

Anglican Church Jimboomba



PARISH PROFILE

Called to Our Neighbours
Committed to Christ

47-57 East Street
Jimboomba Queensland



The Anglican Parish of Jimboomba exists to glorify God as a vibrant worshipping community, joyfully proclaiming the hope of Jesus Christ. We are passionately committed to seeing God's Kingdom grow in our community and beyond through:

- Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus to all people
- Welcoming the stranger, nurturing faith, making disciples, and baptising believers
- Loving and serving others in Christ's name—meeting real needs through compassionate action and faithful prayer

We believe Jesus changes lives—and we long to see our growing community transformed by His grace and truth.

ABOUT OUR PARISH

Just an hour south of Brisbane CBD, Jimboomba is a thriving town in the City of Logan, Queensland, with a warm, welcoming atmosphere and a population of just over 8,000. It's a peaceful and friendly community—an ideal place to raise a family. The area offers beautiful parks, convenient local shops and supermarkets, quality health care services, and a growing number of residential developments that are bringing new life to the region.

St James Anglican Church (Jimboomba) is our main worship centre and Parish Office, built in 1988. St James has been a faithful and active presence in the local community for over three decades. The parish also has use of St John's Mundoolun, a heritage-listed sandstone church, built in 1901 and nestled in a picturesque rural setting. While it is cared for by the central diocesan team, St John's remains a beloved part of the Parish's story.

ST JAMES JIMBOOMBA

St James sits at the front of a 10-acre property set amongst a bush setting.

The church is modern in design, has a small hall attached and a patio area as well. Glass sliding doors are along the sides of the church building allowing people to be able to enjoy the bush surrounds as well as allowing for large church events to happen.

Services are held weekly on Wednesdays at 9:00am and Sundays at 8:30am. In the past, the parish has conducted a monthly Saturday night service at 5:30pm, assisted by children and young adults, through music, singing and reading. This is then followed by a 'Bunnings' (think sausage sizzle) meal together.

A monthly Taize service is also held on a Saturday at 5:30pm and is well supported. The church is well known in the community for our colour changing cross which can easily be seen every night from the road side.

Also located on the property is St James Op Shop (refurbished and rebuilt 2021), a meeting room (available for hire), and a private 5 bedroom residence (rectory).

St James has previously been the Home of Rockin' Jimmy's, an annual Car show that provides wonderful community engagement opportunities and financial support to the parish.



ST JOHN'S MUNDOOLUN

Built in 1901 from sandstone and cedar, St John's Mundoolun is a hidden location set amongst trees and is rich in history.

The Church was built as a memorial to John and Anne Collins by their children, soon after the death of John Collins 1898.

It was architect Robin Dods who supervised the construction of St John's Mundoolun. Work began on 22nd June 1900.

