

Parish Profile

**St Chad's Church and Community Centre
Meadowbank
Auckland**



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Welcome. Nau mai, Haere mai!

“Loving people and connecting them with Jesus.”

St Chad’s Church and Community Centre is a Christ-centred church that exists as both a worshipping community and a welcoming community hub, where people of all ages can belong, grow in faith and discover the transforming love of Jesus.

Thank you for your interest in the position of Vicar at [St Chad’s Anglican Church, Meadowbank](#). This Parish Profile introduces our parish, the community to which God has called us, what we value and where we believe God is leading us as we discern God’s call for the next season of ministry at St Chad’s.

St Chad’s is a contemporary evangelical Anglican parish within the Diocese of Auckland, committed to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Bible-based teaching, worship centred on Jesus Christ, loving pastoral care and active engagement with our local community. We are a welcoming congregation that values authentic relationships, spiritual growth and serving others in the name of Christ.

At the heart of our parish is a deep sense of belonging. Members consistently describe St Chad’s as a place where people are known, accepted and cared for—a church that feels like family. These themes were consistently reflected throughout our parish consultation and continue to shape our identity as a community.

While we treasure the strengths God has given us, we also recognise that we are entering an exciting season of opportunity. Our parish and the surrounding eastern suburbs of Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau are growing and changing. New families, increasing cultural diversity, and changing patterns of community life present fresh possibilities for mission. Our congregation is eager to engage more intentionally with our neighbourhood, strengthen discipleship, welcome younger generations, and share the hope of Christ with those around us.

We are therefore seeking a Vicar who will join us in discerning God’s future for St Chad’s. We are looking to appoint someone who loves God’s Word, is prayerful and Spirit-led, values pastoral relationships, encourages the gifts of others, and who will lead us with wisdom, humility and vision. Our next Vicar will work alongside a committed staff team and congregation who are willing to serve, open to growth, and ready to embrace new opportunities while remaining firmly grounded in Scripture.

This profile is an invitation to discover our parish. It tells the story of our people, our worship, our community, and the direction in which we believe God is leading us. More

importantly, it reflects our shared desire to know Christ more deeply, to love one another more fully, and to serve our parish and its community faithfully as witnesses to the transforming love of God.

If, as you read these pages, you sense that God may be calling you to walk alongside us in this next season of ministry, we would welcome the opportunity to hear from you.



Our Vision and Values

Our vision statement

Loving People and Connecting Them with Jesus.

Our mission priorities

Our shared vision can be expressed through four enduring priorities:

- **Knowing God** through worship, prayer and Bible-based teaching.
- **Growing Disciples** by equipping people to serve with their God-given gifts.
- **Building Community** where every person is welcomed, valued and encouraged.
- **Sharing Christ** by engaging our community with love, compassion and hope.

Every church has its own character. At St Chad's, our identity is shaped not only by our Anglican heritage but by the values that have grown through years of worshipping, serving and following Christ together.

During our parish consultation, parishioners were invited to reflect on what they value most about St Chad's. While individual responses varied, several themes were consistently reflected in parishioners' responses. Together they paint the picture of a church that exists to know Christ more deeply, love one another more fully, and share His love with our community.

Everything we do is centred on our calling to worship God faithfully, grow as disciples of Jesus, care for one another as the family of God, and participate in God's mission in the world. We believe the Church is called not simply to preserve what has been entrusted to us, but to proclaim the hope of the Gospel afresh in every generation.

Our consultation affirmed a shared desire to continue to build upon the strong foundations that God has already established within our parish. We are grateful for our reputation as a welcoming, caring and Christ-centred congregation, and we believe God is now calling us to grow deeper in faith while reaching further into our community.

Knowing God

Everything we do flows from our relationship with Jesus. Our first priority therefore is to deepen that relationship.

We value worship that is reverent, joyful and centred on Christ. We value Bible-based, thoughtful, relevant teaching. We believe in the power of prayer, and the work of the Holy Spirit in shaping our lives. We aspire to nurture a culture of discipleship where Scripture is loved, prayer is natural, worship is wholehearted, and people are encouraged to develop a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ and make Him known within our community.

We believe that lives are transformed as people encounter Christ through Scripture, prayer and worship.

Growing disciples

Spiritual growth is not seen as an individual journey alone but as something we experience together. We encourage one another, pray for one another, and seek to discover and use the gifts God has given each member for the benefit of the whole church as we study, pray and fellowship together.

We aim to equip, encourage and empower every member of the church to discover and use their gifts in God's service. This includes strengthening small groups, developing new leaders, encouraging lay ministry, and enabling people of all generations to participate fully in the life and mission of the parish.

