



albany  greenhithe anglican church



# ALBANY GREENHITHE MISSION DISTRICT DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

## PARISH PROFILE 2023

Our mission district seeks a new, full-time, priest in charge.

*“We gather for worship and scatter for service”*

## 1. Values

We value our Worship, learning about the scriptures, and the development of our faith.

We value the fact that a large number of our parishioners take roles in our liturgy, hospitality, music, and outreach. We have a not-too-formal style where it is not intimidating to participate.

We value our Anglican heritage and connection to other Anglican parishes.

We value our connections with other denominations in Albany, particularly those using our building.

We value our fellowship and the bonds of friendship we have formed within and across the congregations.

We value people from the full diversity of backgrounds, experiences, and life stages.

We value our community—including those who don't come to church.

## 2. Activities

We have two services (9 am Greenhithe and 10:30 Albany) followed by morning tea. There has also been a Lenten midweek study/prayer meeting.

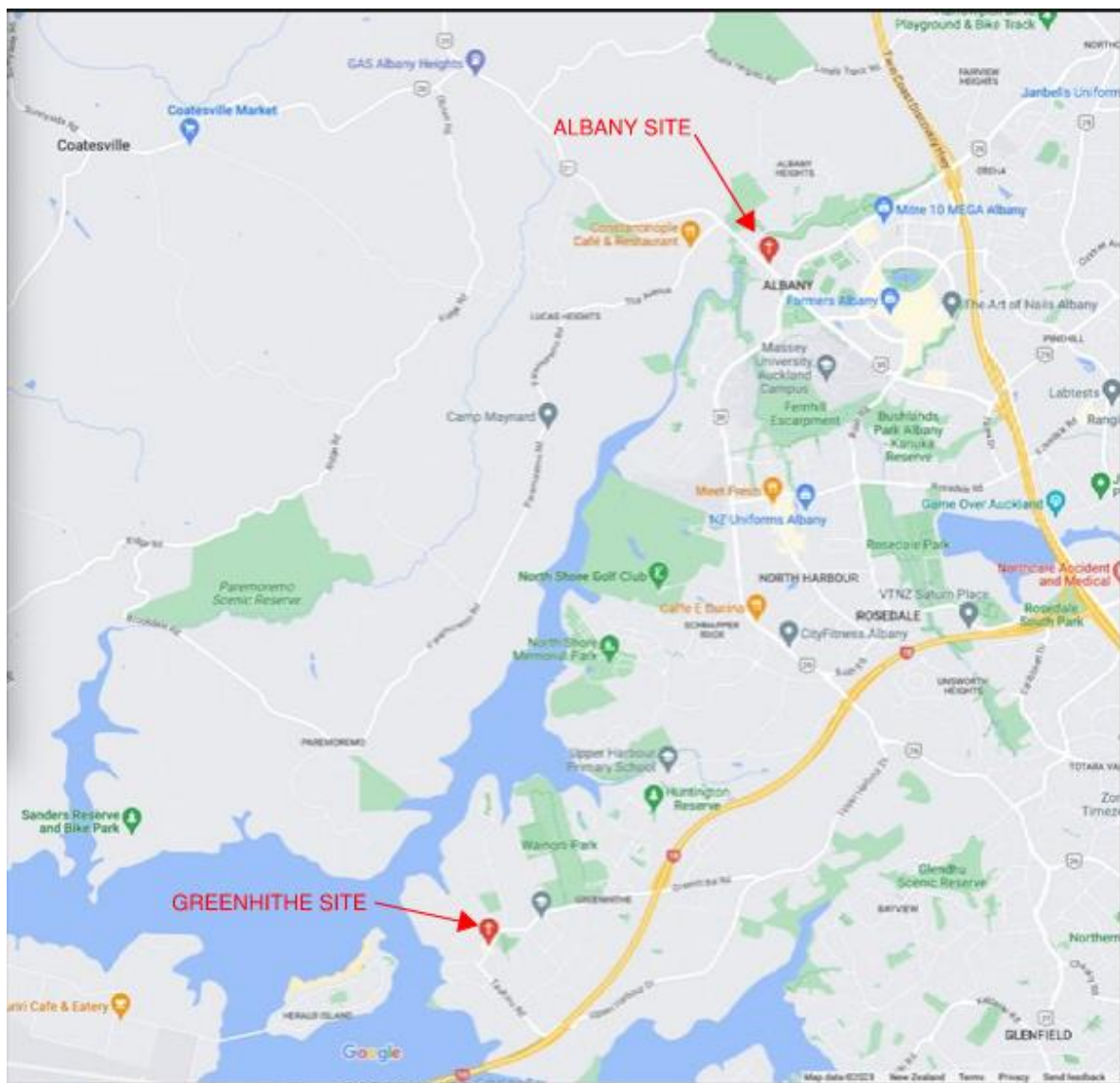
There is a long-standing community fellowship in Greenhithe. In Albany, the church building is used by two community choirs, a Roman Catholic congregation, and a Korean congregation. Last Christmas we had a joint carol service with the Catholics which was very successful and well enjoyed by everyone.

Our recent Easter activities included a Maundy Thursday re-enactment of Jesus's last supper with a seder meal, joined by the Koreans. We also had a Good Friday march with our large wooden cross involving four local churches, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Baptist and Korean Churches. The first half of the service was at the Presbyterian Church, followed by the march to the Anglican Church for the second half of the Service. Hot cross buns were served after the Services.

We support the Anglican Trust for Women and Children and the Auckland City Mission financially, and through activities such as the pyjama drive and collecting for the food bank.

### 3. Location

Our mission district is about 20k north of central Auckland. The current boundaries are, roughly, the Northern Motorway to the east, Riverhead Forest to the West, Sunset Road/Upper Harbour Drive to the south and Sunnyside Road to the North. This area naturally includes Albany and Greenhithe, but also Unsworth Heights, Coatesville, and Paremoremo.



