

St Barnabas Anglican Church

Sunnybank, Queensland



Parish Profile

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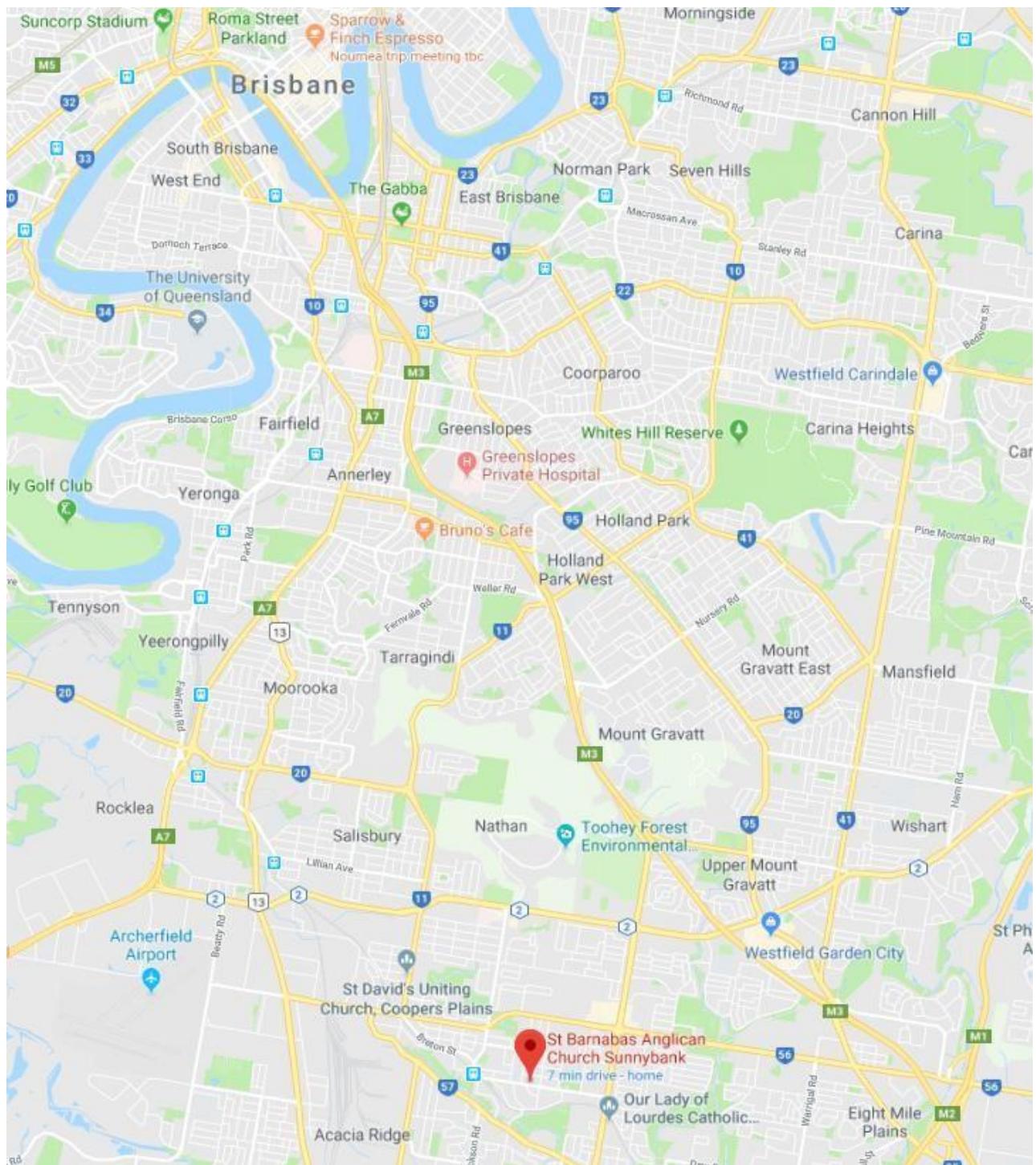


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Where We Are

Sunnybank Parish is located in the southern suburbs of Brisbane City, approximately fifteen kilometres south of the Brisbane CBD.