Building community

People regularly describe our church as 'a family'—a place where they belong and are genuinely welcomed, known and valued; we want to build on this gift by creating an even more connected, intergenerational community where people of every age, culture and background can flourish together.

We express this sense of 'family' through hospitality, encouragement, shared worship, pastoral care, home groups, prayer and serving alongside one another. As our neighbourhood becomes increasingly diverse, we seek to reflect God's love by extending Christ's welcome to all who enter our doors.

We value relationships that are authentic rather than superficial. We are committed to caring for one another through the joys and challenges of life, recognising that Christian community is built on love, trust, encouragement and prayer. We seek to extend Christ's welcome generously and compassionately to an increasingly diverse community while remaining firmly grounded in biblical truth.

As part of our community, many members contribute generously, quietly and faithfully in ways that are often unseen—preparing communion, offering pastoral care, serving in ministry and administrative roles, welcoming visitors, participating in the music team, operating the projector and sound desk, serving tea and coffee and praying for others. We value this shared ministry because it reflects the Church as the Body of Christ, where every member has a unique contribution to make.

Sharing Christ

God has placed St Chad's in the heart of Meadowbank to be a visible expression of Christ's love within our local community. We recognise that many people around us are searching for belonging, hope and purpose, and we want to be a church that engages openly and compassionately with our neighbours.

We are committed to strengthening our community presence through hospitality, practical service, thoughtful evangelism and genuine relationships. We are keen to develop new ways of connecting with children, young people and families, while caring faithfully for those who already call St Chad's home.

Looking ahead

Our vision and values have been shaped by the faith, service and experience of generations of people at St Chad's. As we look to the future, we want to build on this strong foundation while remaining open to where God is leading us.



Our Story

A Christ-centred Anglican community

St Chad's Church has served the parish since 1929, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ through worship, biblical teaching, pastoral care and service. As part of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland, we value the richness of Anglican worship while engaging thoughtfully with contemporary ministry. Our parish consultation affirmed that St Chad's is recognised as a biblically grounded, welcoming and caring congregation, committed to helping people grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

St Chad's is prominently located in Meadowbank, just a two-minute walk from Meadowbank Shopping Centre and on a busy parade of shops on St Johns Road, one of the main routes into central Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau. The church is often described as 'a beacon on a hill', reflecting its visible and prominent position in the local community.

Our Anglican identity

Our worship is rooted in Scripture, enriched by Anglican liturgy and centred on Jesus Christ. We celebrate Holy Communion each Sunday, value biblical preaching and teaching, and seek to communicate the Gospel in ways that are both accessible and relevant. We depend on the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we worship, pray and serve others.

The story of St Chad's is one of faithful witness to Jesus Christ and service to the local community for almost a century.

