ST PAULS'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, EAST BRISBANE

PARISH PROFILE

2026

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A flourishing faith community in the heart of the city

Flourishing faith communities: proclaiming and serving, worshipping and learning

Our Story

Nestled in the heart of East Brisbane, our parish is a community shaped by tradition, diversity and hope.

We are a progressive Anglican presence in a changing urban landscape — a place where tradition and faith meet contemporary questions, where worship connects with community, and where people are invited to explore what it means to follow Jesus in today's world.

Who We Are

We are a parish with a strong sense of identity and purpose. We value the richness of Anglican tradition while recognising that faith must continue to engage honestly with the realities of the world around us.

We are a welcoming community, a thinking community, a compassionate community and a creative community.

We are also an open and inquisitive community. We do not expect every voice to be the same, and we value thoughtful conversation, different perspectives and the questions that deepen our understanding of faith. We believe a healthy parish is one in which people can listen to one another, learn from one another and continue to grow together.

A Community of Shared Ministry

One of the particular strengths of our parish is the depth and diversity of ministry already present within our worshipping community.

Five retired priests worship regularly with us, and our preaching is shared through a rotation that includes four of these retired priests together with three of our Liturgical Assistants licensed to preach. Collectively, they bring an extraordinary breadth of life and ministry experience, including parish ministry, education, medicine and religious community life.

This gives our parish a richness of voices and perspectives that we greatly value. Rather than being dependent upon a single voice, we have developed a culture in which ministry is shared, ideas are explored and different experiences contribute to our understanding of faith.

We see this not simply as something to preserve, but as one of the greatest strengths upon which our next priest can build.

We are also a very musical parish with a magnificent organ and talented musicians amongst our parishioners, enhancing the experience of worship at the parish.

Our Place in the City

The inner city is a place of constant movement and diversity. Our calling is to be a place of connection — a sanctuary, a community hub, a prophetic voice and a place of hospitality.

We want to remain deeply connected to East Brisbane and the communities around us, while continuing to explore new ways for the parish to engage with a changing city.

Our Spiritual Life

At the centre of our parish life is worship: gathering around Word and Sacrament, prayer and music, silence and celebration.

We seek worship that is thoughtful, respectful and accessible — grounded in Anglican tradition while remaining open to exploration, questioning and renewal.

Our Values

We seek to live the values of the Anglican Church Southern Queensland through communities that proclaim and serve, worship and learn together.

We value generosity of spirit, intellectual curiosity, compassion, hospitality and a willingness to listen.

The Person We Hope to Welcome

We seek a part-time priest who will nurture a spiritually alive, open and welcoming community and help us build the next chapter of parish life.

We hope to welcome someone who will preach with depth, scholarship and imagination; value both tradition and renewal; encourage shared ministry; and walk alongside people through all seasons of life.

Importantly, we are looking for a priest who recognises that leadership does not need to mean doing everything themselves.

Our parish already contains considerable experience, theological reflection and ministry capability. We hope our next priest will see our engaged group of retired clergy and licensed

preachers as one of the parish's greatest strengths — people to encourage, coordinate and collaborate with as together we broaden and deepen the life of the parish.

For the right person, we believe this creates an unusual and exciting opportunity: to lead a parish in which ministry is genuinely shared, while bringing the pastoral leadership, vision and sense of direction that will help us grow.

The position is part time and currently funded for five years.

Our Invitation

We are a parish with deep roots in this community and a hopeful, energetic future.

We honour where we have come from while listening for where God is calling us next. We believe the future of the Church is found not simply in maintaining what has been, but in discovering new ways to live the Gospel with courage, generosity and hope.

We are looking for someone who is curious about that future too — someone comfortable with questions, generous towards different perspectives and excited by the possibilities of leading a community with such a rich diversity of voices.

We invite you to join us as we continue to become a flourishing faith community — proclaiming and serving, worshipping and learning, and sharing God's love in the heart of East Brisbane.

Come and be part of the story God is still writing.

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Expressions of Interest

To lodge an expression of interest for the role of:

Priest-in-Charge at St Paul's, East Brisbane (part-time)

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