



ASSISTANT PRIEST: St John the Baptist Anglican Church, Canberra

From 2022, an exciting role exists for an ordained person to join a new ministry team proclaiming Christ within the heart of the national capital.

St John's is both an historic landmark and an active, diverse place of Christian worship whose vision is to be 'a vibrant Christ-centred community that engages and transforms the heart and soul of Canberra.' We will be seeking to express this vision through a ministry of insightful biblical teaching, rich worship, evangelism, outreach to families and children, and a ministry of care for the vulnerable.

The suburbs surrounding St John's are experiencing considerable growth and development, including a large number of new residences and soon a new university campus. These are creating wonderful opportunities to reach out to the contemporary community with the good news of Jesus Christ, and to do so from within the orthodox centre of Anglican theology and practice.

Position details and remuneration

The role is well-suited to a curacy but may also suit a more experienced priest. The Assistant Priest would be licensed by the Bishop with the agreement of the Rector and after consultation with parish Clergy Appointment Board representatives.

While the parish has funding for 1 FTE, various part time combinations could be considered, depending on the applicants. Note that the incoming Rector, Rev'd Dave McLennan, is commencing in January 2022, and the expectation is that this position will similarly commence early in the new year.

The annual cash stipend is set at a rate of 75% of the ABS seasonally adjusted figures for a full-time worker – currently approx. \$72,000 p.a. plus 15.87% superannuation. The parish also provides housing on site, along with a car and utilities costs. (In the event of part-time roles, pro rata remuneration would be negotiated, including travel, ministry or housing entitlements as appropriate.)

Duties and selection criteria

The right person would need to be comfortable leading a wide range of services (ranging from *Book of Common Prayer* to contemporary) and engaging with a diverse array of pastoral duties. They would also need to occupy a stance of 'generous orthodoxy' – i.e. a commitment to the teachings of Scripture, alongside a gracious and patient heart towards theological difference.

The Assistant Priest(s) will support the Rector in shaping a vision for the parish and in various pastoral duties determined according to parish need and individual strengths. These would include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- Preaching and sacramental ministry;
- Pastoral care and teaching;
- Evangelistic initiatives;
- Pastoral services (weddings, funerals), along with attendant pastoral care;
- Baptism preparation and services, and
- Confirmation preparation.

The successful applicant(s) would need to be able to demonstrate:

- Strong commitment to personal growth, including in prayerfulness, character and ministry development;
- Theological orthodoxy, consistent with the creeds and the theology of the Anglican prayer books;
- The ability to communicate the gospel clearly, including by thoughtful and engaging preaching;
- Ability to adhere to the diocesan Code of Good Practice;
- Comfort with a variety of Anglican liturgies, particularly from *A Prayer Book for Australia* and the *Book of Common Prayer*, and a willingness to work sympathetically with the St John's liturgical style.

Interested?

If you would like to know more, please contact the Rector-designate, Rev'd Dave McLennan (0468 634 351; revdavemclennan@gmail.com).