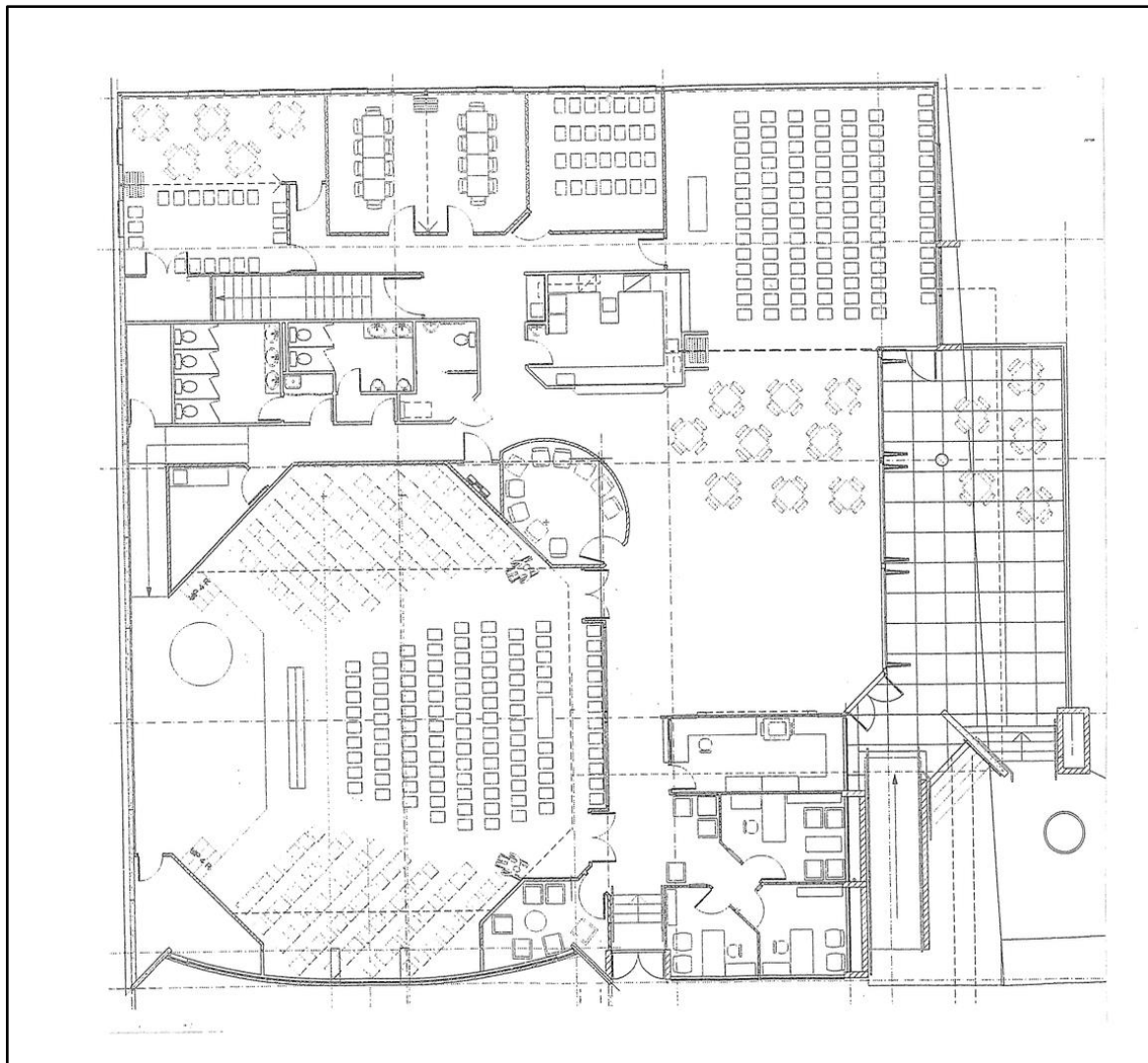
Established in 1929 as a daughter church of St Aidan's, Remuera, St Chad's was founded to serve the growing residential community east of the city. As Meadowbank expanded, so too did the ministry of St Chad's. A vicarage was completed in 1953, a parish hall followed in 1958, and in 1975 St Chad's became an independent parish within the Anglican Diocese of Auckland. These developments reflected both the growth of the suburb and the commitment of generations of parishioners who invested their faith, time and resources in building a vibrant Christian community.

Throughout its history, St Chad's has sought to hold together the richness of Anglican tradition with a living and active faith in Jesus Christ. During the latter part of the twentieth century the parish experienced a season of spiritual renewal that strengthened its emphasis on biblical preaching, prayer, discipleship and the work of the Holy Spirit. This renewal continues to shape the life of our parish through our commitment to worship that is both reverent and expectant, faithful to Scripture and open to God's transforming work in people's lives. These convictions continue to guide our preaching, our prayer life and our desire to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

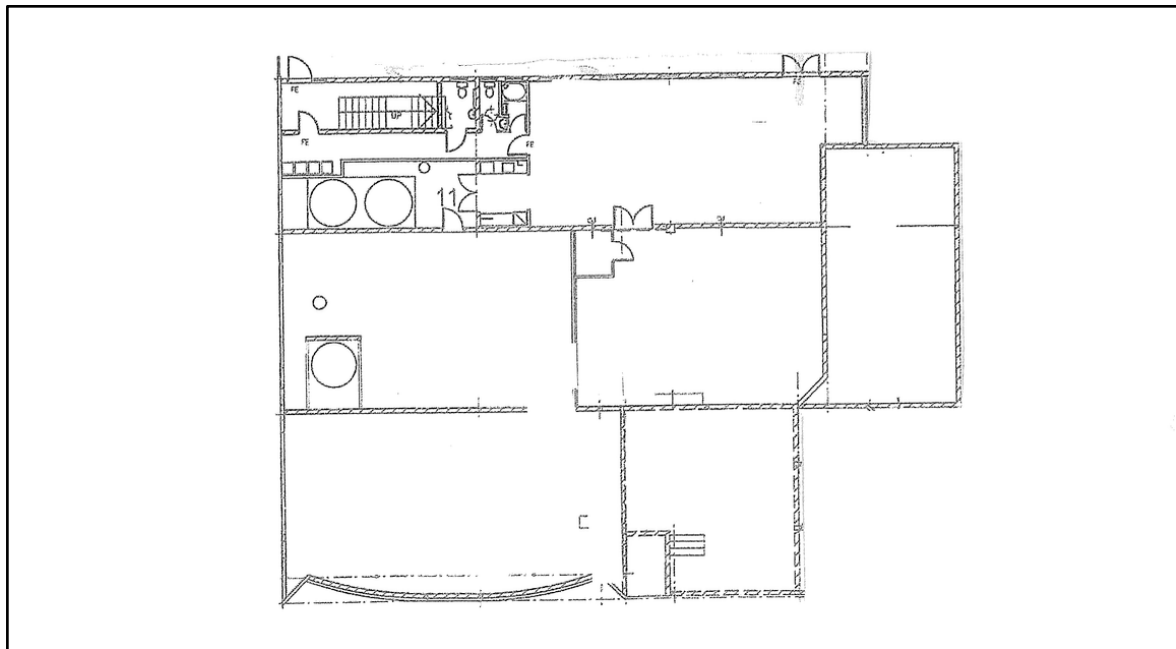
In 1995, St Chad's was one of the first churches in Aotearoa New Zealand to run the Alpha course, with many further courses offered in subsequent years. This reflects the parish's longstanding commitment to providing opportunities for both the church congregation and the wider community to explore the Christian faith.

