

Coonamble

Coonamble, Quambone
Carinda, Marra Creek

A very keen and hungry congregation who work well together. We have bonded through the need to find a way forward without a minister.



OUR PLAN AND PRAYER

- We are a community-minded church and long to see our connections grow.
- We would love to attract a minister here to love and shepherd us and to reach our towns with the good news of Jesus.
- We plan to hold community morning teas for people who feel disconnected in the community.
- We are planning an event with a guest speaker for HOPE25.

WHAT WE'D LOVE TO SEE IN A NEW MINISTER

- Loves God's word and loves to teach us in a way we can readily understand and live out.
- Family orientated.
- Relates to all age groups.
- Gospel/mission minded, and therefore someone who will be heavily involved in the community to build connections.
- Someone who recognises other people's strengths and encourages people to grow and develop their gifts.

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OUR PRESENT REALITY

- We do not have the skills to implement what we want to happen in the church e.g. congregational growth and outreach.
- Not having a minister, we lack direction and continuity.
- We do not currently have a kid's program.

- A lot of people seem on the fence about coming to church due to the lack of leadership. The unrelatability of the church seems to turn quite a few people off.
- Not many young people attend church and therefore it is hard to encourage more young people and families – and yet – there are SO many young families in Coonamble.
- Sunday services:
 - Coonamble – weekly: 12 people
 - Quambone – monthly: 6
 - Carinda – monthly: 6-10
 - Marra Creek – monthly: 6-10

BISHOP'S REMARKS

- There are dear and precious people here to have a deep longing to see their church grow and flourish.
- Stipend and allowances are probably possible for just one day a week, and there is no rectory. We would need outside financial assistance to place someone here – but we believe this can happen!
- There is good technology available in the church, but they are using software for their services which is pretty challenging. This makes it difficult for others to be involved in this side of the ministry.
- The distances between Coonamble and the outlying centres are vast, but the ministry opportunity to pastoralists and those who live in the towns is great
- 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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