



PARISH PROFILE

2025

St Laurence's
Anglican Church

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Caboolture
QLD
4510



Introduction

At St Laurence's we are everyday people seeking to do life God's way and proclaim his love to our community. We love coming together each week in worship and having a cuppa afterwards.



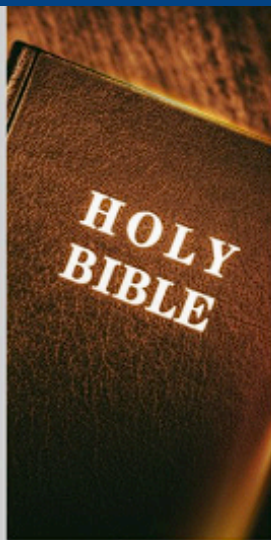
About Caboolture

Nestled in the heart of Queensland's Moreton Bay Region, Caboolture is a vibrant and welcoming community that boasts a perfect blend of natural beauty, cultural richness, and modern conveniences. The area is renowned for its strong sense of community spirit, with friendly locals who take pride in their town's heritage.

Caboolture's strategic location provides easy access to both Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast, making it an ideal spot for those seeking a peaceful yet connected lifestyle. The town is home to a range of excellent amenities, including a number of state and private schools as well as a TAFE and university facilities (QUT), private and public hospitals and multiple specialist Hub, and shopping centres, ensuring that all your daily needs are met.

Outdoor enthusiasts will find plenty to love in Caboolture, with numerous parks, nature reserves, and walking trails to explore. The Caboolture River is perfect for kayaking, fishing, and picnicking, providing a tranquil retreat for nature lovers. There is a large range of sporting facilities to cater for juniors and seniors, along with the well supported State Equestrian Centre. Additionally, the vibrant arts and cultural scene in Caboolture is highlighted by the return of the annual Urban Country Music Festival, which attracts visitors from all over the country, as does The Abby Medieval Festival.





Our Mission

When Jesus taught us how to pray, He said, *"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."* We believe that as a parish, we are called to live out this mission daily in the community around us.

School Chaplaincy
Nursing Home Services
Christmas Day Lunch
Three Services Line Dancing Sunday School
Prison Chaplaincy Lunch Bunch Youth Group
Hope Events Markets
Men's nights Bible Studies
Hospital chaplaincy
Christmas Carols
Mother's Union
Prayer Shawls

LOVE GOD
LOVE PEOPLE
LOVE LIFE

Our Beliefs

We are a **mission focused** church called to proclaim God's good news in Caboolture.

We believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth; Jesus Christ the Son of God; and the Holy Spirit.

- **Genesis 1:1; Matthew 28:19**

We believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross, was buried and, in body, rose again on the third day.

- **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

We believe that God loved the world so much that he sent his son Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins so that if we believe in him, we may have eternal life with him.

- **John 3:16**

We believe in the active work of the Holy Spirit to convict, regenerate, assure, transform and empower His people.

- **John 16:8, John 3:5-6, Rom 8:16, 2 Cor 3:18, Acts 1:8**

We believe the mission of the church is God's mission to be a light to the world and testify His love through word and deed.

- **Matt 28:16-20**

We believe our lives are built on the foundation of the Bible. We are thankful that many have walked this journey before us throughout history in whom we can learn from in both knowledge and sacrifice.

We believe in being a community where everyone is respected and has the freedom to explore their Christian faith in the face of the greatest act of love found on the cross of Jesus Christ.

Parish Description

Our parish values a good sacramental ministry, with strong biblical preaching that encourages people to step out in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are committed to helping people come into a saving relationship with Jesus and to grow in that relationship so that we can reach out more into a community that needs to know His love.

Our parish values all ages and seeks to minister to people according to their individual needs. We believe the church should provide opportunities for both traditional and contemporary worship. The parish family is made up of people of Anglican and non Anglican backgrounds who have decided to make St. Laurence's their spiritual home.

In the more recent years, there has been an increase in attendance at all services offered. We have within our parish a number of retired priests who are willing to lead our parish in services when needed.



Traditional Holy Communion (attendance 40 – 60) mainly over 60's. This service uses 1st order APBA with hymns from the AHB. Music is supplied through an organist and use of video clips.