We were historically very constrained in our ministry because of inadequate facilities. In 2010 we completed and opened our newly built Church and Community Centre facility, enabling us to engage more effectively with our community as well as offering worship and seminar options to the wider Christian community.

Church and Community Centre – Main Level



Church and Community Centre – Basement Level



Finances and housing

Our Parish is in a good financial position, with steady levels of giving and income from the hire of our auditorium/community rooms. Our financial statements are available on request.

The Parish is able to afford a full stipend and suitable housing arrangements. As there is no vicarage, housing arrangements will need to be agreed within Diocesan guidelines.

As we look to the future, we do so with gratitude for those who have gone before us and with confidence that the same God who has faithfully guided St Chad's through the past continues to lead us into His future.

Our Future Aspirations

Looking forward with hope

At St Chad's we give thanks for God's faithfulness throughout our history and for the many people whose love, service and generosity have shaped our parish. We believe we have been entrusted with a strong foundation of biblical teaching, genuine community and Christ-centred worship.

At the same time, we recognise that God continues to guide His Church as it serves each new generation.

Our consultation revealed a congregation that is hopeful rather than complacent. We do not simply wish to preserve what we have; we want to participate fully in God's mission within our parish and the surrounding communities. We believe the changing nature of our neighbourhood presents significant opportunities for new ministry and renewed growth.

Deepening our relationship with God

We want to deepen our culture of prayer and discipleship so that every aspect of parish life is shaped by our relationship with Jesus Christ. We see this as the foundation for everything God is calling us to in the years ahead.

Building an intergenerational church

Over the coming years we pray that more children, young people and younger families will become part of the life of St Chad's, while we value the wisdom and faithfulness of our existing congregation. We look forward to becoming an increasingly intergenerational church where faith is shared naturally across the generations.

Strengthening community engagement

We want to become increasingly engaged with our local community through hospitality, practical service and genuine relationships. We aspire to strengthen our connections with local schools, community organisations and neighbourhood groups, helping more people to encounter the love of Christ in natural and meaningful ways.

Developing leaders and disciples

Over the coming years we intend to identify, encourage and equip emerging leaders who will help sustain and expand the ministry of the parish. Developing future leaders will be an important priority as we seek to strengthen every area of parish life.

Sharing the Gospel with confidence

We seek to be a church that shares the Gospel with grace, humility and confidence, offering thoughtful biblical teaching, authentic Christian community and compassionate service to those around us.

We remain confident that God is already at work within our parish and the communities around us, inviting us to join Him in His mission.

Creating spaces where people belong

By creating welcoming spaces where neighbours gather, families connect and community life flourishes, we pray that more people will discover Christian community and explore the Christian faith. We celebrate the cultural diversity of our congregation and are committed to nurturing this, recognising the richness it brings to our life together.

These aspirations reflect our desire to build on the strong foundations God has already established at St Chad's. They are a response to God's continuing call to serve our parish and its wider community with faithfulness, generosity and hope. We look forward to discerning that future together with our next Vicar.

Our Next Vicar

A shared calling

As we discern God's call for the next season of ministry at St Chad's, we do so prayerfully, believing that God is already preparing the person He is calling to lead St Chad's in the next season of our ministry.

We are not simply looking for someone to fill a position. We are seeking a partner in the Gospel who will join us in discerning God's purposes, encouraging our congregation and leading us in God's mission.