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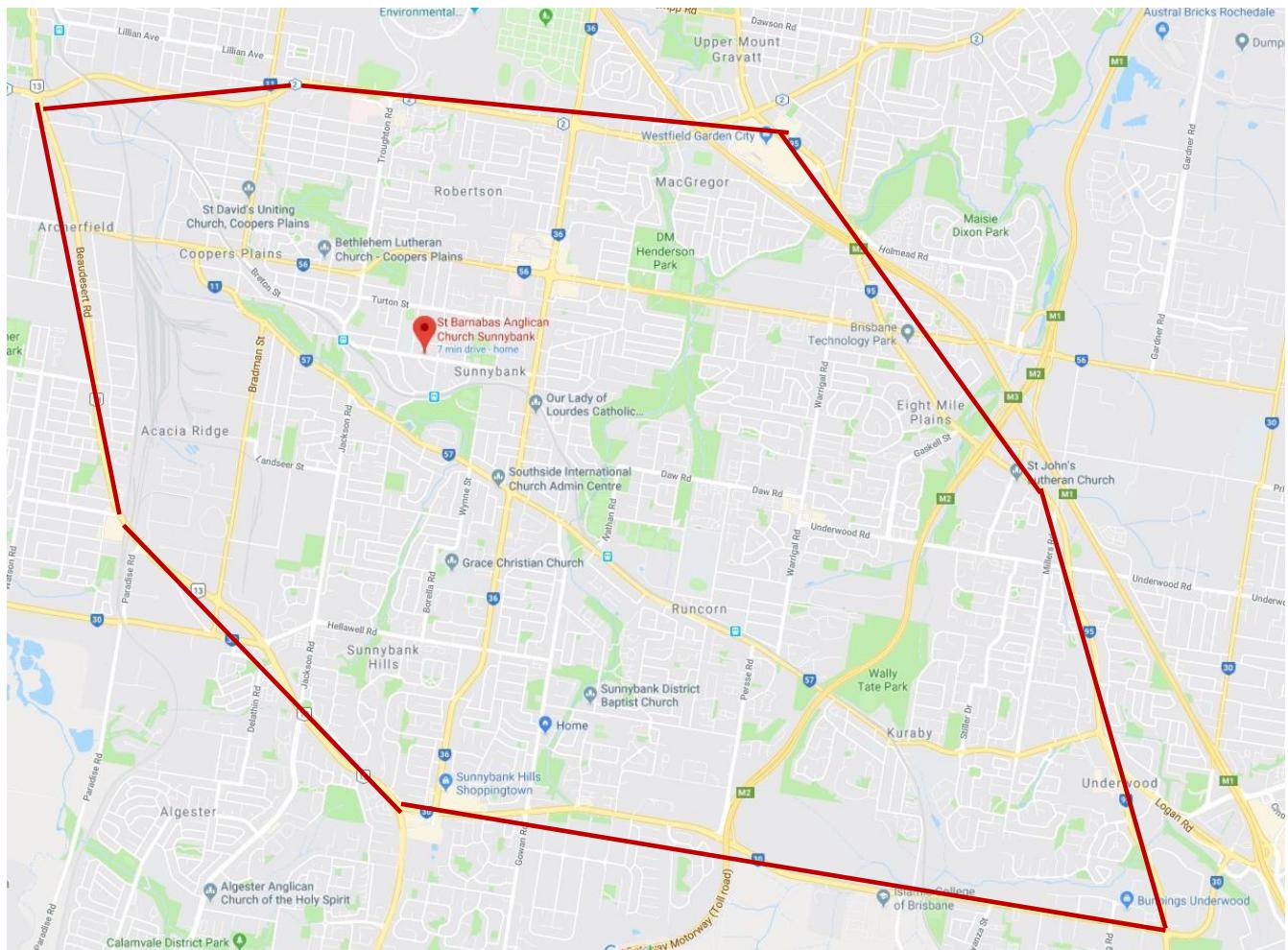
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Parish Boundaries

The parish is bounded roughly by Kessels Road, Beaudesert Road, Compton Road and Logan Road.

It encompasses the suburbs of:

Sunnybank, Robertson, MacGregor, Coopers Plains, Acacia Ridge, Sunnybank Hills, Runcorn, Eight Mile Plains, Kuraby and Underwood.



