

HIBISCUS COAST ANGLICAN PARISH PROFILE



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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for your interest in the position of Parish Vicar of the Hibiscus Coast Anglican Parish. Our Parish has three churches: St Chad's in Orewa, Holy Trinity in Silverdale and Christ Church in Waiwera.

Our Parish is welcoming and friendly, a place where people gather to worship God, learn, pray, grow and experience Christ's love. We enjoy a community where everyone is valued and there is a real sense of shalom and belonging.

The principal church, St Chad's, is growing in number, regularly attracting new members. There are high levels of participation by congregation members in worship, leadership, Bible-based preaching and in all the pastoral and outreach ministries and activities of the church.

Many parishioners enjoy using their spiritual gifts, skills and abilities to actively participate in parish life, serving God and others. Although our congregations are older, we aspire to continue to grow and develop into an intergenerational church community.

OUR VISION

Faith expressing itself through Love. Galatians 5:6



WHAT WE VALUE MOST ABOUT OUR PARISH

Recently we held a Future Directions Consultation to guide the selection of our new vicar. It was attended by around 50 parishioners who all contributed with enthusiasm. The answers have been grouped as follows.

Welcome, Acceptance, Unity, Community, Belonging and Fellowship

We especially value the sense of belonging, friendliness and fellowship that we feel when worshipping together as a community. We love the coming together. We love that our church community is like a family with genuine care for each other and where everyone's needs are met. Everyone is welcomed, appreciated and accepted. There is genuine unity, a sense of connectedness, belonging and a feeling of oneness in our devotion to, worship and enjoyment of God. This provides a place of spiritual safety where there is no discrimination, judgement, angst or disharmony. We are a relaxed, loving church and don't take ourselves too seriously. Love, generosity of spirit, peace, gentleness and grace prevail. We would love more younger people and families to join us.

Biblical Teaching

The whole church is based on the Word of God, both the teaching and the worship. We love Bible-centred, theologically sound teaching and preaching of traditional values and truths found in the Bible, not influenced or swayed by current culture. Sermons are linked to the weekly readings, and the message is constant and relevant. Small study groups study the Bible too.

Spirit Led and Aligned

The peace and harmony we experience is no doubt the result of being led by the Holy Spirit. We welcome the leading of the Holy Spirit, we feel the presence of the Holy Spirit moving in our services, ministries, decision making and lives. There is joy in our worship and meaning in our prayers. There is a spiritual maturity in our congregations, developed from many years of listening to and learning to align with the Spirit's work in our church.

Participation in Ministry and Outreach

Our parish has a heart for the community. Serving our community includes the very popular op shop, our monthly market, school lunches, monthly community dinners, Mainly Music, Easter hikoi, Christmas nativity scene, retirement village services... (see more below). There is a genuine willingness to volunteer, contribute and participate, and a joy and delight in sharing Christ, with opportunities to serve in different ways. However, it must be noted our congregation would benefit from younger, stronger help as many of our bodies are losing their strength: "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Anglican Tradition, Liturgy, Leadership and History

We love and respect the Anglican tradition of liturgical seasons and cycles which give balance and variety, worship style, participation in the liturgy, the diversity of preachers and our open communion table. Our leadership and clergy are very approachable, and we value the positive influence of our elderly. We value the history of our three churches and how they have served their communities both in the past and continue to be an important place in these communities.

OUR NEW VICAR

The vacancy for a new Vicar for the Hibiscus Coast Parish is the result of the retirement of Rev Steve Down, our Vicar for the last 17 years. We are grateful to Rev Steve and his life and ministry he has provided to our community.