Our consultation identified a number of qualities that parishioners believe are important in our next Vicar. Together these reflect both the needs of our parish and the direction we believe God is leading us.

A person of deep faith

Above all, we are looking for someone whose life is centred on Jesus.

We are looking for a Vicar who is prayerful, spiritually mature and deeply grounded in Scripture, leading not only through preaching but through personal example. We value humility, integrity and a genuine dependence on God's guidance in every aspect of ministry.

A faithful teacher

We are seeking a Vicar who communicates God's Word clearly, faithfully and engagingly, helping people of all ages to understand Scripture and apply it to everyday life.

We are looking for someone who can make complex ideas accessible while remaining theologically thoughtful and biblically grounded.

A relational leader

We are looking for a Vicar who enjoys being with people, listens well, is approachable and genuinely interested in the lives of others. We value a leader who is compassionate, encouraging and collaborative, able to build trust across generations and cultures and work constructively within the existing staff team.

Pastoral care is a cherished part of parish life, and we are looking for a Vicar who will continue to nurture this culture of love and support.

An equipper of others

Our vision is for every member of the church to participate actively in ministry.

We are looking for a leader who recognises and develops the gifts of others, encourages shared leadership and empowers people to serve with confidence.

Rather than doing everything themselves, we are looking for a Vicar who will inspire others to discover their calling and grow in ministry.

A leader in mission

Our consultation made it clear that our congregation wants to strengthen its engagement with the wider community.

We are looking for a Vicar who will bring imagination, energy and wisdom to this task, helping us connect more effectively with children, young people, families and those who currently have little connection with a church community.

We value someone who can lead change thoughtfully, honouring the strengths of our parish while helping us embrace new opportunities for mission.

Comfortable in the community

We are looking for a Vicar who will embrace the unique opportunities that come from leading a church that aspires to be deeply engaged with its local community.

Our building welcomes hundreds of people each week through a variety of activities and programmes. We are therefore seeking someone who enjoys meeting people beyond the Sunday congregation, values informal conversations and sees community engagement as an important part of Christian mission.

We are looking for a Vicar who is visible, approachable and relational—someone who is equally at home leading worship, encouraging volunteers, connecting with families or welcoming visitors into the life of the parish.

Walking together

We recognise that ministry is a shared endeavour involving clergy, staff and congregation. We look forward to welcoming a Vicar who will become part of our church family, sharing in our joys and challenges as together we discern God's direction for the future.

We offer a congregation that is welcoming, supportive, committed and eager to work collaboratively. In return, we are looking for a leader who will encourage us to grow deeper in faith, stronger in community and more effective in sharing the love of Jesus.

Our Worship

Worship that welcomes everyone

Our principal Sunday service is a contemporary Anglican worship service held each Sunday morning at 9.30am, usually attended by 60–70 people. Ages range from 0 to close to 100. We are committed to creating worship that is welcoming, accessible and engaging for people of all ages and stages of faith. Whether someone has been part of the Church for many years or is visiting for the first time, our desire is that they experience the love of Christ through genuine hospitality, meaningful worship and Bible-based teaching.

Children, young people and families are an important part of our worshipping community, and we are committed to ensuring that every generation can participate fully in the life of the Church.

Over the last five years we have embarked on a journey of bringing an intergenerational approach into our worship services and other church activities. This approach has superseded the previous approach of a separate youth group run by a paid youth pastor, and a children's group run by volunteers. We believe our intergenerational approach fits well with the "family" and "belonging" aspects of our church community. In this way we are excited to explore how every member of the church can be seen and celebrated for the unique gifts and personality that each brings to the whole body. Our Youth, Children and Families Lead, supported by our Young Families Coordinator, are continuing to discern and develop various initiatives to further incorporate this intergenerational approach into our church life.

Our worship seeks to combine the richness of Anglican tradition with warmth, authenticity and contemporary expression, creating an environment where people can encounter God together as His people.

Sunday services

Following the Anglican liturgy structure, our regular 9.30am Sunday services are centred on sung worship, community sharing, scripture, teaching, prayer and the celebration of Holy Communion.

Worship is more than a weekly gathering; it is where God's people encounter His presence, are nourished by His Word, and are equipped for lives of faithful discipleship.

Our consultation identified worship, biblical teaching and prayer as some of the defining strengths of St Chad's and as foundations for our future ministry.

During most of our services, robes are not worn.

Alongside Sunday sermons, we encourage ongoing learning through Bible study, home groups and personal devotion. There are currently six different Bible study and home groups meeting across the parish, providing opportunities for small groups to explore Scripture, pray, fellowship and grow together in faith.

