



**Anglican Diocese
of Auckland**
Glorifying God the Holy Trinity

PARISH PROFILE

The Mission District of Paparoa
Incorporating

St Albans, Whakapirau

Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto

St Marks, Paparoa

About Us

Our community is seeing significant growth in new housing and commercial developments. There are three churches spread over our Mission District and although some parishioners prefer to worship only at their home church others travel to support worship in their sister churches. Usually there are around twelve parishioners at services. We have a genuine concern for each other and pastoral care is seen as a shared responsibility. Visitors are warmly welcomed and included.

Parishioners have come through different pathways to join our congregation and we are eclectic in our make up, with various church backgrounds being represented.

We follow the Anglican Prayer Book, usually using the 476 service and hymns from various sources. While fairly formal in structure we are flexible and open to change.

There is an energy for growth and we are slowly seeing new people arrive. Parishioners are willing to use their talents and interests to move forward in their personal growth and the growth of the church.

Our involvement in the community is an area we wish to explore, and we have made tentative steps with the hosting of some community events. Although many parishioners have rich backgrounds we are rather mono cultural in our make up.

We are excited and enthusiastic about the appointment of a new priest and would like to see them develop their own interests and talents within the wider community, something we would be happy to help with.



St Albans



Holy Trinity



St Marks

St Albans, Whakapirau

St Albans is a picturesque historic church in the harbourside village of Whakapirau. The building is in reasonable condition. Parishioners, along with community members, have recently upgraded the outer fence and sign post. The community has raised funds to support this work and further maintenance.

Eucharist services are held monthly and support is growing among the residents. The church does not have power or toilet facilities.

A cemetery is attached to the church and a contractor mows the grounds.

Holy Trinity, Maungaturoto

Situated in the town of Maungaturoto on highway 12.

This is the largest of the three churches. It was built in the 1950's and has a meeting room and large office with computer, photocopier and wifi facilities. A volunteer manages the office and various community groups use the meeting room. It has kitchen facilities and a small storage room.

Under the church there is a basement area that was once a youth centre. More recently it operated as a community run Opportunity Shop however it is now vacant.

There is ample parking around the church.

A vicarage is adjacent to the church and this is rented out to generate funds shared by the two Mission Districts.

Services are held most Sundays.

A cemetery is located approximately five kilometres Northwest of the township.

St Marks, Paparoa

St Marks is on the outskirts of Paparoa, a small town on the surrounds of the Kaipara harbour. It is modern in its design and replaced an earlier church.

There is an entrance area for meetings, with an attached kitchenette and toilet facilities. Social events and the worship area is entered through double doors.

A large television in the worship area can be connected to a computer but there aren't any wifi facilities.

There is a cemetery attached to the church.

St Marks has a monthly eucharistic service and a Cafe service run by one of the parishioners.

A Selwyn Centre operates each Thursday, and this is attended by people throughout the district.

Summary

There is a cohesiveness throughout the Mission District and some parishioners travel between the churches for services. Each church has a representative on the governing body and they provide a summary of significant events through a monthly report.

The Priest We Are Looking For

- Someone who is creative and energetic, with good academic skills and a sound knowledge of scripture and church history.
- Someone with good interpersonal skills - approachable, friendly and able to reach out to the community.
- Someone who can recognise talents in others, delegate tasks and lead teams.
- Someone who encourages evangelism and outreach.
- Someone who supports and encourages ecumenical dialogue.

Desirable Skills

- An interest in music.
- A commitment to developing and encouraging the use of Te Reo and Tikanga Maori.
- Good computer skills.

Expectations

- That each church will have one eucharistic service a month.
- That the priest will do home visits when necessary.
- That they would support interchurch community activities.
- That they would encourage the development of small groups, home groups and bible study.

How We Can Help

- Administrative work. (Office help.)
- Accounting.
- Assistance with pastoral care.
- Assistance with music. (An organist and guitarist).
- A licensed lay ministry team.
- Assistance with community liaison.
- Outreach events.

All these positions are staffed by parishioner volunteers.

What we hope to become – our vision for the future.

We will joyfully welcome the appointment of a new leader and would like that person to know that we want to be part of a team. A team where people are trained and work alongside that person so that the work of spreading the Good News is shared and does not become the responsibility of one person alone.

We would like to see the maintenance and growth of the Christian faith within our mission district, with particular attention to the form of worship that could be described as Anglican.

We would like to establish ourselves as a presence within the wider community, making available services that are usually associated with people working out their faith.

We would like our congregations to be more age inclusive, with a range of ages represented.

We would hope that stronger ecumenical ties could be facilitated with other denominations in our community and possibly the wider Kaipara area.