



## **The Anglican Church Southern Queensland Parish of Beaudesert**

**Incorporating St Thomas' Church Beaudesert,  
All Saints' Memorial Church Tamrookum  
and St David's Church Rathdowney**



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*We seek to encourage deeper commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord  
and Saviour through openness to the Holy Spirit*

# **BEAUDESERT PARISH PROFILE 2025**

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Aerial Photo of Beaudesert



**1. PARISH HISTORY** – *“In good faith – A History of the Parish of St. Thomas, Beaudesert 1888-1988”* records faithfully the tentative beginnings and long history of the Parish. “The first recorded act of the Church in what is now the Parish of Beaudesert was a baptism in 1846 by the pioneer priest of the Diocese, the Rev'd John Gregor.” A first step in the formation of the Parish of Beaudesert was the erection of the Parish church at Beaudesert in 1888 and dedicated to St Thomas. 2023 marked the 135<sup>h</sup> anniversary of St Thomas' Parish. The original building was replaced in 1957 by the present St Thomas' church, an imposing brick structure topped with a copper spire which reaches the height of 21.3 metres surmounted by a cross. Both of these buildings, to-

gether with the church of St David at Rathdowney and All Saints' Memorial Church, Tamrookum, have been the spiritual homes of many faithful worshippers over all those years. Beaudesert Parish has seen many changes over its long history with some churches closing and some becoming a part of new parishes. Once part of the Beaudesert Parish were St George's Tamborine, St James's Jimboomba, St Hilda's Boyland, St Luke's Canungra, Christ Church Veresdale and St John's Mundoolun.

## 2. CIVIC DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE PARISH:

The town of Beaudesert is located in the Gold Coast Hinterland - an hour south-west of Brisbane's CBD and an hour west of Southport on the Gold Coast. It is affectionately referred to as the hub of the Scenic Rim. The Scenic Rim area is home to a diverse community of more than 43,000 spread across some 4,250 square kilometres. It has a population density of 10.26 persons per square km, and has access to World Heritage-listed rainforests, eight National Parks, three lakes, two cultural centres, a variety of outdoor recreational activities, a vibrant arts community, and unique and beautiful towns and villages. As well as many tourist attractions, Beaudesert is the centre of well-established equestrian, agricultural and cattle industries, and both light and heavy industry. The region's population is forecast to grow substantially into the future. The Bromelton State Development Area, approx. 6 km west of Beaudesert, has access to the national standard-gauge rail network and its development will impact on this region over the next 30 years. It is reported to become the largest industrial park in Australia. The traditional owners of the area are the Mununjali people.

The Scenic Rim Regional Council area is predominantly rural, with most of the population living in the towns of Beaudesert and Boonah, as well as a number of smaller townships and villages. Rural land is used largely for agriculture (particularly beef and dairy cattle and grain growing) and horticulture, with equine activities and tourism also being important industries. The Scenic Rim Regional Council area is served by the Cunningham Highway and the Mount Lindesay Highway.

Major features of the Council area include a number of National and Conservation Parks: Tamborine Rainforest Skywalk, Thunderbird Park (tourist complex), as well as Kokoda Barracks and Australian Army Land Warfare Centre.

## Statistics:

- The median age of the people is 46
- The indigenous population comprises 6.4%
- 44.8% of the population are married
- 15.1% say that they are Anglican
- Approx 83% have a year 10 or higher level of education
- 49% are in full or part time work

**3. CIVIC AMENITIES:** Beaudesert has all the amenities expected in a busy regional centre, which include:-

**Police Station** (24 hours) – Beaudesert

**Queensland Ambulance Service** – Beaudesert and Voluntary Ambulance Service Rathdowney

**Queensland Fire Service** - Beaudesert, Kooralbyn, Rathdowney and a Rural Fire Service at Woodhill

**Public Transport:** Daily bus service to and from Beaudesert via Browns Plains  
Visit [www.scenicrimtransport.com](http://www.scenicrimtransport.com)

**Retirement Villages:** Elysium Lifestyle Village Miller's Glen Over 50's Village  
Albert Gardens Country Retirement Village

**Residential Aged Care:** Wongaburra Garden Settlement for the Aged – Hostel and Nursing  
Whiddon Beaudesert Star Home for the Aged – Hostel and Nursing Home

