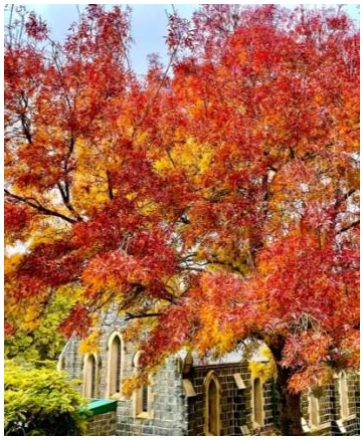
BLAYNEY

Blayney, Millthorpe, Barry, Trunkey

We are thankful for the ministry of the Rev'd Wally Cox, along with Jordon and their children since January 2021. As Wally leaves us at the end of March 2026, we'd love to welcome someone shortly after.



OUR PLAN AND PRAYER

- We are a church with two great passions: we love Jesus and we love people.
- For us – this is what church is all about: Jesus and people!
- We love, follow, and worship Jesus Christ. We love him because he has loved us and has brought life and salvation to the world through his death and resurrection.
- We follow Jesus because he has shown us how to love others, and his love compels us to share that love with the world.
- We worship Jesus because He is God and worthy of our adoration.
- We are a church that truly believes that Jesus has brought salvation and life to the world. While our many sins once separated us from God, Jesus has brought forgiveness and reconciliation through his death and resurrection.

WHAT WE'D LOVE TO SEE IN A NEW MINISTER

- A clear and strong preacher and teacher of God's word who will help us see how the Bible applies to everyday life
- Have strong visionary leadership for the parish of the future; and so, lead us into the next stage of our growth
- Lead quality Anglican worship both in traditional and contemporary forms
- Raise the profile of our church in the local community through participating in local school and town activities
- Have good and proven communication skills
- Happy to include all four centres in ministry and help us think through a wise plan for each church
- Demonstrates good pastoral care and discipleship, visiting us in our homes and bringing God's word to bear on our struggles and challenges
- Promote and encourage Bible study groups.
- That is, we need a Shepherd.

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OUR PRESENT REALITY

- Blayney is a very historic parish in the diocese and once included 3-4 other centres such as Lucknow and Carcoar
- In latter years, the demographic of Millthorpe has seen a shift to younger families, whereas Blayney is predominantly an older population but still with it's share of younger families with children.
- We would love to support a priest 5 days a week and will work towards that being possible.
- A kids club has been run in Blayney for over 30 years but we long to see links with these families developed. From the kids' club there is an emerging youth group of mainly High School age children.
- Millthorpe in recent years has been excited to see a Sunday school begin.
- Sunday services:
  - Weekly – Blayney – 15-20; Milthorpe – 35-45
  - Trunkey and Barry – monthly – 6-10
  - Wednesday Blayney - weekly- 10 to 12

BISHOP'S REMARKS

- Wally has done a great job, bringing the congregation through COVID and out the other side.
- I see massive potential for growth in both Blayney and Millthorpe, though more time between services would provide better contact with parishioners in Blayney.
- One challenge: Blayney also needs a service more family friendly such has developed in Millthorpe, as well as a traditional service.
- For someone who loves Jesus and loves people and loves teaching God's word, discipling and evangelising, this will be just the right place for them.
- 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. Happy to answer all your questions.

> *Someone who loves Jesus and people will do well*