

Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Kawana Waters, Qld



Parish Profile

2025

Welcome!

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Kawana Waters Parish, is well-known as HTK Church. It is surrounded by Caloundra, Buderim and Maroochydore parishes, and provides a choice among the diversity of Anglican styles on the Sunshine Coast.

We are part of the Sunshine Coast Anglican Community, an affiliation of (currently eight parishes/communities) working on how we can live and work together to be more visible as God's church here on the Sunshine Coast and be ready for the next 50 years. Our shared Vision is that everyone welcomed in the Kingdom of God, and our mission and purpose as the Anglican Community of the Sunshine Coast is walking together: spreading the good news of Christ's love and salvation, to the next generation.

HTK has one centre in Bokarina and holds two Holy Communion services each week. Our Sunday service is a contemporary style service based on the Prayer Book, with a mix of modern and traditional music. A traditional but shorter Holy Communion service on Wednesdays is a popular choice for older parishioners and those unable to attend worship on Sundays.

HTK Church is located in a rapidly growing area, with the Sunshine Coast University Hospital visible across the lake, and significant housing and commercial developments nearby. We are in a prime position to further impact positively on our community.



Holy Trinity Kawana
Anglican Spirit-filled Evangelical Church

Who We Are

HTK is a comprehensive Anglican church that seeks to be compassionate in our interaction with our community and Christ-following in our focus to bring hope to our community so everyone can find a place to belong

Our Mission is *Living and Sharing the Jesus Life*. We do this through

- Loving God passionately through worship (worship in all forms of honouring and exalting God)
- Learning, teaching and growing in faith
- Being Christ-like in the way we live to make Jesus known
- Loving people through belonging and caring for the community, and
- Sharing God's hope and promise with the world.

Parish Prayer

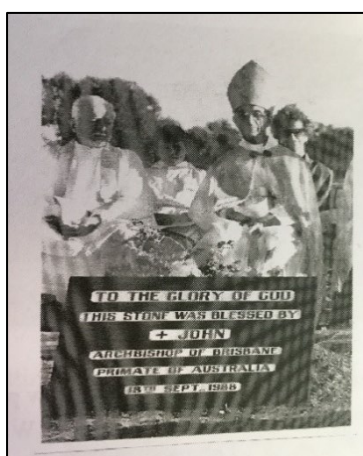
*Renew in us, O God, the zeal of your love.
Let our Parish come alive with the power of your Spirit.
Where we have failed, forgive us.
Where we have persevered, encourage us.
Where we are in doubt, direct us.
Help us to see new opportunities for witness & service
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord & Saviour. Amen.*



Our History so far

In March 1979, the Anglican Church held its first regular weekly service in a private home in Kawana. A house was purchased and the congregation of Jesus the Redeemer began worshipping at the Buddina Primary School and later at the Secondary School. In 1980, the Anglican Bargain Centre was opened as a ministry to the local community as well as a fundraising venture. At the same time, a group of parishioners from Caloundra Parish formed a committee to hold services at Currimundi Primary School. A timber building that had been the Caloundra Baptist Church was purchased and transported to Wurtulla, becoming St Luke's.

In 1987, the Anglican Mission District of Kawana Waters was commissioned, covering an area from Currimundi Lake to the Mooloolah River, and Reverend Bruce Sligo was appointed priest-in-charge. In mid-1988, the two congregations joined together and, with the exception of the Rectory, all property belonging to both congregations was sold to enable a new church to be built at Bokarina, on the present site.



The foundation stone of the current church building was blessed in September 1988, and the completed church was dedicated in March 1989. The early years were wonderful times of growth in the congregation. As they joined in prayer and praising the Lord, many were blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit. Groups were forming and the congregation steadily increased. Reverend Bruce Worthington replaced Reverend Bruce Sligo as priest-in-charge in 1993, and the parish continued to grow. Finances were also improving, and, with money from the bargain shop and other fundraising, the large and well-equipped hall was built south of the church and dedicated in May 1999. The op shop continued to operate until November 2005. It was during this time that HTK

established itself as a leading youth group parish through their work with AYM. It also played an active role in bringing a number of potential priests into formation and on to ordination.