<b>Schools – State:</b>	Beaudesert High	Gleneagle	Tamrookum
	Beaudesert Primary	Hillview	Veresdale Scrub
	Darlington	Rathdowney	Woodhill

**Schools – Other:** Kindergartens, Day Care Centres & Family Day Care available  
St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Beaudesert  
The Kooralbyn International School, McCauley College (Secondary)

**Hospitals:** Beaudesert Hospital

**Community Health Centres & Services:** Beau Care, Blue Nurses, Centa Care, Meals-on-wheels, Jumbilung House.

**Community & Information Centres:**

Beaudesert Community Arts & Information Centre  
The Centre for Arts & Culture – Beaudesert  
Beaudesert Historical Society and Museum  
Rathdowney Area Development & Historical Association Inc. and  
Mununjali Nation Elders Group Information Centre

**Radio Station:** Beaudesert Community Radio Group Inc – Beau FM 92.1

**Newspapers & Publications:** Beaudesert Times , Beaudesert Bulletin (free fortnightly)  
Community & Service Directory

**Employment Services:** Campbell Page, Centrelink, Mission Australia

**Recreation:** A number of National Parks and council parks offer bushwalking, camping and cycling for all levels of skills. There are many sporting clubs offering golf, tennis, cricket, netball, soccer and most codes of football to name a few. There are also other community organizations and service clubs which hold organized activities.



## 4. PARISH STAFFING

Beaudesert Parish is a non-beneficed Parish. Presently the Parish Priest's position is part time as from June, 2023. There are two Liturgical Assistants, both based at Beaudesert, but who also serve at Tamrookum and Rathdowney, as well as assisting with the services at the Nursing Homes. There are no other employed staff. The office hours are set as Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., but these are variable. A parish volunteer produces a monthly Prayer Sheet, and though the weekly Pew Bulletin is presently mostly produced by the Locum, a volunteer is willing to undertake this role if need be. The Parish Auditor is an honorary role. There is an excellent volunteer sacristan who is a parishioner. St Thomas' and St David's Churches are cleaned by volunteers on a roster basis. The grounds and gardens are maintained by parishioners and volunteers. The Trustees at All Saints' Tamrookum employ a caretaker who lives on site and cares for the Church, gardens and cemetery. The Parish Priest is supported by a Parish Council which currently meets after Church on the second Sunday of each month and consists of one Churchwarden appointed by the Parish Priest, one elected Churchwarden, two appointed Parish Councillors (one of whom is Treasurer) and four elected Parish Councillors (one of whom is the minutes secretary). Presently there is one elected Parish Nominator, and one Synod Representative.

## 5. CHURCHES AND BUILDINGS:

The Beaudesert precinct includes the Rectory, 2 Parish Halls and a Columbarium adjacent to the Church. **St Thomas' Church Beaudesert**, 7 Albert Street, is configured to seat 250 worshippers which is more than adequate for existing needs. A side chapel is used for more intimate services with seating for 12. The church has a Johannes Organ and a Piano and has a microphoned sound and data projector system and many stained glass windows



*Interior of St Thomas' Beaudesert—facing East*



*Interior of St Thomas' Beaudesert—facing West*



**The Parish Administration Centre** (or small hall) was built in 1897 and was used as a church during the construction of the original St Thomas' church and was for many years used for Sunday School. Presently it houses the Parish office, a place for small meetings, a small kitchen and the Op Shop. Considering its age, it is of solid construction and has had upgrades and maintenance done over the years. It has two air-conditioners.



*The Parish hall*

**The Parish Hall**, with its recently upgraded large kitchen, is used regularly for church functions, including Sunday morning teas, hired by community groups including for fitness and U3A classes. It has a wheelchair ramp. It has a Stage area for performances. There are Solar Panels on the hall roof.



*St David's Church, Rathdowney*

**St David's Church Rathdowney** is situated on the corner of Prior & Hardgrave Sts., Rathdowney. The Church, which was built in 1929, has been lovingly maintained by the parishioners over the years. A small hall/Guild Room is situated in the extensive grounds. Ramps have been built to allow handicapped access to both the Church and the hall.



