

Holy Trinity Anglican Church

Dulwich Hill



Parish Profile 2021



WHO WE ARE

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A comprehensive document further describing who we are is inserted into this profile on pages 12-15...

BRIEF HISTORY

ABORIGINAL LAND INHABITANTS

The traditional Aboriginal Groups of the Dulwich Hill region are the Cadigal Wangal clans of the Eora nation. Holy Trinity acknowledges the prior ownership of this area by the Cadigal people who were dispossessed by European invasion more than two hundred years ago.

Aboriginal communities in the Inner West region are part of a thriving metropolitan area, forming an important part of Sydney's cultural and spiritual mosaic. The area is now occupied by people drawn from many different lands who share the values of tolerance of and respect for one another.



1900's

The accomplishments of the church at this time were extraordinary when seen against the backdrop of the war raging in Europe for much of this time and which itself sadly claimed the lives of many parishioners who volunteered for service including siblings from the same families. Nonetheless, the congregation managed to raise the enormous amounts of money for its ministry projects, and to make a huge contribution to the community.

The Rector at the time Reverend George Chambers wrote: "The ideal we set before us on our first Sunday in church was 'workers together' and this has been the truest description of our relationship since." This model left by Chambers of the whole congregation working together sacrificially in the service of God and the community, has been part of the identity of Holy Trinity ever since.



WHERE WE ARE

Holy Trinity Anglican Church Dulwich Hill is located at the cnr of Herbert and Seaview streets and situated in Sydney's inner West between Marrickville to the East and Summer Hill to the West, with a population of approximately 16,000 people. Of these 47.7% are male and 52.3% are female. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people make up 1.5% of the population. The median age of people in Dulwich Hill is 42 years. Public transport is effortless with regular bus train and light rail services available. Dulwich Hill High School (next to the Church) and primary schools have great music and creative programs as well as excellent academic levels, while also catering to the needs of students needing more support. Dulwich Hill has some of the best parks in the Inner City and also some of the best coffee. The atmosphere is 'village like' and friendly.



WHAT WE DO

SUNDAY:

Regular Sunday Worship:

Holy Communion with Children's Program 9:15 am

We are an inclusive congregation. Everyone is most welcome.

WE ARE CURRENTLY MEETING BY LIVE ZOOM AT 9.15AM. Access is available.

Email: office@holytrinitydulwichhill.org.au for an invite

Ministries:

Sunday School

We have a lively and enthusiastic group of children who are led by Paul Deeb. They learn and grow through Bible teaching games and are actively involved in church services with music and performances throughout the year

Home Groups/Bible Studies

We have a number of groups who meet at various times and places throughout the week to study the Bible and have fellowship together. All welcome.

Community Centre

Holy Trinity has always had a strong mission to connect with the community in which we are located. The Community Centre, located across the road from the church building, **pre and post Covid19 lockdown**, is frequented by members of the church community at Holy Trinity as well as local residents of all ages. The activities and ministries of the Centre have changed over time in line with our community needs. We are also affiliated with Sunnyfield who are licensed to us for use of the hall and facilities to run excellent day care programs for people with disabilities.

Food and Housing Ministry

A distribution of fresh food for food-insecure people takes place every Tuesday and Thursday at 5pm at the Community Centre and is also delivered to the nearby hostel for people with low incomes.

Also, the opportunity to be involved in financial assistance for rent relief to residents of the hostel has been opened as a new ministry this year.

Refugee & Asylum Seeker Advocacy

This is an ongoing ministry which happens in many and varied ways throughout the year, and includes the following:

Refugee Advocacy

Asylum Seeker Advocacy

Bi-Annual grocery collection for House of Welcome

Other Ministries

From time to time congregation members will be involved in one off ministry opportunities that arise from visiting speakers or its' own members.

Occasional Services

Baptisms, Weddings and Funeral Services are available as well as interment in our Columbarium wall.

Music

Music is an important part of our church services and beyond. We have a very committed music team and also other singers and musicians who are invited to join at various times, lead by Ruth McCall. Children are included in this aspect of our services.

We are also affiliated with the excellent 'Jubilate Singers' lead by Joanna Brooke, who assist in our services on occasion and hold concerts in our building to raise money for various outreach and community programs in need. Unfortunately because of Covid restrictions, the president Cheryl Fowler has had to postpone their upcoming concert till 2022. The choir is made up of members of our parish as well as from the community. Some members have belonged to the group since it's instigation over 15 years ago.