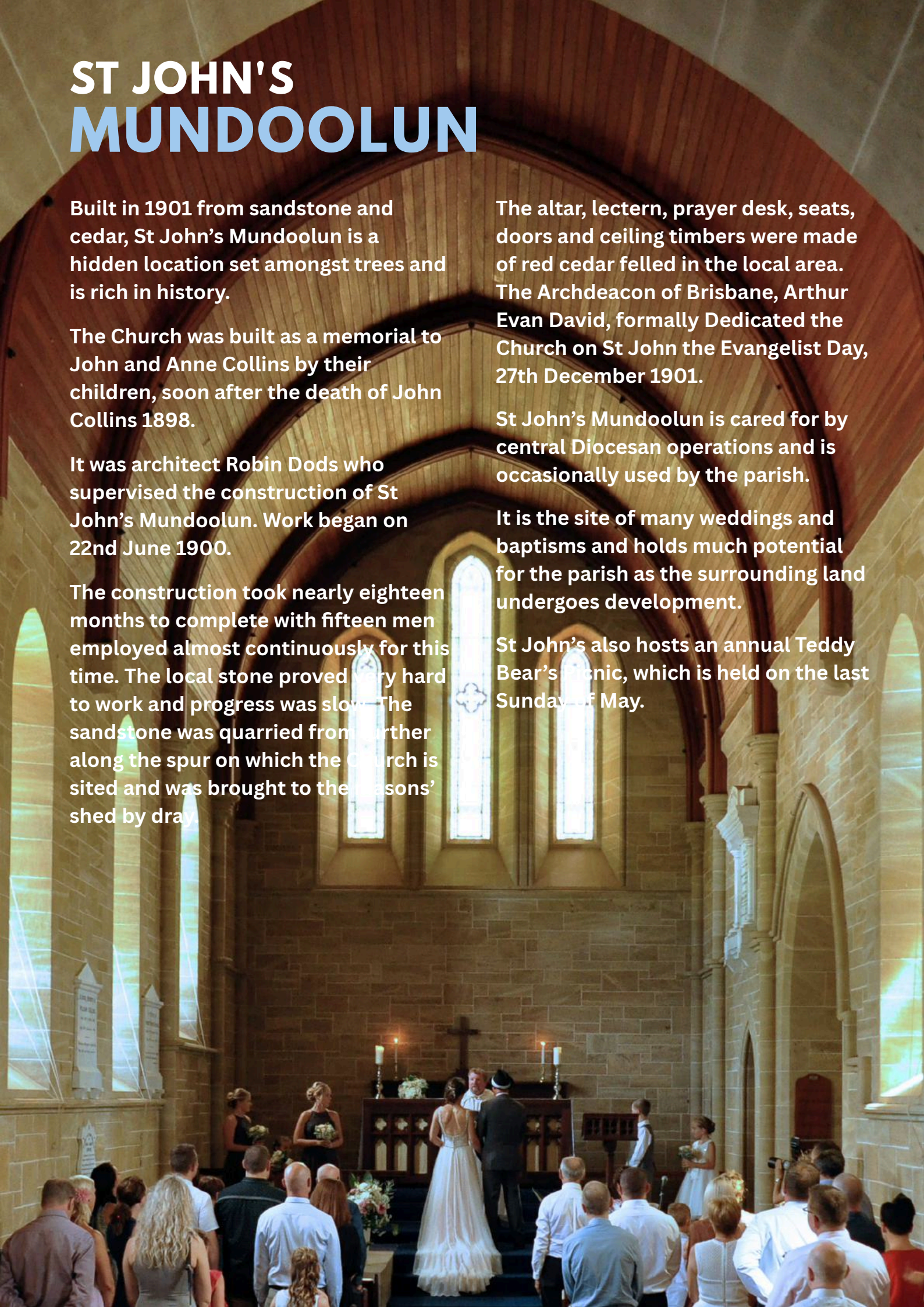
The construction took nearly eighteen months to complete with fifteen men employed almost continuously for this time. The local stone proved very hard to work and progress was slow. The sandstone was quarried from further along the spur on which the Church is sited and was brought to the masons' shed by dray.

The altar, lectern, prayer desk, seats, doors and ceiling timbers were made of red cedar felled in the local area. The Archdeacon of Brisbane, Arthur Evan David, formally Dedicated the Church on St John the Evangelist Day, 27th December 1901.

St John's Mundoolun is cared for by central Diocesan operations and is occasionally used by the parish.

It is the site of many weddings and baptisms and holds much potential for the parish as the surrounding land undergoes development.

St John's also hosts an annual Teddy Bear's Picnic, which is held on the last Sunday of May.





MINISTRY

Average attendance for Sunday services is approximately 40 people, with Wednesday services around 14. There are 80+ families on the parish roll. We are very blessed to have retired clergy as part of the parish, who help out as needed.

The church has strong ministry links to Emmaus College, directly across the road from St James Church. Emmaus College is a Kindy to year 12 ecumenical private school, auspice by Brisbane Catholic Education and is served by Catholic, Uniting, Lutheran and Anglican churches. Involvement includes leading liturgies, attendance at weekly staff meetings for prayer and pastoral needs from students, families and staff. We celebrate and value our relationship with the school.

St James Op Shop is an important place of our ministry and is operated by wonderful volunteers from the parish and community. We are regularly called upon to help families and individuals in need. The Op Shop has supported prison ministries with resources and funds over many years.



PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUED

There are several Bible study groups in the parish and an active KYB (Know your Bible) group as well. Lenten Bible studies are held annually and additional learning opportunities are offered from time to time. The parish also supports monthly Friday social lunches and parish fun days, which are held offsite normally after the Sunday service.

