

# Canowindra

All Saints + Peace Memorial UCA  
Woodstock Eugowra Cranbury

*This is an ACA and UCA co-operating parish which works with the joint leadership of the JCC (Joint Church Council), under an MOU that dates 20 years.*



## OUR PLAN AND PRAYER

- To share the gospel with the wider community who may not usually attend Sunday services.
- The congregation is friendly and welcoming to newcomers; there is a monthly friendship group, a fortnightly girls' group, a weekly Bible study group and one of our number facilitates SRE at Canowindra Public which reaches 90-100 students each week.
- We are planning an outreach event during the HOPE25 period using the special sermons on HOPE for that time.
- The Canowindra Connection Centre offers many opportunities to share the gospel with those who attend our weekly food pantry.

## WHAT WE'D LOVE TO SEE IN A NEW MINISTER

- A good knowledge of the Bible and an ability and passion to teach us in ways that impact our lives for Jesus.
- A friendly, open disposition and willingness to visit and encourage members of the congregations and engage with the wider community.
- Someone who is able to happily work with both Anglican and Uniting church people, and deal with the additional challenges this raises on a denominational level.
- Willingness to be involved in the many activities of the churches.
- Someone with energy and enthusiasm.
- Someone who is approachable, honest and trustworthy, and whose lifestyle will reflect their commitment to Christ.

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## OUR PRESENT REALITY

- Canowindra parish is very resilient with several members stepping up to make church happen during difficult times.
- Our Joint Church Council is very committed to ensuring the needs of the parish are attended to, that the buildings in our parish are well-maintained and fit for purpose.
- Our main concern is not having a Priest and with limited finances we are not able to offer full-time hours.
- Although over the past years we have seen young families move to the area, the majority of the population is aged.
- Sunday services:
  - Weekly – Canowindra – 35
  - Woodstock – 10, Eugowra – 20, Cranberry – 10

## BISHOP'S REMARKS

- This congregation has shown great resilience after losing their minister who had to step down due to personal challenges. Those challenges have sadly impacted both the church and the community.
- The Anglican and Uniting congregations work as one, such that a previous minister commented that she couldn't remember which particular congregation each person was from.
- There is healing and restoring work to be done, but the people are gracious, patient and kind and determined to see the church flourish once more.
- We are blessed to have Canon Daniel Willis as locum.
- If you'd like to speak with me about this role, please email me – [bishop@bathurstanglican.org.au](mailto:bishop@bathurstanglican.org.au) or call me on 0412 585 686.

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