At our Future Directions Consultation, we identified the key leadership qualities, skills and attributes we are looking for in our new Vicar:

OUR NEW VICAR WILL

- Have a strong personal relationship with the Lord, know their Bible very well, walk in the Holy Spirit and be prayerful. They will be able to discern God's will for our church and lead our congregation's spiritual growth by example.
- Be a vibrant people person with a great sense of humour and a generous nature. They will be a friendly and positive, with lots of energy.
- Be a good listener with excellent communication skills. They will be able to get alongside and relate to anyone of any age, culture, background or ability, young, old and in between.
- Be interested in people and their spiritual growth, both preaching the gospel and making disciples. They will bring out the best in people.
- Be a strong speaker and educator, giving theologically sound, engaging and relevant Bible-based sermons and teaching to smaller groups.
- Be caring and compassionate with a passion for pastoral care and a real heart for our community.
- Be a servant leader, leading by example. A facilitator and collaborative team player, willing to delegate and empower others to grow their skills and leadership.
- Have a heart for local mission and outreach, including supporting our current community ministries while being open to new ideas and opportunities.
- Be willing to network and collaborate with leaders of other churches and denominations on the Hibiscus Coast and able to build relationships with the wider community.
- Have experience reaching families and young people in new ways. We are primarily an older congregation. But we want to reach families, young people and children and become an intergenerational church.
- Be able to manage our three churches in our parish despite differences in size, congregations and building maintenance needs. This includes making the best use of our brand-new St Chads Hall for our whole community, while funds are raised to restore Holy Trinity.
- Be young in heart and spiritually mature.

OUR THREE CHURCHES

[Parish Boundary Map \(2025\) - Google My Maps](#)

St Chads, Orewa



St Chad's is the principal church in the parish, with the most facilities and the largest, youngest and most family orientated congregation, and the most relaxed and contemporary services. Even so, the congregation is largely elderly. Services are held at 8am and 10am every Sunday. The current church was built in 2005. It is located on a corner in Centreway Road in the heart of Orewa village and uses this location to its advantage for community market days etc. In 2025, after a huge fundraising effort which united the church, a brand-new hall designed by a parishioner Gilbert Fennell was completed and is now debt-free. It is ready to be utilised for community outreach and monthly community dinners are re-starting.

Holy Trinity, Silverdale



Holy Trinity has a mixed age congregation. Two services are held each month. Holy Trinity is a beautiful Selwyn-style historic grade 2 listed church built in 1885 and stood at the top of Silverdale Street, looking down on the village of Silverdale for 121 years until it was moved to its present site to make way for the Silverdale Mall project and roading. While Holy Trinity is in a business area, the larger area around it is a rapidly growing residential area.

Unfortunately, the church needs restoration work, and a fundraising campaign is underway which is close to its target to enable the work to commence later in the year. Holy Trinity has a hall referred to as The Cottage. The Silverdale Anglican Cemetery is also located at Holy Trinity.

Christ Church, Waiwera



Christ Church also has a much smaller, older congregation. A service is held once a month. The church is over 90 years old and stands on land given in trust by the Whitney family in 1916. The Whitney Trust still exists today. Descendants of Major John Whitney still have connections with Christ Church and attend services at times.

The history of the village follows the hot water springs used by Māori and then the development as a resort by European settlers in the 1850's. This has been closed for many years, despite ongoing rumours of redevelopment.

Waiwera village is a small, close-knit community with approximately 100 permanent residents. Christ Church has a new cleaning team of locals who have recently completely cleaned the church and the brass is gleaming.

Although each church has its own identity and congregation, they have common accounts and one Vestry.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

Five congregations meet over three churches. Our worship style is based on the Anglican liturgy, following the cycle and seasons of the New Zealand Prayer Book, with Communion at its centre. Many lay people are involved in our services through music, the readings, as liturgists, leading the prayers, welcoming, assisting with the administration of communion, preparing the morning tea, and the flowers. This involvement is an important part of creating and nurturing our community.

