

# Cudal-Molong

Cudal Molong  
Manildra Toogong

*Our church community is like a family, and everyone is welcoming. Within the congregation there is a cohesive and caring attitude towards one another.*



## OUR PLAN AND PRAYER

- We seek to create more family-based activities to draw in the younger generations and introduce them to our church.
- In the absence of a priest, our plan is to use the bishop's video sermons, so that we have continuity in teaching.
- We will use the HOPE25 sermons after Easter and work to invite people to join us so that they find the hope in Jesus we have found.
- We appreciated our previous minister's move to modernise the service for all generations.

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

- A loving family priest who will care for our church community and who will preach and spread the Gospel.
- Ability to deliver a powerful sermon, linked to the issues of today's world and who is able to preach effectively to a wide age-range of parishioners.
- A 'people' person who would like to be involved in the local communities, and whose life demonstrates their faith in God.

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- Someone who has a commitment to grow the parish and stay in the parish for a reasonable time.
- Ability to conduct a modern service while still holding onto the core messages and teachings of the Bible and the Anglican Church.
- Someone who is happy to visit and follow-up with the bereaved, seriously ill, the poor, the lonely and any others they see as needing assistance.
- Someone who has ideas for how to get the children more involved.

## OUR PRESENT REALITY

- The church is welcoming and supportive to new Christians and full of likeminded people who are there to embrace their faith.
- We have dedicated people within the Church community who do what is needed to keep the Parish operational.
- We seem to struggle with drawing 'outsiders' and young families into our church community.
- We wrestle with some 'old school' thinking vs accepting changes when they are needed.
- Our smaller outlying centres create pressure in terms of upkeep, insurances and upon the minister to meet parishioner's expectations.
- Sunday services:
  - Molong – 20-30 weekly
  - Cudal – 6-8 monthly
  - Manildra – 4-6 monthly

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## BISHOP'S REMARKS

- Plans are in train to sell the current rectories in Cudal and Molong which are no longer suitable for a ministry family, and to purchase a home off-site in Molong.
- The Molong church has shown growth in recent times and services at other centres rationalised.
- The stipend the parish can afford will need to be supplemented from outside to allow a minister to serve here full-time.
- Only 20 minutes from Orange where there are work opportunities for a spouse and great schools for kids.
- 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.