

# Trundle

Trundle (pictured) Tullamore  
Albert Bogan Gate



*The commitment of our (one) licenced lay minister is astonishing, along with the support we receive in our communities.*

## OUR PLAN AND PRAYER

- We are looking for ways to reach out to our non-attending members, to remind and encourage them to keep supporting us so we can help them grow in the Lord Jesus.
- We are seeking to expand our monthly ecumenical service in Trundle, where all the denominations are coming together to worship.
- We are currently getting many Presbyterians and ex Uniting church members joining us, as they do not have a full-time minister or are closing their churches. We would like to continue to build on this.
- Our local school – Trundle Central – is still looking for a chaplain so an opportunity may exist there in the future.

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

- Someone who has a heart for the Lord, loves his Word and longs to share both with others.
- Is gifted in and passionate about pastoral care.
- Understands rural people and wants to spend time within the community each day, especially our seniors in our aging population.
- Ready to serve and support our parishioners and their families as well of those of other denominations in times of death and dying.

## OUR PRESENT REALITY

- We have a core group of people who actively support us, but in the last 5 years many have retired, leaving the Trundle Parish for bigger centres.
- We are unable to keep up with the pastoral work without a stipendiary minister.

- There are now no ministers of any denomination in our parish.
- Many still support our church financially, even though they don't necessarily attend church.
- Sunday services:
  - Trundle – monthly in the morning, plus monthly ecumenical service in the afternoon
  - Tullamore – monthly
  - Albert – monthly

## BISHOP'S REMARKS

- Trundle is just 40 minutes from Parkes. However it is a further 25 minutes on to Tullamore and 50 minutes from Trundle to Albert. It is a distinctly farming area with many isolated properties.
- Many in the congregation would greatly benefit from clear Biblical preaching which helps them grasp the gospel of God's grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The rectory is a quaint rural property with original kitchen and bathrooms.
- The parish may be able to provide a stipend of up to 2 days. If linked with the chaplaincy role at the school, there is a possibility to see a nearly full-time role here. Alternatively, as we have done elsewhere, we could seek outside help for funds to allow someone to minister here full-time.
- With small congregations in each centre, this role is not about 'running church', but about spending time with people, loving them, listening to them, and sharing Jesus with them.
- 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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