

Coolah-Dunedoo

Coolah Dunedoo (pictured)
Neilrex Mendooran Elong Elong



OUR PLAN AND PRAYER

- We love going to church and joining in and we appreciate the preaching and the music.
- All our small towns need Jesus. There are families and older folk who have had contact with church through the years, but are not connected. We believe that with love and good care, we can reach some with the good news of Jesus.
- We are so thankful for all our licensed ministers who serve us so faithfully and for Dr James White who visits and leads family service at Coolah once a month and.
- We support the diocesan mission to be about the privileged work of **Sharing Jesus for Life**.

WHAT WE'D LOVE TO SEE IN A NEW MINISTER

- Someone who encourages us and shepherds us so that our trust in the Lord grows and strengthens as we grow in our knowledge of his Word.
- A person who can communicate well with all ages.
- Someone who can encourage younger people to join us.
- A person who can run Bible study groups for all ages.
- Someone who can visit those in our aged care facilities.

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OUR PRESENT REALITY

- We aren't getting any new parishioners and those at most centres are aging. There aren't any younger people coming to church. This has been a concern for some time now, since our last full-time minister.
- However, we want to bring more people to God. With an aging community this is a big challenge.

- What can we do to encourage more to join our churches and to follow the words of Jesus? We need a shepherd to equip us and guide us to this end.
- Our heart's desire is to encourage more to join with us and to listen to and appreciate the word of God.
- The stipend we could supply locally would need to be supplemented by generous donors from outside the parish to allow us to have someone full time.
- Sunday services:
 - Fortnightly: Dunedoo – 14-18
 - Weekly: Coolah – 8 – up to 30 for monthly family service
 - Monthly: Mendooran – 7-12; Elong Elong – 5-8 Neilrex 8-17

BISHOP'S REMARKS

- Dr James White (GP) spends a weekend a month in Coolah and leads a family service which has seen up to 30 people attend. He is making good contacts in the wider community.
- I believe that if the right ministry couple were found, there would be great gospel opportunities to pursue.
- The two main churches operate independently. (They used to be two separate parishes and distance along with culture, make it challenging for them to operate as one.)
- If you'd like to speak with me about this role, please email me – bishop@bathurstanglican.org.au or call me on 0412 585 686.

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