St Chad’s, Orewa

Sunday Services

8.00am Holy Communion	Average attendance 15 - 20, traditional
10.00am Holy Communion	Our largest congregation: Average attendance 75–90 and the service is live-streamed. Worship is relaxed, with contemporary liturgy, music and songs. Lay people are liturgists and often preach. The liturgy and music lyrics are projected onto a screen. On the first and second Sundays, worship is led by two musicians, Graham and Chris Mundell. Services are followed by a well-attended morning tea and prayers for the parish.

Every Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion	Average attendance 10 – 15, traditional liturgy
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Rest Homes

Communion taken weekly to several rest homes/retirement villages in the Orewa area.

Christ Church, Waiwera

First Sunday of the month

10.00am Holy Communion	Average attendance 15 – 22, traditional liturgy
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Holy Trinity, Silverdale

Second and Fourth Sunday of the month

9.00am Holy Communion	Average attendance 15 – 20, traditional liturgy
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Additional Services

- ANZAC annual service
- Animal blessing service
- Mother’s Union services
- Christmas Carol Service
- Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals



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OUR PEOPLE

Priest -in Charge Rev'd Pam Sheath

Vicar's Warden Paul Jordaan

People's Warden Belinda Manus-McGeehan

Treasurer Lesley Wilson

Vestry

Eight elected members, including a representative from Christ Church and Holy Trinity, meet monthly.

Parish Secretary (part-time) Fiona Simpson

Occasional Ministers and Preachers

Bill Carter (Lay)

Rev Owen Hoskin

Liturgists (St Chads, 10am)

Anne-Marie Jordaan (currently enrolled in the Diocesan Training Program)

Annemarie Panzic

Bill Carter

Susan Maiava (also an occasional preacher)

Lyn Hodgkiss

Lesley Wilson

There are also other liturgists at the 8am service, Holy Trinity and Christ Church

Other

Op Shop & Sexton Silverdale Anglican Cemetery Barbara Everiss

Mainly Music Annemarie Panzic

Parish Committee Christine Hodgson



OUR MINISTRIES

Pastoral Care

Our parish values the importance of offering pastoral care, friendship and supporting to those in need. Some is organised and others just happen naturally because of the sense of community, family and belonging. Gathering to share food is very important to us. Four Bible study groups allow people to share their lives, pray and care for each other, and discuss and understand Scripture. Additionally:

- Home, Hospital and Hospice visits, including communion
- Morning tea after services where friendships are developed
- Monthly Ladies and Men's breakfasts
- Parish committee organises social events
- Mother's Union and Anglican Trust for Women and Children – PJ and Christmas gift box appeals
- Annual Pastoral Dinner celebrating the life of St Chad
- Four Bible Study groups
- 'Word for Today' and other devotionals available
- Pantry / Freezer meals for parishioners in need

Church Care

Many people participate in caring for our church as an act of worship:

- Rosters: Greeters, Readers, Liturgists, Intercessors, Flowers and Cleaning.
- Prayer for the Parish, after 10am service at St Chad's weekly
- Vestry – monthly meeting
- Management of Anglican Cemetery at Holy Trinity Silverdale
- Maintenance of property and buildings and church grounds
- Income from our Op Shop and other fundraising eg raffles, for building maintenance

Ministry and Outreach

We serve our community through a great variety of activities. We intend to use our new hall to increase these. Hospitality and sharing meals generally are a significant part of how we express our care for our community:

- Mainly Music
- Op Shop
- Monthly Community Dinners – about to restart
- School lunches supplied twice a week
- Senior Citizen's lunch
- Catering after funerals
- Foodbank donations
- Monthly Market Days monthly (in carpark)
- Multiple Prayer driving/walking (by parishioners)
- Fundraising activities open to the community – quiz nights and concerts
- Alpha courses
- Good Friday Procession of Witness
- ANZAC Service
- Animal blessing service

Christmas Carols with Nativity (in carpark)

Marshalling Orewa Christmas Parade

Hall used for Community Group meetings: Order of St Luke, Emergency Hub for Civil Defence

Hall hire – St Chad's Hall and The Cottage Silverdale, to community groups: Lions, Inner Wheel, Genealogy group

Opportunities for Community Ministry Growth

- Youth & Children's Ministry – Schools and churches are always looking for leaders to mentor young believers.
- Community Outreach – Volunteering in local charities, food banks, and support groups strengthens faith-based initiatives.
- Christian Events & Gatherings – Organizing worship nights, Bible study groups, and faith-based workshops can bring people together.