St. Barnabas Anglican Church is centrally situated in Sunnybank being on the crest of Lister Street approximately one kilometre from Mains Road, which dissects our area. It is situated five minutes' walk from both train and bus.

Within the parish boundaries are

- Five major district shopping hubs at Garden City, Sunnybank, Sunnybank Hills (2) and Underwood.
- A number of Early Learning centres (Child Care centres)
- State Primary and Secondary Schools, Church and Independent Schools.
- Griffith University (Nathan Campus) is situated on Kessels Road.
- There is a major public hospital, a large private hospital, together with specialist centres, pathology and x-ray facilities.
- Five large retirement villages offer independent and serviced facilities, and some have nursing assistance.

The Parish Community

Key events in the history of the parish.

1887 Lister St blocks of land purchased (3 of the 5 currently owned blocks).
In years leading up to 1918, services held in homes and in the United Protestant Hall (Beenleigh Road)

1916 Originally under the direction of the Anglican Church Mission. In 1916, Sunnybank Anglican Church, along with Yeronga, came under the care of St Andrew's, South Brisbane.

1917 Sunnybank became part of the Yeronga Parish when it was formed.

1918 The original Church building was erected during 1917. It was dedicated in April 1918

1929 Sunnybank Parish was formed – An area that stretched south to Beenleigh.

1931 Beenleigh became the centre of the Parish, then renamed St George's Beenleigh.

1959 Northern part of the Beenleigh Parish separated to form the current Sunnybank Parish. This parish also originally included the area that is now the Parish of Algester.

1977 Current church building at Sunnybank commenced construction.
The congregations at Coopers Plains, Acacia Ridge, Kuraby and Eight Mile Plains were consolidated into one congregation at Sunnybank.

Rectors and Priests in Charge of the current Sunnybank Parish (not a full list)

1974 John Naumann (Rector).

1985 John Noble (Rector).

1990 Michael Ingall appointed Rector. (Until 2002).

2003 Dennis Bell, appointed Priest in Charge, subsequently became Rector. (until 2007),

2008 Trevor Adams PIC -> Rector. (Until Nov 2015).

2016 Stephen Hooper commissioned as PIC (November 2016).

2017 Peter Jeffery commenced Curate position. A two-year placement (ends Dec 2019).

2020 Scott Windred

2024 Simon Tang employed part-time to develop Chinese Ministry (Cantonese speaking)

Worship Services

There are weekly services (where *A Prayer Book for Australia* is used), some less frequent but regular services, and the Parish celebrates the usual extra services associated with Easter and Christmas.

Weekly Services

Sunday	7:00 am	First Order	35 – 50
	9:00 am	Second Order	40 – 60
	11:00 am	Second Order (Cantonese)	20 - 40

Other Services

Monday	10:30 am	Third Order	Monthly
Wednesday	9:30 am	Third Order	Monthly

Information regarding Worship Services:

- A children's program (Kids' Club) is conducted in the hall during the 9:00 am Sunday service.
- Baptismal services of families - normally held in the service that the family has most connection with.
- From the first Sunday after Christmas until the end of January, there is only one English service held each week at 8:00 am as well as the 11:00am Chinese service.
- Currently, the church has a choir and a singing group. Each of these participate monthly at the Sunday 9:00 am service. The Chinese service also has its own choir which performs during the 11:00am service.
- The 11:00am service is spoken in Cantonese with a bi-lingual order of service (Cantonese and English)
- A role is played by the priest in supporting services in aged-care facilities in the Parish.
- Monday monthly service – held before the Evergreen Ministry lunch and fellowship. Evergreen is our ministry for seniors both from the church and wider community. Average numbers are about 25-35.
- Wednesday monthly service caters for Mothers' Union but has other attendees. It takes place prior to the Mothers' Union meeting.

The Faith Community at St Barnabas

The Parish has approximately 150 people on the church roll. The congregation is multi-cultural with all three Sunday services being slightly different due to the Order of Service.

The age profile of the 7:00am and 9:00am congregations are toward the older end. The Chinese congregation is much younger.