Shared worship

Members contribute in many different ways through reading Scripture, leading prayers, assisting with Holy Communion, welcoming visitors, providing music and offering other practical support behind the scenes. This shared participation reflects our belief that worship belongs to the people of God and that every member has gifts to contribute.

Music and prayer

Through a mix of mainly contemporary songs and a few well-loved hymns, we seek to glorify God and encourage one another in faith.

Prayer is woven throughout the life of the parish. Corporate and personal prayer are integral to our worship and ministry. We believe prayer sustains the mission of the Church, meets the real-life needs of people and keeps us attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.



Worship beyond Sunday

Home groups, pastoral visits, shared meals, quiet contemplative services, prayer gatherings and acts of service all express our worship as the people of God. We believe Christian worship continues throughout the week as we seek to love God and serve our neighbours in our daily lives.

Our consultation highlighted a desire to deepen our life of prayer, continue to strengthen home groups, encourage intergenerational worship and grow in spiritual maturity.

The rhythm of the Christian year

Alongside our regular Sunday worship, Easter and Christmas are important times in the life of St Chad's. At Easter, services include Maundy Thursday, often with an interactive element, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. In previous years, reflective spaces have also been created to give people opportunities to pause, pray and reflect during Holy Week.

At Christmas, we hold an evening candlelight service on Christmas Eve and a service on Christmas Day. We also often hold a community Christmas event.



A worshipping community

Visitors often remark on the warmth and sincerity of worship at St Chad's. Our services are characterised not by performance but by participation. We seek to create an atmosphere where people encounter God's love, are encouraged by Christian fellowship and leave equipped to continue serving Him in their homes, workplaces and community.

Our life extends beyond Sunday worship, as we gather, serve and build relationships throughout the week.

Our Community Centre Week by Week

A church and community centre

Throughout the week, St Chad's is used by a range of groups and activities. GMS Auckland church also uses the St Chad's facilities each Sunday afternoon and evening.

Community groups currently using St Chad's facilities include:

- Girl Guiding New Zealand
- Hato Hone St John Youth Cadets
- Little Annie Pop-in Portraits
- Meadowbank Toastmasters
- Meadowbank Toy Library
- Mini Smiles
- Parents Centre
- Pepi Story Co
- Pform.nz
- Selwyn Centre
- Space
- St Heliers Floral Art
- Tool Box
- U3A

The church and community centre provide a large auditorium, two further large gathering spaces, a number of smaller rooms, a large kitchen and a kitchenette, enabling the building to serve both the congregation and the wider community. Our building welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds throughout the week, providing opportunities for connection, friendship, practical support and community life alongside our worship and ministry.





Our People

A community of faith

St Chad's is much more than a church building—it is a community of people seeking to follow Jesus together.

Our congregation includes people from many different backgrounds, cultures and life experiences, united by a shared faith and a desire to serve God within our parish community. We are thankful for the diversity that enriches our life together.

Many of our members have worshipped at St Chad's for many years, bringing wisdom, faithfulness and a deep commitment to the parish. Alongside them are newer members who have found a spiritual home through the warmth of our welcome, the quality of our biblical teaching and the genuine relationships that characterise our church family. Throughout our consultation, parishioners repeatedly described St Chad's as a place where they feel accepted, supported and known.

Shared leadership

Leadership at St Chad's is shared between clergy, staff and committed lay people who contribute their gifts in many different ways. Retired clergy who are part of St Chad's, together with clergy from St John's Theological College Hoani Tapu, support the ministry of the church and contribute actively to its life and worship.

Staff, wardens and Vestry members and other ministry leaders such as home group leaders and Overseas Mission Task Force work collaboratively to support the mission of the parish, while many others faithfully serve through worship, administration, pastoral care, hospitality, music, property maintenance and practical service. This shared ministry reflects our belief that every Christian has gifts to offer and a part to play in the life of the Church.



We value servant leadership that is collaborative, prayerful and focused on equipping others for ministry. Our aspiration is to continue developing leaders who will encourage the gifts of the whole congregation and strengthen the ministry of the parish into the future.