*All Saints' Church, Tamrookum*

**All Saints' Memorial Church**, Tamrookum Church Road, Tamrookum. The descendants of the Collins family, as Trustees, control and administer the on-going maintenance of the Church and grounds as part of the Anglican Parish of Beaudesert. The stained glass windows were designed and made by Una Adamson, noted in England for the brilliance of her work. The Church is listed on the National Trust Register and boasts an interior worthy of being on the list of "places to visit".

A professional inspection for Asbestos in all parish buildings was carried out in June 2021. The Parish underwent a Safe Ministry Check in August 2022 and was found to be compliant with the requirements of the Diocesan Policy and Procedures for the Protection of Children - Parishes by the Office of the Director of Professional Standards.

### **Service Times:** (Current times - subject to change)

<b>Beaudesert</b>	Every Sunday – Eucharist 8.00 a.m. followed by morning tea
<b>Rathdowney</b>	First Sunday of the month - Eucharist 10.30 a.m
<b>Tamrookum</b>	Third Sunday of the month - Eucharist 10.30 a.m.
<b>Whiddon Star Nursing Home</b>	- First Tuesday of the month - 9.30 a.m.
<b>Wongaburra Nursing Home</b>	- Second Monday of the month - 9.30 a.m.
<b>Elysium Retirement Village</b>	- Third Wednesday of the month, 11.00 a.m.



*Wongaburra Nursing Home*



*Whiddon Star Nursing Home*



*Elysium Retirement Village*

## 6. SUMMARY INDICATORS FOR SERVICES, GIVING ETC

**Estimated Age Profile:** The majority of all congregations are over 70 years of age, but very active. There are a few in the 50-70 age group and one or two younger couples.

**Average Attendances:** St Thomas', Beaudesert. 25-30 each Sunday  
 All Saints, Tamrookum 12-18 once a month  
 St David's, Rathdowney 10-15 once a month  
 Whiddon Star Nursing Home (monthly) 10-12  
 Wongaburra Nursing Home (monthly) 12-18  
 Elysium Retirement Village (monthly) 10-15

**New Adults:** 5 during the past two years.

**Funerals:** 2023 13      2024 17      2025 10

**Baptisms:** 2023 3      2024 9      2025 5

**Weddings:** 2023 2      2024 2      2025 0

**Confirmations:** 2023 0      2024 0      2025 0

**Income:** 2023 \$117654      2024 \$121113      2025 52689

(Note: In these three years this has included income of approx. \$500 per week from Rectory rental). 2024 Financial Statement and 2025 budget attached.

All 2025 figures are as at 31 May

## 7. ACTIVE MINISTRIES:

**Bible Study Groups:** One group operates at St Thomas' on every first and third Friday .

**Pastoral Care:** While there is no longer a specified Pastoral Care Team, parishioners are very active in supporting each other, as well as older past members of the congregation with regard to their needs and caring

**Children's program:** At this stage, there is no Children's Program

The Parish takes part in the **World Day of Prayer** on a local ecumenical basis as it is organized as well as the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

**School Brekky Club:** Some parishioners are part of this at Beaudesert Primary School .



**Mission activities :** The Parish at times has supported an A.B.M. Overseas Project, the Bush Ministry Fund, Beaudesert Local School Chaplaincy, and other diocesan appeals. Stamps are collected for A.B.M and the Parish participates in the A.B.M. Lenten Appeal and the Archbishop's November Appeal.

**Op Shop:** An Op Shop operates out of the Parish Centre on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. It is staffed by volunteer parishioners. Free bread products donated from a supermarket are available as are other items donated by the congregation . This is not only a welcome addition to the Parish budget, but provides a service to the community as well as an extension of the Parish into the community, and a point for community members to contact the Parish priest.

## 8. PARISH LITURGICAL TRADITIONS:

- Use of APBA and the Lectionary
- Liturgies commensurate with the Liturgical Commission of Australia for Easter and Christmas
- Specific Lenten Studies
- Purposeful preparation of candidates for baptism, confirmation, matrimony and lay ministries
- Pastoral outreach shared with laity.