OUR FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

Continue to do more of what we are already doing well

Examples include utilising our new hall, re-starting community dinners, hospitality, offering more alpha courses, increasing the number of home groups, more training, retreats and pastoral care, a greater focus on discipleship, continuing sound and engaging Biblical teaching and spirit-filled worship, treasuring and nurturing our devotion to God and our sense of welcoming, acceptance and care for all.

Develop a ministry to children, youth and young families, and become an intergenerational church!

We acknowledge that, apart from Mainly Music, we do not currently have a ministry to children, youth or young families. We do not have a Sunday School or youth group because we have very few children or youth. Meanwhile our aging congregation is carrying the load.

What we DO have is older people whose spiritual wisdom, insight and life experience is under-utilised. Young people need a community to care about and elders to learn from.

We want to share what we have with younger people, for example by mentoring to pass on spiritual knowledge and life wisdom from older Christians to younger Christians (2 Tim), even if not in the form of a youth group or at our church, in the first instance.

We would love to develop opportunities for intergenerational participation and draw youth and younger families into our congregation, even if it involves some change. We must be open to more contemporary styles of worship and music eg Café church.

Restore Holy Trinity church in Silverdale.

Having successfully built a new hall at St Chad's, with no debt, we are now fundraising to restore Holy Trinity.

Develop a greater local and global mission focus!

For example, reach out to new housing sub-divisions near us, connect to overseas missionaries and Christian Aid organisations, reach unreached people (there are over 200 nationalities in Auckland) and stand with persecuted Christians around the world.

PARISH FINANCES

The Hibiscus Coast Parish budget projects a surplus after depreciation is taken into account. This has resulted in retained earnings each year which have been put aside for capital expenditure. After vigorous fundraising, we have completed the St Chads Hall rebuild project this year and are now focused on the Holy Trinity restoration project. Annual Accounts and budget are available on request.

HOUSING

We do have an old vicarage on site. But it is used for office space and other storage or rental services from time to time. As we do not have a live-in vicarage, a nearby rental property will be sought within our church boundaries. We are very open to accommodating your needs.

HOW TO APPLY

Thank you for your interest in the position of Vicar of the Parish of Hibiscus Coast, Diocese of Auckland.

The Nomination Committee invites you to email your application to:

Archdeacon, The Venerable Carole Hughes

Email: carole.hughes@aucklandanglican.org.nz

Your formal application should contain:

1. A letter of application from you, including how you feel your skills, experience, and strengths meet the needs of our Parish as expressed in the Parish Profile.
2. A copy of your Curriculum Vitae.
3. The names and addresses of three referees which should include:

A lay member from your current situation

A person from the wider community

A clergy colleague

Applications close on 18 July 2025 at 5pm.

Should you be shortlisted for the position you will be required to attend and interview on Saturday 2nd August. Further detail will be supplied at a later date should you be shortlisted.

Please do not hesitate to contact Archdeacon Carole for any further information.



APPENDIX

LIVING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Living in the Hibiscus Coast community as a Christian offers a welcoming and faith-centred environment, enriched by local amenities that support both spiritual and everyday life.

Faith & Community

The area is home to several churches, such as **Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church**, **St John's Catholic Church**, **Orewa Baptist Church**, **Silverdale Church**, and **Orewa Community Church**, all of which emphasise community engagement, worship, and spiritual growth. Christians in the Hibiscus Coast actively participate in local ministries, prayer meetings, and outreach programs. Many churches focus on embracing the wider community, supporting initiatives like food banks and charity shops.