PARISH INFORMATION: GENERAL

Office Phone: 02 9569 1255

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Website: www.holytrinitydulwichhill.org.au

Wardens:

John Coleman

Julie Muir

Barbara Squires

Parish Council: (including wardens)

Giselle Mawer

Mungo McCall

Regina Barry

Jonathan Fowler

Vivienne Young

Treasurer: Graeme Sanders

Staff:

Acting Senior Minister: Hugh Isaacs

Sunday School Co-ordinator: Paul Deeb

Office Assistant: Megan Lavender

Technician Zoom Services: Alison Rhodes

SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

Nominating Committee:

Bruce Yabsley

Joanne Kinslor

Regina Barry

Jonathan Fowler

Julie Muir: **point of contact 0412 589 537** (any queries)

We are asking for Expressions of Interest for the position of full time Minister (Curate-in-Charge) of our parish commencing in January 2022 (depending on your current commitments).

We offer a generous package including a Rectory, if required, and a stipend plus expenses in excess of \$100,000 pa (in accordance with the SDS guidelines) to the right person. You may be that person. We welcome you to peruse our 'Who we Are' document on pages 12-15 and if you think this wonderful parish is somewhere you would like to be, please don't hesitate to contact the Nominating Committee on email: HTDH-2021@iinet.net.au .

We look forward to communication with you. Once we arrive at the first interview, we will furnish you with the Church financials for your perusal. **This application closes on Sunday the 31st October 2021.**

Thank you for your time in reading this document and our prayers go with you as you make important decisions for yourself about your future ministry.

kindest Regards and In Christ

The Holy Trinity Anglican Church Dulwich Hill
Nominating Committee



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Faith

We are **Christian** in being committed followers of Jesus Christ. Inspired by his life and teachings, and enabled by his Spirit, we endeavour to worship God in all we do, say and are. We endeavour to love, support and be patient with each other in the many challenges and opportunities of life and faith, and in our on-going determination to keep working at what it means to be Christian in a 21st century world.

Worship/sermons

We are **Anglican** in our liturgical practices, including use of a Prayer Book and regular celebration of Holy Communion, whilst remaining open to new expressions of faith and worship. We value and appreciate:

Thoughtful and engaging preaching from preachers who share their own understandings, while allowing that others may approach and interpret scripture differently.

The vital contribution that music (in its many forms) makes to our worship together. The involvement of children/youth in the life and celebration of the church. We recognise their unique needs and contributions, and wish to encourage them to grow in their faith.

Thoughtful and well-prepared public prayers, scripture readings and congregational contributions.

However, the congregation tends not to be too fussed about mistakes or occasional chaos, responding well to spontaneity, humour and informality!

Community

Our geographically spread congregation aspires to be **open** in that we welcome interaction and cooperation with other Christian traditions and with people of other religions, while being true to our own beliefs.

We are also **socially active** in that we aim to work with others to help bring about a society in which all can thrive and prosper, including refugees, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, those who are sexually and gender diverse, people of other religions, and all who are disadvantaged, marginalised, or who have a disability. We aim to do this by extending practical care, and by offering support, advocacy and expert assistance in as far as we are equipped to do so.

Attitude

We are **inclusive** in that we aim to offer acceptance and refuge to all who are hurting or who, for whatever reason, don't feel welcome in other communities. We recognise the intrinsic worth of all people who both image God and are loved by God in all of their uniqueness and difference. We welcome people from different cultures, with different

occupations, interests, levels of education, theological persuasions, and from all walks of life. We aim for a humility which allows relationships to be maintained amongst a community of faith with

people of differing perspectives and convictions, including those who strongly support the leadership and full participation of women and LGBTIAQ+ people within the life and ministries of the church.

What are we looking for in a Minister?

Someone who:

Is prayerful, humble, self-aware, mature, well-grounded and growing in his life and faith.

Is well qualified theologically with adequate formal qualifications and evidence of on- going theological reflection.

Is well aware of and respectful of the many different approaches to scriptural interpretation, while being skilled in relevantly applying the scriptures.

Is a good communicator/preacher.

Has a heart for the congregation, the community, and the wider world.

Is a skilled and empathetic listener who relates naturally and well with people, while demonstrating respect for the congregation and their lived experiences.

Sees his or her role to be a teacher, pastor, enabler and encourager so as to assist all members of the congregation to find and pursue their God-given callings and ministries in the world and in the fellowship of the Church.

Values children and youth and their participation in church life.

Is comfortable with the wearing of clerical robes during worship and with clergy identifiers (such as a cross or clerical collar) at other times, as appropriate. Acknowledges and respects the roles of Wardens and Parish Council. Is a collaborative leader who is willing to partner with the congregation in forging a shared mission.

Where do we want to be as a church?

We want to:

Grow in faithfulness to Jesus Christ

Develop new missions to our community and/or strengthen existing ones,

Take good care of our volunteers, our buildings, land, finances, and our on-line profile

Care for each other through pastoral care, small groups and personal relationships **Nurture** creative endeavours and initiatives including enjoyment of musical gifts and participation

Maintain a culture of inclusion, diversity and belonging so we can continue to be a place where people can express and share their faith together