Following the retirement of Reverend Bruce Worthington, Reverend Kevin Lewis was appointed Rector in January 2006. The church was consecrated in March 2009, the debt over the property having been cleared. Following the retirement of Reverend Kevin Lewis in 2010, Reverend Stuart Webb was appointed Rector in 2011. Then followed a time of significant growth in ministry with families, as well as in ministry to the many retirees moving to the Sunshine Coast. Reverend Stu moved to another appointment at the end of 2016, and Reverend Steven Wockner was appointed Rector in July 2018. Under his pastoral leadership, the living waters of the Holy Spirit have again been flowing through the parish, despite the difficulties widely experienced during the covid-19 pandemic. The welfare ministry to those experiencing homelessness continued to operate throughout the covid interruption, regularly feeding between 20 and 30 at breakfast each Tuesday.

After a slow return by many following covid, the parish is steadily increasing in numbers again, although young families have been very slow to return. The age demographic of the parish is heavily skewed to the over 60s, but over the last year there have been 8 young adults have been confirmed and attend regularly.

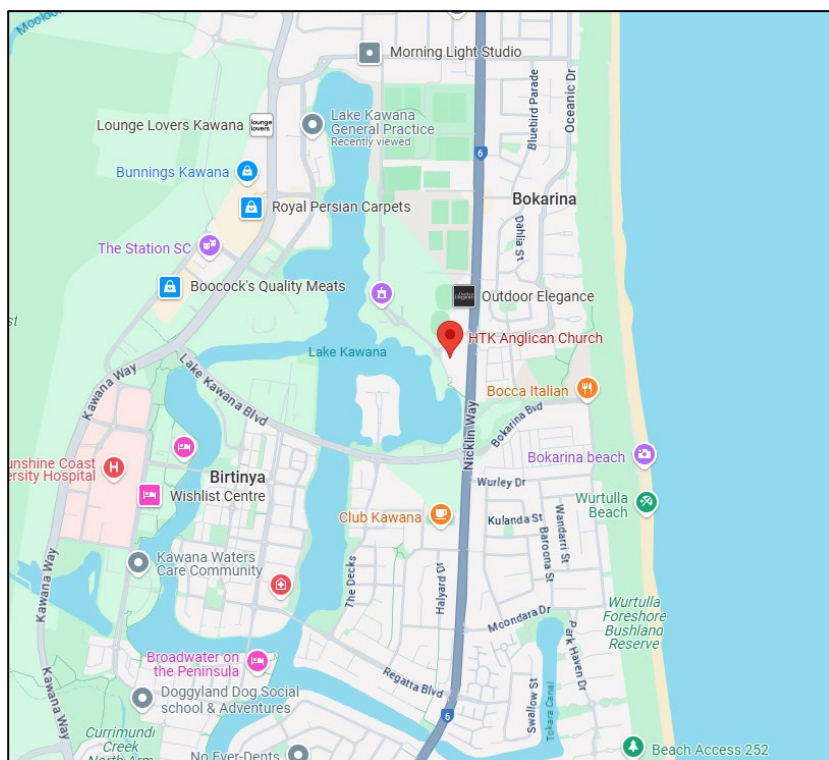
Our community

HTK Church is located on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, between Caloundra and Mooloolaba, approximately 100 km north of Brisbane, in one of the fastest growing non-metropolitan areas in Australia. It is located on the corner of Sportsmans Parade and Meridian Street, Bokarina, on the shore of Lake Kawana, and adjacent to Nicklin Way, the main thoroughfare between Caloundra and Mooloolaba.

The Kawana Waters strip is mainly residential, with a major shopping centre and some light industries, and the Sunshine Coast University Hospital which opened in 2017. This is the centre of a vibrant and growing health precinct just across

Lake Kawana from the church. There are many retirement villages and four nursing homes within the parish, but also three large schools – Buddina State School, Kawana Waters State College and the Brightwater State School – giving our community a broad range of ages. We are located close to the State College and two day-care centres. There are many Christian denominations represented in the area, and we are one of seven churches that border on the large Kawana Waters State College campus.