Other ministry opportunities have included Jimmy's Carpark Café. This ministry commenced after noticing parents arriving up to an hour early waiting in St James carpark for school to end and collect their students. What started out as an attempt to connect with parents, quickly became a haven for students who enjoy a hot chocolate and social time after school. This is a fantastic outreach opportunity for the parish.

The parish has also taken the lead at a new Aged Care Facility (in the same street) to provide monthly services for residents.

Parish Finances

The parish is in a stable financial position, with a small loan for the parish vehicle being the only debt.

Parish administrative duties and tasks are supported by a part time (two days per week) administration officer.

The rectory is currently rented to a family in need at below market rental.

The new priest could choose to live onsite, or in the community with a housing allowance paid.

In the past, Rockin' Jimmy's car show has provided a boost to parish finances to enable more outreach ministry in the community.



PARISH MINISTRY CONTINUED

Parish Structure

Our parish is supported by a part time administrator (two days per week), who looks after the administration and operational needs of the parish. The administrator also enters transactions into Xero (accounting software) for easy reconciliation by the treasurer.

Parish Council meets monthly, generally online, with the Priest, wardens, parish council members, treasurer and nominators.

The parish purchased a new vehicle in 2022 which is in good condition. A trailer, two Zero-turn mowers and other associated maintenance equipment is owned by the parish and securely stored onsite at both churches.



Service Style

Our style of ministry is typically characterised as classical Anglican theology. Traditional Anglican worship interlaced with evangelical-style teaching, creating a unique and vibrant religious experience.

We follow the liturgical traditions of the Anglican Church, this style of worship embraces the beauty of ritual, sacred music, and formalised prayers. The familiar 'A Prayer Book for Australia' underpins the dynamic teaching style found in evangelical congregations.

Overall, it's a worship experience that combines the deep traditions of Anglicanism with enthusiastic and solid Biblical preaching.

Children and Young People are encouraged to participate at all services, both in serving, reading, intercessions, operating sound and IT equipment. Our Sunday services are live-streamed and watched by many.





WHY JIMBOOMBA?

Strengths

- Welcoming, caring and friendly parish
- Rapidly growing community with new developments surrounding the church
- Good inroads into the community including involvement with RSL to lead Anzac Day/Remembrance services, local emergency services, Rotary, local events and schools, which has allowed people outside of the church to access the service of a priest and church
- Strong sense of church family within the congregation, many young families attending
- Good ecumenical relationships in the Jimboomba and surrounds community

Needs

- Missional Heart: An extended long term interregnum has had an impact, but the church has a real desire for this to be a full-time position and is committed to that happening in a quick timeframe
- Improve engagement with youth and youth programs
- More volunteers to support operation of parish
- Engagement with new building subdivisions



IS GOD CALLING?

We are looking for a parish priest who will nurture and grow the pastoral needs of the parish, be involved in the community, minister the sacraments and preach the gospel faithfully, whilst encouraging the parish to grow in their understanding of Christ's redeeming love for us.

We value someone who is committed to expositional preaching, teaching, sound doctrine and Biblical understanding of the gospel. Someone who understands the decision to follow Christ is urgent, costly and worth it.

A Biblical understanding of church membership and church discipline, not about building numbers but caring for each person who attends church.

A person who can build a good team around them to shepherd the parish into the future.



Helpful Links:

1. Jimboomba Anglican Website: <https://jimboombaanglican.org.au>
2. Jimboomba Parish History St James: <https://jimboombaanglican.org.au/the-parish/st-james/>
3. St John's Mundoolun History: <https://jimboombaanglican.org.au/the-parish/st-johns/>
4. Jimboomba History & Location: <https://www.logan.qld.gov.au/jimboomba#:~:text=options%20and%20more.-,History,by%20Thomas%20Dowse%20in%201845.>
5. Jimboomba Census Data: <https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL31440>
6. Emmaus College: <https://www.emmausjimboomba.qld.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>



CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have a sense that God may be calling you to the Parish of Jimboomba and would like to know more, please contact the Bishop for the Southern Region, Bishop John Roundhill



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