Parish Activities

The following are our current regular activities:

- Thursday Bible Study group
- Lenten studies
- Evergreen Group (Last Monday of the Month)
- Know Your Bible (Fridays – school terms only)
- Ladies Breakfast Groups
- Mothers Union Australia (third Wednesday of the month)
- Religious Instruction in schools
- Morning tea fellowship (Wednesday morning – local coffee shop)
- Nourishing Neighbours – afternoon tea held every Saturday for those in need within the community.
- Light refreshment group -catering for funerals and church events
- Parish Lunch (celebrating St Barnabas Day – June)
- Trivia nights (twice a year; supporting mission)
- Chinese congregation lunch (regularly held after the Chinese service)

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC)

- Provides for school age children from the local school community, before and after school (30 / 45). Vacation care is run during school holiday periods. (25-30)

Ongoing Mission Support

- Reverend John Naumann ministry at the Prince of Peace school and community in Tanzania (Supported by the Hearts for Africa Thrift Shop in the local community; twice yearly Trivia Nights)
- Sylvia Jeanes – Sabah, Malaysia (financial and prayerful support)

Resources

Financial Position

Church income has been reasonably stable for a few years. There has been a small increase over the past two years.

The principal sources of income are:

- Offerings
- Rental from the two church residences
- Rental from hire of the hall
- Rental from the OSHC
- Rental from Bush Church Aid (office space)

Our current income is adequate to support one full-time Priest in Charge (/Rector), associated ancillary services and essential costs, including:

- part-time office and other support (i.e. cleaner, book keeper)
- necessary expenditure for routine maintenance,
- office equipment and supplies
- essential services (Electricity, phone, etc)
- ministry resources

Note: The church currently has funds set aside for infra-structure development and major works.

Parish Staffing Going Forward

- Considering the above, regarding finances and income, going forward the church's staffing will consist of:
 - Priest in Charge (/Rector).
 - Locums to cover services when priest is on leave.
 - Part-time office support (16 hours).
 - Ancillary support (bookkeeping / cleaning).

Property

The church owns two properties. There is a residence in Eight Mile Plains, and one on the Lister St property.

- The residence in Eight Mile Plains, is a four-bedroom brick and tile home. (Used previously by the Priest in Charge and to be rented out)
- The Sunnybank property has two street frontages, Lister St and Young St. The property consists of five house blocks. There are four buildings on that property:
 - The church - seats approximately 250 (the building at the front of photo).
 - A 4-bedroom brick and tile residence – to the left of the church (currently rented)
 - A hall – directly behind church. The hall roof has solar cells fitted.
 - Church office and the OSHC share the fourth building (rear of photo)

NOTE: Due to the age of all the buildings, they are costing the Parish a substantial amount to maintain.

A residence can be made available for the new PIC if required.



A Priest in Charge/Rector for St Barnabas Anglican Church, Sunnybank

Given the makeup of the St Barnabas' congregation, and the context of the Parish, we see the following qualities as being important:

The Individual

- Broad life experience; its joys, its trials and its successes.
- Flexible and resilient.
- Rigorously truthful and coherent.
- A deep understanding of how the gospel intertwines with contemporary life.
- Facilitative leadership approach.
- Ability to wisely delegate.
- Able to give and to receive support, to teach and to learn.
- Vital faith and committed to ongoing development of their spirituality.

Ministry within the faith community

- Good ability to listen.
- Give priority to pastoral care needs as they arise.
- Deeply respectful of the Anglican heritage, able to bring it to life for this time.
- Enable parish members to discover and grow in their ministry skills.
- Equip the congregation to live with discernment and confidence in a complex world.
- Ability to preach the Gospel in such a way that people, regardless of cultural and educational background, can understand.
- Ability to teach and challenge people wherever they are at in their faith journey.
- Diligent and timely attention to all required administrative tasks.

Enabling the Church's ministry

- The ability to work with, to be able to work alongside.
- Facilitate and lead the parish in ministry vision and ministry development within the church.
- Actively embrace working across cultures, and across ecclesiastical cultures.
- Facilitate our understanding around social justice issues to continue our growth in the parish's response to vulnerable people within the community.
- Enable positive interaction with people of other cultures within the church and other faiths in the area.
- Demonstrate good leadership and organisational skills. Teamwork is seen as a priority.