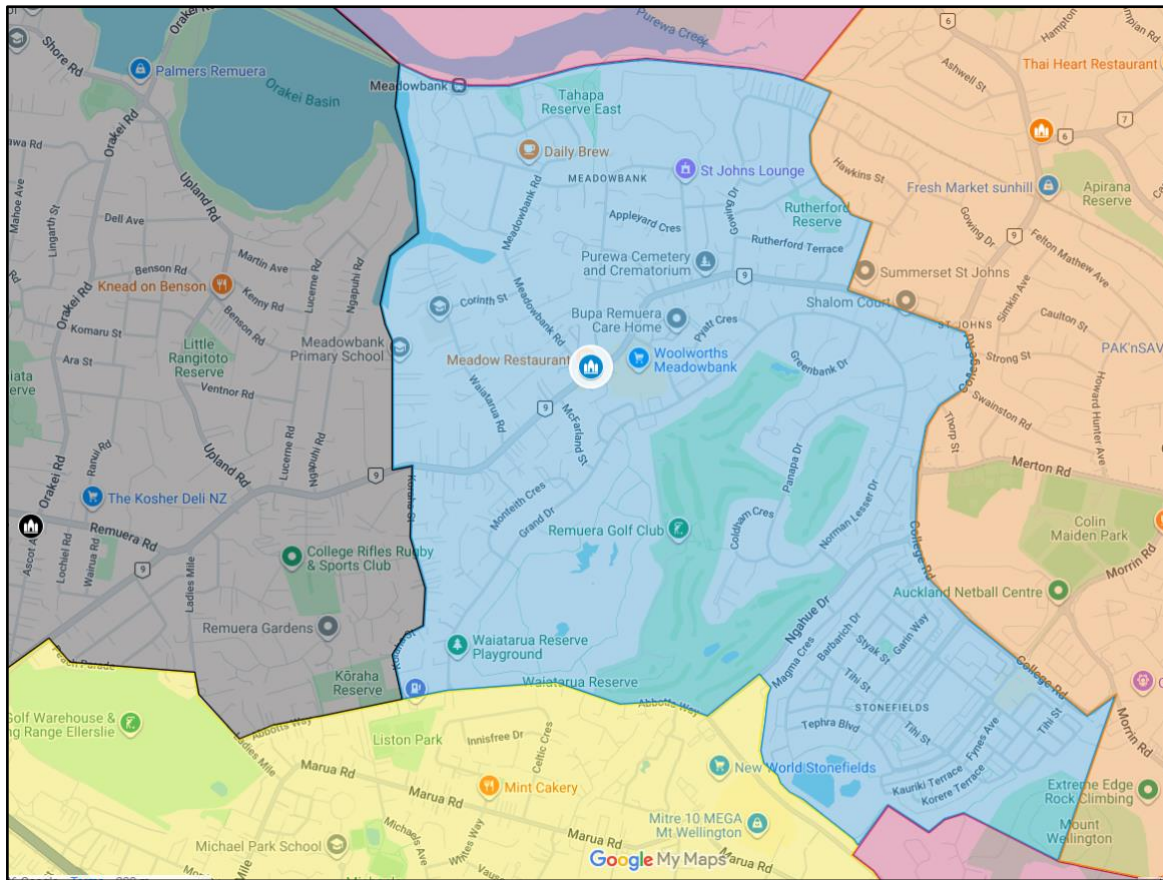
Our current paid staff roles/teams are:

- Vicar (full stipend)
- Youth, Children & Families Lead (40 hours per week)
- Parish & Facilities Administrator (30 hours per week)
- Music Director (15 hours per week)
- Young Families Coordinator (12 hours per week)
- Selwyn Centre Co-ordinators and 2IC (9 hours, 6 hours & 3 hours per week)

Looking to the future

We give thanks for the faithfulness and wisdom of those who have been part of the life of the parish for many years, while recognising God's call to engage intentionally with younger adults, children and families. We believe these are not competing priorities. Rather, we see an exciting opportunity to become an increasingly intergenerational church where faith is shared across the generations and every person has a place to belong, grow and serve. Our prayer is that future generations will discover in St Chad's the same welcome, encouragement and spiritual home that so many of us have already experienced.

Our Parish Community



A parish at the heart of a changing community

St Chad's is located in Meadowbank, one of Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau's established eastern suburbs, approximately eight kilometres from the city centre. The parish extends beyond Meadowbank to neighbouring suburbs including St Johns, Remuera and Stonefields. This is a well-connected and changing part of Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau, combining established neighbourhoods with significant new housing development and increasing cultural diversity. The area is served by the Eastern Line rail network and major bus routes, with easy access to State Highway 1, making it attractive to families, professionals and retirees alike.

The parish includes established residential neighbourhoods, a number of primary schools, abundant green spaces and a strong sense of community. In recent years, parts of the parish have also experienced significant urban intensification. New townhouses, apartments and medium-density developments are bringing new residents into the area, creating new possibilities for community building and Christian witness.