Contemporary Holy Communion (attendance 40 – 60) multicultural with a wide age group including young families to over 60's. This service uses 1st order Holy Communion. It includes a quiet reflection/worship time after the sermon. The music team at this service includes a keyboard player, guitarists and drums. They use a wide variety of modern songs.

Wednesday service is a Prayer Book Service APBA with Holy Communion (1st order) intended to be more accessible to those who find Sunday mornings difficult (attendance 15-25). This service follows a prayer group that meets at 8am.

Finances

The past ten years have seen the parish become debt free and we are now in a positive financial position. Our sources of income are the weekly offering, through the plate or direct deposit, monthly markets, recycling drink containers, hall rental and rent from Anglicare for office space on site, and the generosity of a line dancing group.

We have been able to do upgrades in the church, with new carpet in the main body of the church, vinyl flooring in the entry and at the back of the church, and the addition of air conditioning to make a more comfortable place for worship in the hot summer months. We have installed a 10 KWH solar system to help offset costs.

We employ a full time priest, a part time associate lay minister and a part time cleaner.

We give parish contributions to the diocese each year and donate to a number of missions.

Full audited figures on the accounts as at the end of 2024 are available on request.

Building, Grounds & Equipment

All the buildings are in a **good state of repair**. The church, hall, offices and Anglicare office complex are all on the one site but with different street frontage.

The church currently **does not own a rectory**. The parish has covered past priest living off site allowances.

The church has seating for about **230 people** with an AV system used each Sunday.

The hall is used primarily for **parish activities** and is also rented out to community groups.

The church office consists of **three office spaces**, a kitchen with dining room table and a shared patio and backyard with Anglicare.

The computer systems are **up to date** and our systems and procedures have been developed in consultation with the diocese.

The church currently owns a **Hyundai i35** purchased new in 2011. This car will be replaced in the future as required.



Building, Grounds & Equipment



Staff



Rector

Currently Vacant
Full time stipend position.



Associate Lay Minister

Part time stipend position.



Cleaner

Casual position (18hrs per month)

There is a team of lay people who give many hours per week maintaining the gardens, lawns and the upkeep of the Parish grounds and buildings, as well as setting the church up for and assisting in services.

Social Media



Website

Our church website can be found at www.cabooltureanglican.com. It is an active site that is slowly being developed to not only help people engage with us but also find resources that will help them in their walk with God.



Facebook Page

With over 700 followers, our Facebook page is the main way we communicate with our members and the community around us.



Live Streaming

We have been experimenting with live streaming our 8am service each week. We have had positive engagement and are looking to grow this space.

Characteristics of the Priest that we are Seeking

- Be able to preach the word of God fervently while honouring the sacramental traditions of the church and encouraging people to be open to the gifts of the Spirit.
- Be comfortable with running both traditional and contemporary services and be prepared to explore new ways of 'being church'.
- Computer literacy would be extremely helpful but not essential.

The priest would need to work with a team of lay people to ensure that the following could be achieved:

- ensure that every member of the congregation, regardless of their age or situation, is receiving pastoral care, including Home Communion.
- to share the gospel of Jesus and to encourage and equip the people of this parish to share their faith in both words and actions.
- identify the gifts and abilities of the parishioners and to release them into ministry opportunities both within the parish and outside the parish.

The priest would provide leadership so that the parish can reach out into the community with the love of Jesus. Therefore, the priest should:

- Have a strong desire to reach out into a community that has strong social needs. These needs include:
 - Homelessness.
 - Drug and alcohol abuse.
 - Broken and dysfunctional families.
 - Youth who are not coping within the Education system.
- Be able to work with a prison chaplain who is part of our congregation, and who we want to assist in his ministry both within the prison and outside the prison. (There is a significant number of families living in the Caboolture area who have relatives who are either inmates in the Woodford Correctional Centre, or are ex-inmates.)
- Be able to work with the school chaplain by encouraging them in their ministry and looking for ways of connecting the church with the school.
- Be able to maintain and strengthen the relationship between the parish and our local Anglicare agency (Mothers Union works closely with Anglicare, organising gifts at both Easter and Christmas for children in crisis care).
- Support our hospital chaplain.