There are two church buildings: Holy Cross, in Albany Village, and St. Michael and All Angels in Greenhithe. Parish roll: 50+

For our local board area (Upper Harbour), the 2018 census showed 51% of residents were born overseas, with 40% identifying with an Asian ethnicity. Roughly a third of residents are under 25 years of age.



HOLY CROSS CHURCH – 222 DAIRY FLAT HIGHWAY, ALBANY



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH – 12 GREENHITHE RD, GREENHITHE

#### 4. Facilities

Holy Cross: the church is in the high street of Albany Village. The worship area is tiered, seating approximately 100. The audio-visual system has been recently upgraded to include two 86 inch 4K View Sonic TV screens (see cover photo) and a sound system. There is a side chapel for individuals or small groups to use for prayer/meetings. The administrator's office is next to this. On the mezzanine level there is a priest's office plus three additional offices which are leased Monday-Saturday.



The church owns Apollo House, (adjacent to the church), which is leased to an accounting firm.



HOLY CROSS TIERED SEATING



HOLY CROSS CIRCLE FOR COMMUNION

The St Michael’s site (church, church hall, and “vicarage”) is currently all leased to Shore Grace church. The church is used by the mission district only for a Sunday service, followed by morning tea in the vicarage. The lease agreement is in place until April 2026.

There is no fixed housing for the vicar—both “vicarages” owned by the mission district have been converted to office space and are leased. However, we have the budget to provide both the standard housing stipend and a “top up,” to ensure suitable housing for the vicar and their family.

The mission district maintains a website at <https://www.agac.org.nz/>

## 5. Future

We believe our parish has lots of opportunities for growth, and we aspire to be a major centre of worship in our community. From our “Future Directions Consultation” early in 2023 the congregation has expressed a desire for more small group activities, including prayer groups and bible study.

Also we would like to build stronger links to our neighbours, including Massey University, whose Albany campus is just down the road. We have strong links with Settlers’ retirement village, and believe the (mixed age) community of 1500 dwellings planned for 473 Albany highway (<https://www.473albany.co.nz/>) will present an opportunity to connect with new neighbours and grow the number and diversity of our members.

We believe that so far this parish has not yet reached its full potential. There are increasing opportunities for growth. We seek the active direction of an enthusiastic priest, comfortable with modern communications technology, to help us bring this about,.

We would like to take advantage of Holy Cross’s location and facilities to bring the wider community into our building. In particular, we would like the new audio-visual system in

Holy Cross church to be further leveraged—for rental income, for use by community groups, and for use by church groups for both social activities and learning opportunities.

We have a stable financial situation through investment income, but would like to increase the amount we receive from giving (currently about 18%) to enable further community outreach and support for those in need.

Currently a relatively small group worships at St Michael and All Angels in Greenhithe. However, the Greenhithe area is still growing in population, and if we are able to grow the congregation, in 2026 there is the opportunity to return to using the site full time, rather than just on Sunday. St Michael’s also has a long-standing agreement with the Methodist Church of New Zealand to formally represent the MCNZ in Greenhithe, and provides a “Methodist style” worship each month.



PARISHIONERS GATHER AFTER A GREENHITHE SERVICE

## 6. The New Priest

We seek a leader with a practical outlook who can both support us to learn about our own faith, and help us to be more outward facing.

We need skills for community building and outreach.

We value knowledge and communication skills, but also humour, empathy, joy, and enthusiasm, and the ability to get on with others.

## 7. Support

We have managed to utilise and develop the assets that our Holy Cross and St Michael's sites give us. This investment income gives us the ability to support a full stipend and also supplement the housing allowance for a vicarage if required.

The new priest will be supported by a ministry team, pro-active vestry, and paid part time helpers.

Non-stipendiary Priest: Les Doss  
Deacon: Bruce Goertz  
Music Coordinator: Andrew Ireland

People's Warden: Beatrix Jones  
Bishop's Warden: Trish Duncan  
Synod reps: Andrew Ireland and Nicky Ireland  
Treasurer: Valerie Churchill  
Secretary: Patrick Harris  
Additional Vestry Members: Graham Wood, John Churchill, Dorothy Schultz, Gary Wells

Paid Administrator: Roger Sharp (10 hours per week)  
Paid Cleaner: Albert Walsh (2 hours per week)  
Paid Website maintenance: Elizabeth Witton

## 8. Community Info

Holy Cross is situated in Albany Village, within a short distance of North Harbour Stadium and the aquatic centre; the Albany Library and Kells Park, Westfield Mall and Mega Centre shopping areas, and the Albany bus station/park and ride which connects to the northern busway. We are also close to the Albany Campus of Massey University, which has about 7000 students.

Albany state schools include Albany Primary, Junior High, and High School. It is also home to private schools Pinehurst and Kristin, both serving preschool through to year 13.

Greenhithe has an extensive network of parks, and is home to Greenhithe and Upper Harbour state primary schools.

Other schools in the mission district include state primary schools Ridge View in Paremoremo (small rural school, roll of ~60), Coatesville Primary (roll of ~270), and integrated school Westminster Christian (year 1-8, roll of 371)



ALBANY LAKES AREA OUTSIDE WESTFIELD MALL



WAINONI PARK, GREENHITHE

## 9. Application Details

- A. Applications are to be received by 30 June 2023.
- B. Applications are to include a CV and covering letter.
- C. Please also include copies of any sermons you would like to share with the nomination committee.
- D. Include contact details of two referees – one lay and one clergy (referees will only be contacted for those who are short listed).
- E. Please email your application to Patrick Harris, Parish Nominator [oakridgefarm@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oakridgefarm@xtra.co.nz).