The Sunshine Coast Council Kawana Master Plan is currently under review and places HTK Church adjacent to a precinct of accommodation and restaurants, further increasing our visibility.



Our Plant

We have a modern church building with seating for around 150. Additional chairs have been stored and can be added in for larger congregations. Currently our Sunday services average around 60-70, and our Wednesday service attracts about 15-20 older members. The church has audio and video systems and a sound desk that can accommodate the various music requirements for worship. Fans are installed in the church, and air-conditioning was installed in 2024, partly funded through a grant from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. The building has many glass doors which can be opened in summer to provide a pleasant temperature and cool breezes. A large narthex area (the Café area) at the back of the church can accommodate the congregation for morning tea and fellowship after each service. It also provides further space for congregation growth. In addition, the cafe tables and chairs can be arranged outside the church in covered area to allow plenty of room for socialisation after church.



A large airconditioned hall with a domestic kitchen provides a venue for Sunday School on Sundays and for numerous activities during the week, including a vibrant playgroup on Mondays. The hall is within an enclosed fenced area which also includes a playground, sand pit and significant grassed areas. The hall is rented out to several community groups during the day and evening. It is also used for parish social functions on a regular basis.



Major refurbishment of the roofs of both church and hall was undertaken in 2023, and a large new solar array was installed which fuels the airconditioning in both buildings. The ANFIN loan taken out to fund this essential work is expected to be paid off by early 2026, well ahead of plan thanks to the generosity and creative fund-raising efforts of parishioners.

The Rectory is situated at 6 Royal Close, Wurtulla, separated from HTK Church by a five minute drive. It is a four bedroom brick house which is about 30 years old. It has two bathrooms, two large reception areas, a double lockup garage and a large office. The Rectory has been well maintained by the current tenants who have resided there for about 6 years. The parish car, a Camry, is owned outright.

Our Church Family

The HTK family consists principally of over 60s (retirees) but the full span of ages is represented. Many of the builders of the parish have now reached the age where their physical capacity is limited, and the frequency of funerals is increasing. The older parishioners, however, still greatly contribute to the work, the finances and the lively worship of our church family. We are also blessed that younger professional people have joined us and contribute significantly to the vibrancy of our church. HTK has proved to be very welcoming to all ages.



In Sunday services, the complete service is displayed by powerpoint on large TV screens, with the computer situated at the back of the church at the sound desk. Wired, wireless and lapel mikes are available. TV screens at the back of the church also provide the celebrant with a clear view of the complete service.

Any children present participate in the first part of the service for praise singing and a children's talk. They then move out for Kids' Club (a time of stories and craft and getting to know Jesus), returning to join their parents at communion time. Music is provided by a band consisting of guitars, drums, keyboard, and up to 8 singers of all ages.



A weekday traditional service is held at 10am on Wednesdays at HTK. This tends to be attended by older parishioners who find it difficult to attend on Sundays. It has hymns played on the organ and a sermon as well as Communion. Monthly communion services are also held at four of the nursing homes within the parish reach another 50 elderly people and their carers in total.

Many retirees moving to the coast have been attracted to HTK by its welcoming attitude and strong Gospel teaching.

There is an opportunity for prayer for healing after communion at Sunday worship.

Fellowship and hospitality after church is an important part of our life together, and morning tea (including the option of purchasing coffees and teas from the cafe) see the majority of the congregation staying on to enjoy a time of fellowship together.



Currently there are around 100 family units active on the parish roll.

Outside of formal worship, there are many regular activities for various age and interest groups. These include:

- Connect groups. There are a number of Bible study groups that meet weekly at the church or in private homes or on Zoom.
- Craft group which meets weekly on Wednesdays
- regular ALPHA/Discipleship courses
- Pastoral Care Team which provides support to those in need, supporting the clergy in visiting in homes and in hospitals
- Man Cave (Men's ministry) which meets monthly on Tuesdays
- Ladies' fellowship afternoon tea meets monthly on Thursdays
- Prime Time monthly activities for over 55s (about 6 functions each year)
- Kidz Kinnect playgroup meets weekly on Monday mornings during School terms
- Kids' Club on Sundays during worship

Welfare Ministry

The parish is active in its support for those doing it tough in our community. A free community breakfast is available to all comers in the Café area of the church every Tuesday from 8am to 9.30am. Volunteers from HTK, from the local Uniting Church, and from the community come to extend Christ's hand of friendship as well as cooking sausages, bacon, eggs and beans on toast for up to 30 clients.