A diverse population

The Ōrākei Local Board 2025 data recorded a population of approximately 14,000 people within the parish boundaries, with continued growth expected as new housing developments are completed. The parish community reflects Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau's multicultural character, with families, working professionals and older residents from a wide range of backgrounds. The parish's mission field extends beyond Meadowbank to include the relatively new community of Stonefields and surrounding neighbourhoods, bringing St Chad's into contact with people from many cultural, economic and religious backgrounds.

This diversity presents both opportunities and challenges for parish ministry. While many residents enjoy financial security, access to well-regarded schools and a high quality of life, others experience social isolation, loneliness, family pressures and the search for deeper purpose and community—needs that are often less visible but no less significant.

Education and family life

There are three primary schools within the parish boundaries: Meadowbank School Te Kura o Pourewa, Mt Carmel School and Stonefields School Te Kura o ngā Pāraepōhatu. Students from Meadowbank School can transition to Remuera Intermediate School for Years 7 and 8. The suburbs within the parish are generally zoned for Selwyn College. There are also several independent schools nearby. These schools draw families from across eastern Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau and contribute to the area's strong family focus.

Many households include young professionals balancing demanding careers with raising children. This presents an important opportunity for St Chad's to provide spaces where families can build relationships, grow in faith and experience genuine Christian community.

St Chad's is near St John's Theological College Hoani Tapu and has traditionally nurtured close links with students from the College.

An attractive place to live

Residents value the parish's attractive natural environment. The area is close to Maungarei Mount Wellington, the Ōrākei Basin walkway, the shared walking and cycling path, Te Ara ki Uta ki Tai, Waatarua Reserve, coastal reserves, the Tāmaki Estuary and the eastern beaches. Parks, walking tracks and recreational facilities contribute to a healthy lifestyle and provide natural gathering places for community life.

The nearby Meadowbank Shopping Centre, the Lunn Avenue retail precinct and easy access to central Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau provide excellent amenities, while public transport links make commuting straightforward for many residents. These factors continue to make our parish a desirable place to live for both established families and newcomers.

A changing mission field

Like much of Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau, our parish is changing rapidly.

Traditional standalone homes are increasingly being complemented by medium-density housing, bringing new neighbours, greater population density and a more transient population. Alongside these changes, patterns of church participation have shifted across Aotearoa New Zealand. Many people have little connection with organised religion, while others remain spiritually curious but seek authentic relationships before engaging with a church community.

Our consultation recognised these realities clearly. Parishioners expressed a strong desire to become more visible within the local community, to strengthen hospitality, improve follow-up with newcomers, engage more intentionally with children, youth and families and develop new opportunities for outreach beyond Sunday worship.

Ministry in our community

The congregation believes God has called St Chad's to serve the communities within the parish boundaries in this season.

The surrounding community offers significant opportunities to:

- build meaningful relationships with local families and schools;
- welcome people from many cultures and backgrounds;
- support older residents through pastoral care and companionship;
- create community events that foster belonging and connection;
- offer thoughtful biblical teaching to those exploring Christian faith;
- encourage discipleship that equips people to live faithfully in contemporary Auckland Tāmaki Makaurau.

Rather than seeing demographic change as a challenge to be managed, St Chad's sees it as an invitation to participate more fully in God's mission.

Looking ahead

The people of St Chad's recognise that the future will require both faithfulness and imagination.

Our desire is to remain firmly grounded in Scripture while responding creatively to the changing needs of our community. We are committed to being a welcoming church where people of every generation and culture can encounter God's love, grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and discover a place of belonging.

As the parish continues to evolve, we believe St Chad's is well placed to serve its neighbourhood with hospitality, compassion and Bible-based teaching, sharing the hope of Christ with the community we are privileged to call home.

Making your application

Thank you for your interest in the position of Vicar of the Parish of Meadowbank. We invite you to submit a formal application to the Bishop's Office, via:

Archdeacon Peter Jenkins
peter.jenkins@aucklandanglican.org.nz

Your application should include:

- A cover letter of application from you, including how you feel your skills, experience, and strengths meet the needs of our Parish as expressed in this Parish Profile.
- A copy of your Curriculum Vitae.
- Two sermons. These should preferably be provided as video recordings of services at which you have preached. Audio recordings or written sermons may also be submitted.
- The names and contact details of three referees which should include a lay person from your current place of ministry.

Applications close on Friday 25 September.

Should you be shortlisted for the role you will be invited to attend an interview. Interviews will likely take place on Saturday 10 October.

Please note that your referees will be contacted to complete a standard referee form. They may also be contacted for more information/feedback as a part of the interview and discernment process.

Information about Meadowbank and the surrounding community has been drawn from publicly available sources, including Ōrākei Local Board 2024-2025 data and Auckland Council publications.