Education

There are several schools in the area that provide strong educational foundations:

- **Orewa Beach Primary School and Orewa Primary School** – The two closest state primary schools to St Chads. Both have great reputations.
- **KingsWay School** – A well-established Christian school offering primary and secondary education with a focus on integrating faith into learning.
- **Wentworth College & Primary** – A private school that emphasizes academic excellence and character development.
- **Meraki Montessori School** – A unique learning environment that incorporates Christian values into its curriculum.
- **Orewa College** – Provides a strong community atmosphere where Christian students can thrive.

Additionally, Christian-based childcare centres, such as **Coast Kindy**, integrate faith into early childhood learning, ensuring a nurturing environment for young children.

Local Amenities & Lifestyle

The **Hibiscus Coast** offers a variety of amenities that contribute to a fulfilling lifestyle:

- **Beaches & Parks** – The stunning coastline, including 3km long **Orewa Beach**, **Hatfields Beach** and **Stanmore Bay**, provides peaceful settings for reflection, fellowship, and outdoor activities (walking, swimming, boating). The beaches are very popular with Aucklanders for weekend recreation. **Shakespear Regional Park** at the end of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula is very popular. Rural areas including a golf course and native bush are close by. Orewa is popular with Hot Rod enthusiasts.
- **Community Centres** – Places like the **Hibiscus Coast Community House** offer support services, events, and social gatherings.
- **Shopping & Dining** – The **Orewa town centre** and **Silverdale Mall** provide convenient access to shops, cafes, and restaurants. Silverdale has all the 'big box' retailers while Orewa village is more 'boutique', close to the beach with many cafes.
- **Healthcare & Services** – The area is very well-equipped with medical centres, medical services, pharmacies, and wellness facilities.



The Hibiscus Coast Community

The Hibiscus Coast is a vibrant and growing area. Over the next 10 to 20 years significant development is expected, driven by infrastructure investments and population growth. The community is expected to maintain its welcoming and inclusive atmosphere while adapting to modern needs and environmental challenges.

Key Projections include:

- **Urban Expansion:** Continued residential development, with up to 4,000 new homes planned before wastewater capacity upgrades.
- **Infrastructure Improvements:** A \$500 million investment in wastewater infrastructure, including upgrades to the Army Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- **Community Enhancements:** Local board initiatives focusing on coastal protection, greenway paths, and community resilience networks.
- **Economic Growth:** Increased support for local businesses and community projects, with funding allocated for facility upgrades and business development.
- **Transport & Connectivity:** Ongoing discussions about road expansions and public transport improvements, including the potential four-lining of Penlink.

Key Growth Drivers

- **Migration:** Net migration is a major factor, adding 73,300 residents to Auckland in 2024.
- **Urban Expansion:** Areas like Millwater South have nearly doubled in population, growing from 2,304 residents in 2018 to 4,287 in 2023.
- **Demographic Shifts:** The median age is rising in several areas, suggesting an influx of older residents or lower birth rate.

These trends indicate a steady but manageable growth trajectory, with infrastructure and community planning playing a crucial role in shaping the future of the Hibiscus Coast.



Attendance statistics for St Chads for 2004 to 2023

Year	Acts of communion	Attendance	Roll
2004	7676	7298	
2005	9195	8769	
2006	8148	8190	
2007	[no data]	7830	
2008	7,742	6343	
2009	1,811	7511	
2010	1,372	7620	
2011	7594	7627	
2012	7103	8402	238
2013	6396	8051	
2014	6,269	7091	
2015	6298	7013	
2016	6,680	7043	
2017	6609	7433	
2018	6,474	6,984	235
2019	6,679	7,267	243
2020	4,255	4,415	243
2021	3,711	4,452	239
2022	5,057	5,617	243
2023	6,886	7,000	247
2024	6,260	6,832	