

Lynfield Community Church

35 The Avenue, Lynfield, Auckland 1042

Parish Profile 2021



Mission Statement:

*To know Christ, to help others know Him,
and to encourage all to fulfil their God-given potential.*

Mission Objectives:

- To bring Christ to the community of Lynfield (and the surrounding areas)
- To grow in our own relationship with Christ
- To encourage our people to witness wherever they are
- To exercise spiritual gifts and display the Fruit of the Spirit
- To teach the whole Word of God
- To actively support the Great Commission worldwide
- To provide an environment where pastoral care and nurture is available.

The New Minister

The Lynfield Community Church is looking for a half time appointment. LCC's congregation successfully looks after various aspects of church life, and we would appreciate a minister who can accommodate and build on these existing strengths in our church. It is a given that the members of Lynfield Community Church wish it to be a place of Worship where all Christians in Lynfield and surrounds are welcome.

Regarding the half time appointment (which is as for the previous two ministers), we are flexible in how that time is allocated, but need to know that agreed service dates are kept (organizing preachers usually requires time).

Key areas of ministry and mission which LCC considers important are:

- Worship and education
- Pastoral Care
- Community Outreach

To fulfil the mission of the parish we consider the principal task of the minister should be:

- In consultation with the Church Council, to develop the strategic direction of the church for us all to work towards together – most importantly to increase the congregation's size
- Preside at Communion services and other significant occasions (e.g., weddings, funerals and baptisms)
- Co-ordinate/enable a team to organize worship services, including support to maintain the preaching roster for all services
- Community outreach - to make LCC known in, and more relevant to, our community
- Undertaking pastoral care leadership and training, in particular to take communion to one or two elderly folk who can't always attend, due to frailty or illness.
- The minister could possibly be involved in Youth activities.

The minister's beliefs should be firmly rooted in the Bible, and they should be eager to promote the Good News of the gospel of Christ. They should seek to be filled with and led by the Holy Spirit, and show a heart for service and for people. LCC would expect the new minister to be conservative in their outlook, while accepting that our congregation is varied in both ethnicity and denomination. A minister in a same sex relationship would not be easily accepted by a significant portion of the congregation.

We appreciate sermons that are Bible-based, positive, and challenge us to grow in faith and love. As we have a range of denominational backgrounds at LCC, our minister needs to be flexible rather than dogmatic in approach. We would hope that a new minister would bring their own style of worship while at the same time work with the congregation to develop a unique "Lynfield Community Church" way of doing things going forward. A good sense of humour, adaptability and an ability to relate to a wide range of people would be beneficial characteristics.

We are looking for someone with leadership abilities, who encourages us all to grow in Christ, exercise the fruits of the Spirit, be strong in prayer, and who helps us to meet our mission objectives and fulfil our God-given potential.

The Church



Lynfield Community Church was established in 1968 by the Anglicans and Methodists, on behalf of the five churches negotiating for Union at that time. These two denominations provided the initial buildings including the church house, and historically they have alternated in supply of ministers from the Anglican and Methodist churches.

The church is a Bible-focused inter-denominational congregation with a strong sense of identity, and many members do not have a strong affiliation to a particular denomination. Our emphasis is on the essentials of the Gospel. A minister would be free to hold services which reflect their own denominational background while acknowledging our own expression of worship, understanding that we respect a variety of traditions in our church. Our style of worship tends to be broader than “just” Anglican or Methodist.

We are a small church with approximately thirty regular attendees, but we aspire to be a place of healing, genuine love and friendship. While a close-knit church, our congregation is becoming older in age range than it has been in the past. We have a small group of younger members, but could do with more young families and teens.

The congregation increasingly reflects the changing community in which it is based. We are a multi-ethnic church with an age-range from school age to over 100 years. Our ethnic diversity includes NZ European, Indian (from both Fiji and India), Chinese, Pacifica, Ethiopian and others. All are welcomed in the love of God.

Fellowship is regular, with one worship service every Sunday morning, and one service per month includes Holy Communion. We occasionally gather for social events or working bees. Although these events have dropped off in recent times, we all have warm memories of past events. Though our gatherings are light-hearted, support and caring are the basis of Lynfield Community Church.

We have a long-standing prayer ministry. Our Prayer Chain prays continuously through any situation, and our prayers see many people and hardships brought before God. A time of intercession is an important part of our Sunday service, and occasionally the congregation may be invited to come forward for personal prayer afterwards.

We have a faithful music group, made up of church members with a musical bent. Our music includes new material as well as traditional hymns. Recordings alternate with the musicians who play once or twice a month. The music leadership is alternated between two people and there is a three-monthly roster. We use EasyWorship as our projection system control software, supported by a mixer/amplifier sound system and data projector. This is connected to two laptops enabling projection of PowerPoint and video. We have yet to enable streaming, but the church does have fibre and Wi-Fi

Our Sunday school is held only if a group of children are present at the service.

There are about ten members in the youth group (age 9-16). Dennis Yeung leads this group with assistance from Tina Chen. The members meet on the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month. They also attend the events organized by the Anglican Youth Ministry. Combined youth night is on trial with the youth group of Church of the Saviour, Blockhouse Bay.

A few small fellowship groups meet regularly, including one evening house group, a youth group and a mid-week prayer meeting.

The church has until recently been led by one half time clergy member, with Governance by a Church Council, consisting of three ex-officio members (Minister, Minister's Warden and an elected People's Warden and up to six elected members). The council meets once per month. At present we have a retired Anglican minister who takes a Communion service on the first Sunday of each month. With the appointment of a half-time minister, we would expect to celebrate Holy Communion twice a month.

