

# Gilgandra

## St Ambrose Memorial

*We enjoy a great unity, experience deep fellowship, lively prayer, praise and worship, have home bible study groups, enjoy sharing testimonies and seeing answers to prayer.*

### OUR PLAN AND PRAYER

- To be about the work of **Sharing Jesus for life.**
- We are planning to engage with HOPE25 and participate in what is on offer.
- We will stream the “Believing out Loud” course into the church for all.
- This year we plan to encourage more home groups.
- We are encouraging further prayer and care for one another and our community.

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

Someone who

- will preach the word of God,
- engage with and evangelise our community,
- has a young family to help build connections with our demographic,
- will enjoy pastoral visitation,
- will depend on the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit,
- will encourage and lead with love.

“ *We long for a minister who will engage with and evangelise our community.* ”

### OUR PRESENT REALITY

- We have a lack of men and young families. As a result, we sense a weakness in reaching and ministering to these members of our community.
- Many disadvantaged families with great needs.
- Our ageing population and shortage of employment opportunities is a challenge for the town.



- Reluctance to undergo Safe Ministry Training has self-excluded some folk and is a challenge for the church!
- Sunday service:
  - We have around 45 each week, meeting with the Uniting Church.

### BISHOP’S REMARKS

- This is a lively congregation, keen to grow in their knowledge and love of God and in numbers. Sunday services are marked by a joy in the Lord and in meeting together.
- The rectory was sold some years ago as it was not fit for purpose.
- There are new houses being built, with some people commuting the 40-minute drive to Dubbo for work.
- The church building needs a lot of work, and the building committee is working hard with engineers and heritage architects to determine the best way forward and raise the necessary funds.
- As a result of the above, the congregation meets in the Uniting Church diagonally opposite our church, *with* the Uniting Church congregation – with my agreement and full support.
- There is great potential for this church to grow and flourish wonderfully, with the right leadership and shepherding.
- 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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