role for someone seeking a meaningful opportunity to make a difference in a welcoming parish while balancing other professional or personal pursuits. Above-standard rates of compensation are offered to honour the priest's valuable contributions.

How to Apply

If you're inspired by the opportunity to lead with heart and purpose in a vibrant, growing community, we'd love to hear from you. Send your expression of interest to:

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