## 9. OTHER TRADITIONS:

- Good Friday Liturgy is held at St Thomas' Beaudesert and St David's Rathdowney.
- The Service of New Light and Eucharist is held at All Saints' Tamrookum on Easter Eve and St Thomas' on Easter Day.
- A long tradition of a Christmas midnight Mass at St Thomas' Beaudesert was replaced in recent years by a 6.00 p.m. Christmas Eve service at All Saints' Tamrookum.
- Presently the Parish relies on recorded music with a balance between modern and traditional. On the few occasions that an organist is available, they usually use selections from the "Australian Hymn Book", "Together in Song", "As One Voice" and "Covenant Song" with other selections. An organist is usually available for All Saints' and St David's
- A roster is in place for Readers, LAs, Counters, Flower arrangers and Morning Teas.

**10. CLERGY ACCOMMODATION:** The Rectory at 9 Albert Street, Beaudesert, is a four bedrooms plus study brick construction built in 1977, with a large reception room added to the front of the building in 1984, and is built to Diocesan standards with a double garage. There are two reverse cycle air conditioners installed. The solar panels on the rectory roof are a joint venture with St John's Cathedral Brisbane whereby the roof space is "rented" for the amount of 50% of the solar credits earned per quarter.



*St Thomas' Rectory, Beaudesert 4285*



*St Thomas' Church with Rectory in background*



**11. PARISH VEHICLE:** A vehicle will be provided for the incoming priest, possibly through leasing, and after consultation with the incumbent.

**12. FUTURE DIRECTIONS / VISION:** In support of our Mission Statement “We seek to encourage deeper commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour through openness to the Holy Spirit”, we believe growth in closeness to God is growing. In October/November 2022, the Parish formed a Mission Action Plan (Looking to the Future), looking at specific directions for the next two years. This section of the Profile will be updated regularly as the MAP progresses.

### **13. DESIRED ATTRIBUTES OF A NEW INCUMBENT:**

The Priest must be a person who walks with God, talks to God about everything, and listens to our Creator as well as having a mentor in life, and professing what we believe in the creed we recite.

A priest with a proven record of empowering leadership style

- who has a great love for God, a great love for people and their pastoral care
- whose theology is inclusive and whose practice is mainstream Anglican
- who collaborates with the Parish in decision making
- who delegates to and supports the ministries of parishioners
- who is a knowledgeable preacher challenging learning, reflection and Biblical study
- who enjoys church music, both traditional and modern
- who has good time-management skills and manages conflict sensitively
- who will visit parishioners and encourage them

**14. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:** Though Beaudesert is no longer a beneficed parish, a full-time priest was employed from December 2014 to July 2022. The 2024 Diocesan Contribution was \$3000. The parish has been debt free for several years and has been able to keep close to a balanced budget mainly because of the income of up to \$25,000 annually from the Op Shop. A copy of the 2024 income and expenditure is attached with a budget for 2025. A copy of 2025YTD statements is available ..

### **Income - Projected with Relieving Priest**

	<b>Budget 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2025</b>
OFFERINGS			
Open Plate	\$9.000.00	\$17.495.00	\$18.000.00
Pledged - Envelopes	\$19.000.00	\$15.810.00	\$16.000.00
Pledged - Parish Direct	\$11.000.00	\$10.780.00	\$11.000.00
Other Offerings	\$3.500.00	\$1418.00	\$1.500.00
Offerings Total	\$42.500.00	\$45.503.00	\$46.500.00

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## Income - Projected with Relieving Priest (cont)

	Budget 2024	Actual 2024	Budget 2025
<b>GIFTS AND BEQUESTS</b>			
Bequests Specific	\$1,000.00		
Gifts Income General	\$1,000.00		
Gifts Income Specific	\$1,000.00		
Tamrookum Property Insurance	\$5,000.00	\$3,169.00	\$4,000.00
Gifts and Bequests Total	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,169.00</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>			
Bake stalls	\$1,200.00		
Other Fundraising	\$3,000.00	\$1,590.00	\$1,500.00
Fundraising Total	<b>\$4,200.00</b>	<b>\$1,590.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>SUNDRY INCOME</b>			
Bank Interest	\$2,000.00	\$3,142.00	\$3,000.00
Sundry Income Total	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,142.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>HALL RENTAL</b>			
Hall Rental	\$13,500.00	\$11,927.00	\$12,000.00
Hall Rental Total	<b>13,500.00</b>	<b>\$11,927.00</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>
<b>MINISTERIAL SERVICES</b>			
Service Sheets			
Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings	\$600.00	\$3,480.00	\$3,300.00
Ministerial Services Total	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$3,480.00</b>	<b>\$3,300.00</b>
<b>RECEIVED FOR OTHERS</b>			
Diocesan & other Appeals	\$1,500.00	\$1,658.00	\$1,850.00
Received for others total	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,658.00</b>	<b>\$1,850.00</b>
<b>GRANTS</b>	\$1599.00		
Grants Total	<b>\$1599.00</b>		
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Solar Credits - origin	\$1,500.00	in credit \$2,270.00	Account in credit?
Op Shop	\$25,000.00	\$24,146.00	\$23,000.00
Rented Rectory Income	\$26,000.00	\$26,497.00	\$27,000.00
Ride on Mower sale			
Other income total	<b>\$52,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,643.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$124,800.00</b>	<b>\$121,112.00</b>	<b>\$122,150.00</b>