This ministry is also supported by local traders from the Farmers' Markets (held each week in the adjacent school grounds) who donate eggs and cookies for the breakfast clients.



We also provide donations of backpack beds via the Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre and other local support agencies to people experiencing homelessness. Tax deductibility for community donations to this backpack bed ministry has been negotiated.



This welfare ministry is funded largely through regular (approximately quarterly) Sausage Sizzles at Bunnings, which are staffed by a team of dedicated parish volunteers.

Mission

We have a heart for mission. We have an association with the Maroochydore Neighbourhood Centre which provides assistance to homeless and needy families, and with Anglicare's Children and Families service supporting children in foster care. We support overseas missions through ABM, CMS, BCA and Springs of Hope Foundation's Kijiji Mission. We send regular gifts also to a small parish in the Western Region to assist the honorary priest with travel costs.

Our plans are to continue to reach out to the growing community around us, a community comprising the full range of age groups – from retirees coming to enjoy the Sunshine Coast to young families coming to the Coast for work. We have a vision to become increasingly involved in our community, growing our church numerically as well as spiritually, and bringing hope and life to our region.

In 2024 we engaged with Rev Tim Booth of the PMC to undertake a **Mission Action Planning (MAP)** day with the Parish Council and other interested members of the parish. Four main strategies were developed for focus over the coming three years.

- The first was “making more room for the Holy Spirit.” We currently seek to do this through regular less-formal Living Waters services, where there is less liturgy and more time for intentional reflection on the message prior to the holy communion.
- The second area was “to start a support group for solo Mums on the coast.” A good deal of exploration and planning has gone into this, but this is on hold due to other commitments of the lead person.
- The third area was “to look again at our social welfare ministry, especially our Tuesday breakfast ministry.” This one is ongoing and has resulted in the focus on providing backpack beds, in addition to the service of food each week.
- The fourth area we are moving into now is “ministry to children, young families and professionals”. One outworking of this was the invitation of the 4Paws Animal Rescue representatives to our St Francis' Day service, and another was our Hope 25 Mini-Market activity which saw many new faces on site. Some have returned for other functions which we hope to build on.

Administration

The Priest's office is air-conditioned and located at the back of the church. There is also an air-conditioned office with a separate entrance at the Rectory. The vestry is also air-conditioned, as is the Parish Office. A part-time Parish Secretary is employed for three mornings (9 hours) per week, and volunteers also assist with office duties. The office is opened each weekday from 9am to noon. The church is essentially open during that period and regularly used.

HTK has an active website. The sermon at the Sunday service is recorded and posted online weekly on the website and YouTube. HTK has a page on Facebook, and activities are regularly shared there.

The parish produces a monthly newsletter featuring upcoming events as well as pictures of happenings over the last month, together with a message from the rector and advertisements for various upcoming parish activities.

The Future

We are looking for a priest who can continue the journey with us and lead us through these changing and challenging times to a future bright with hope. We expect the person will be:

- A person who lives and teaches according to the Gospel
- A person who exhibits the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in their life and ministry
- A person who encourages parishioners to explore and use their gifts
- Supported by their family
- Able to work across a wide age range
- Strongly committed to evangelising and encouraging evangelism
- Concerned for the community served by HTK
- A leader by example and teaching
- Willing to change and to encourage change
- Able to work with and in teams.

We do not expect our priest to be good at everything, to be able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, or to have to work alone. We do expect that, with God's help, he or she will help and encourage each of us to be a vibrant part of this church family with a heart and soul for people and God as we seek to live and share the Jesus life in this corner of the Kingdom of God.

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