

Wellington

St John the Baptist

*We are well known and respected by the community.
We are growing both in-person and online.*



OUR PLAN AND PRAYER

- To develop and nurture a committed church family who grow in their love for Jesus.
- To enable and equip our church fellowship to be effective disciples of Christ.
- To reach out in love to the Wellington community so that ALL people feel safe and welcome.
- To be challenged in our response to the Gospel message as we turn our thoughts, ideas and good intentions into actions.

WHAT WE'D LOVE TO SEE IN A NEW MINISTER

- Loves to teach God's word faithfully and share the gospel.
- Youthful, enthusiastic and personable.
- Sensitive to the needs of a diverse and needy community.
- Priest with a family, willing to stay at least 5 years.
- Enthusiasm to start Sunday School and youth groups.
- Good with a multi-age congregation.
- Willing to work as a part of a team.

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OUR PRESENT REALITY

- Limited skilled volunteers, small mostly elderly congregation.
- Many disadvantaged families with great needs.
- Majority of adults are retired – Centrelink and Elderly, making it hard to attract young families.
- There are several families that are looking for a church to belong to and we would be a good fit if we had a more modern service for them.

- Sunday services:
 - St John's 9am – weekly: 38+ Online
 - The Gathering 5pm – weekly ecumenical: 32
 - St Michael's Stuart Town – monthly: 9
 - Maranatha – fortnightly: 20

BISHOP'S REMARKS

- Wellington needs Jesus! The correctional facility means that the community is made up of many who are employed there, plus many families of those imprisoned.
- Currently rented, there is a comfortable rectory available.
- Our previous minister there, currently serving as locum, has brought growth in numbers and in understanding, and arising out of COVID, a strong online community exists who contribute financially to the ministry.
- Stipend and allowances for up to 3 days can be provided by the parish, so we would need to find another two days from generous benefactors and perhaps from a new minister's past churches or links.
- The parish has engaged with our strategic planning process and are committed to involvement with HOPE25 this year.
- There is good technology available in the church which uses PowerPoint for sermons and livestreams each week with a multi-camera set up.
- 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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