## Expenditure - Projected with Relieving Priest

	<b>Budget 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2025</b>
<b>PAYROLL</b>			
Relieving Priest/Locum	\$40,000.00	\$28,973.00	\$30,000.00
WorkCover Insurance	\$500.00	\$228.00	\$250.00
Sickness & Accident Insurance			
Payroll Total	<b>\$40,500.00</b>	<b>\$29,201.00</b>	<b>\$30,250.00</b>
<b>MINISTRY AND WORSHIP</b>			
Worship Resources	\$500.00	\$791.00	\$800.00
Ministry - synod, conferences etc.	\$500.00	\$311.00	\$250.00
Ministry and Worship Total	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,102.00</b>	<b>\$1,050.00</b>
<b>GIVING</b>			
Diocesan Contribution	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Appeals received for others	\$1,000.00	\$1,667.00	\$1,500.00
Giving Total	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,667.00</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
<b>OCCUPANCY</b>			
Council Rates	\$2,500.00	\$2,687.00	\$3,000.00
Qld Urban Utilities	\$3,500.00	\$3,386.00	\$3,500.00
Electricity and Gas	\$1,200.00	\$1,353.00	\$1,500.00
Solar credits to St. Johns Cathedral	\$2,000.00	\$1,883.00	\$1,800.00
Security/Fire protection	\$1,500.00	\$535.00	\$500.00
Property Insurance	\$18,000.00	\$13,669.00	\$14,000.00??
Rented Rectory Expenses + Repairs	\$4,000.00	\$2,762.00	\$2,900.00
Occupancy Expenses Total	<b>\$32,700.00</b>	<b>\$26,275.00</b>	<b>\$27,200.00</b>
<b>MAINTAINENCE</b>			
Grounds /Equipment/Toilets	\$1,500.00	\$2,317.00	\$2,000.00
Parish Hall	\$500.00	\$2,071.00	\$1,500.00
Rectory	\$5,000.00	\$119.00	\$9,000.00
Church	\$2,000.00	\$1,119.00	\$1,000.00
Small Hall /Office /Op Shop	\$3,500.00	\$270.00	\$250.00
St David's	\$100.00		\$100.00
Maintenance Total	<b>\$12,600.00</b>	<b>\$5,896.00</b>	<b>\$13,850.00</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
office ,copy, print, Xero,Eftpos	\$2000.00	\$2,032.00	\$1,600.00
Car, - Fuel, Rego, Ins, Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$2,032.00	\$2,500.00
Telephone/Fax/Internet /Computer	\$1,200.00	\$1,862.00	\$1,600.00
Sundry - Audit	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Payroll Processing Fee	\$100.00	\$79.00	\$80.00
Capital Acquisitions minor < \$1000			
major >\$1000 Kitchen Repairs			
Administration Total	<b>\$8,450.00</b>	<b>\$6,155.00</b>	<b>\$5,930.00</b>
<b>FUNDRAISING</b>			
Various		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fundraising Total		<b>\$1000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
Medical Equipment - Defibrillator			
Other Expenses Total			
<b>RESERVE ACCOUNT</b>		<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101,250.00</b>	<b>\$104,296.00</b>	<b>\$113,780.00</b>
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>\$123,300.00</b>	<b>\$121,112.00</b>	<b>\$122,150.00</b>
<b>PROJECTED BUDGET SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$25,050.00</b>		