

# Coonabarabran

## Christchurch

We are planning and preparing **engaging outreach** so that **lives are changed**.



### OUR PLAN AND PRAYER

- To warmly **welcome and encourage** new church members.
- **To reach our church's elderly and those unable to attend** services with the gospel message and have fellowship opportunities.
- We are seeking to **grow people's hearts** for Christ.
- **We aim to show Christ's love** by our own example.
- With the Diocese, we want to be about the work of **SHARING JESUS FOR LIFE**.

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

- A godly man who will have an evangelical approach to ministry, who will teach us from the Bible and proclaim the Gospel.
- A minister who believes in the sovereignty of grace and teach the doctrines of grace.
- Someone who will equip us all for our various ministries.
- A willingness to assess the needs of the parish and serve accordingly.
- Someone who will take part in the activities of and build relationships within the church community.
- Someone who is approachable, honest and trustworthy, and whose lifestyle will reflect his commitment to Christ.

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### OUR PRESENT REALITY

- We support each other well and enjoy our fellowship together.
- We stand on the word of God and value our evangelical heritage.
- Our ageing population is a challenge, though there are plenty of kids in our schools and families in the town and surrounding area.

- Sport is king in our town and that's a challenge to the Sunday morning gathering.
- Sunday services:
  - Weekly – 25 adults and 8 children
  - While we were also running monthly services in Binnaway, our parish council, at the request of the APT has agreed to sell that property. This is in early stages of execution.

### BISHOP'S REMARKS

- This remarkable congregation demonstrates Christian maturity and a good understanding of the Gospel and God's word.
- It has been pastored by strong evangelical ministers in the past and as a result is the only church in our diocese with the words “Reformed Evangelical” on its sign.
- Our minister now in Dubbo, Andrew Thornhill, was the minister here for three years until Christmas 2023. Since that time, they have used my recorded sermons each Sunday. Now as archdeacon of the area, Andrew continues to support the church from a distance.
- I see great potential here. The congregation is teachable, the rectory is small but comfortable. They can afford 4/5 days a week stipend and I'm sure we could raise funds for a fifth day. The parish car needs replacing either with a new car or a car allowance as negotiated.
- The local Presbyterian church is strong with a Bible teaching minister. There has been a combined youth group in the past and potential for that to happen again.
- 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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