Lynfield Area

Lynfield is a small Central Isthmus middle-income Auckland suburb, with a population of over 10,000 people (Lynfield South approx. 4830 people and Lynfield North approx. 3820 people – 2020 estimate from StatisticsNZ) and a mix of cultures, ages and families. It is part of the Auckland Council's Puketapapa local board area which is contained in the Albert-Eden ward. Despite being part of the Auckland mega-city, Lynfield has a friendly, safe, community feel. There is a large reserve just below the church where events can be held.

Lynfield has three schools in the area:

- Halsey Drive Primary - decile-9 primary school of approximately 450 children.
- Marshall Laing Primary - located in Lynfield North, with a role of 500+ children.
- Lynfield College, - a high school of just over 1800 students.

The suburb boasts a local shopping centre, with a Countdown supermarket as the anchor. A wide variety of take-away and restaurants include Indian, fish and chips, an Irish Pub, Wendy's, KFC and others. The nearest public libraries are at shopping centres in Blockhouse Bay (2.5km) and Three Kings Plaza (4km).

Lynfield has an excellent bus service to Downtown Auckland and it is approximately 20 minutes by car to Auckland International/Domestic Airport at Mangere during off-peak times.

Lynfield is undergoing a period of urban renewal, with high density housing appearing in parts of the community.

There are four retirement complexes in reasonable proximity to the Lynfield Community Church:

- Housing Corporation apartments (580 Hillsborough Rd)
- Murray Halberg Retirement Village (Commodore Dr, near Hillsborough Rd)
- Hillsborough Heights Metlifecare Retirement Village (1381 Dominion Rd Ext Mt Roskill)
- Bupa Sunset Retirement Village (Corner of Donovan St & Boundary Rd)

Miscellaneous:

- Lynfield Recreation and Youth Centre - an Auckland Council run complex is located at Margaret Griffen Park, Griffen Park Road
- Maungakiekie Golf Club
- Lynfield Tennis Club (opposite Lynfield shopping centre)
- Manukau water front – there are numerous points of access to the Manukau Harbour water front, together with picnic areas and walking tracks
- Lynfield Medical Centre (at the Lynfield Shopping Centre)

Church Property and Finance

Lynfield Community Church is the only church complex in the Lynfield area. It is also one of the few buildings available for community hire or use in the suburb, the others are the Lynfield Tennis Club and the Halsey Drive Primary School. For location, see the church web site. Both Church and church house properties are freehold; previously they were leasehold.

The original buildings were erected in the late 1960s and various improvements have been made over the years, the most recent being a \$300,000 project which added a creche and a lounge to the church main building, enlarged the foyer and added a lobby. This was funded by cash and grants, plus a loan from the Methodist Church, which has since been repaid.

The church proper seats approximately 130 people. There is also a generous foyer, entrance lobby, lounge, creche, office, kitchen, hall, resource/storage room, toilets and extra office space. All are adequately maintained, as is the exterior car park and fenced courtyard outdoor play area which is used by pre-school groups.

The church is used by a number of outside groups, including Barnardos (Thursday) and Lynfield Play Group (Tuesday) in the hall, Congregational Church of Niue (Sunday afternoon) and The Field Community Church (the first Saturday of the month) using the main building, and SKID's hires a room as its office and holds holiday programmes in the hall. The Congregational Church of New Zealand has held annual meetings at LCC. The hall is often hired for children's parties.

The church house has four bedrooms, one bathroom, separate toilet plus a double length garage. It was built in the 1960s, and is currently being rented out. This rental could continue as a means to subsidize a better standard of rental for the new Minister, as the old house does not warrant total refurbishment. The property has development potential, (the site being zoned as Terrace and

Apartment Residential) but we are awaiting advice from the Anglican Church as to how this might be taken forward, should there be support for this idea.

The church's income is \$101k. The parish has been fully self-supporting a half time ministry, plus modest contributions to the Anglican and Methodist budgets.

Mission and Outreach

The church has a Mission programme with 5% of the offerings designated for a variety of projects.

Other activities include:

- Contributions of food to the Christian Lovelink food bank
- Hosting community meetings during several recent election campaigns at which people can listen to questions answered by their local candidates.
- We have supported a new community-run event /fair being held on the nearby reserve and plan to do so again this year.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Thank you for your interest in the position of Minister of Lynfield Community Church .

Appointment Details

Lynfield Community Church is a Cooperating Parish under Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand (UCANZ). The formal Participating Partners are Anglican and Methodist, and LCC have elected the Anglican church as the Appointing Partner for this appointment.

As such, the Anglican Bishop of Auckland is responsible for making this appointment in consultation with partners (the Auckland Methodist Synod and LCC).

The position is half-time. The Minister will receive a half-stipend with pro-rata housing allowance in accordance with the statutes and policies of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland.

Making and Application

We invite you to discern your call to this ministry and give thanks for your willingness to engage with this process.

There is currently no close off date for this appointment process.

Your formal application should contain:

- i. A letter of application from you, including how you feel your skills and strengths meet the needs of our parish as expressed in the Parish Profile
- ii. A copy of your updated Curriculum Vitae.
- iii. The names and addresses of three referees.

Contact

Applications can be forwarded to the Bishop through his regional Archdeacon:

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Should you have any queries related to this vacancy, please feel free to contact Archdeacon Michael.

You may also like to look at the church's website:



www.lynfieldchurch.nz