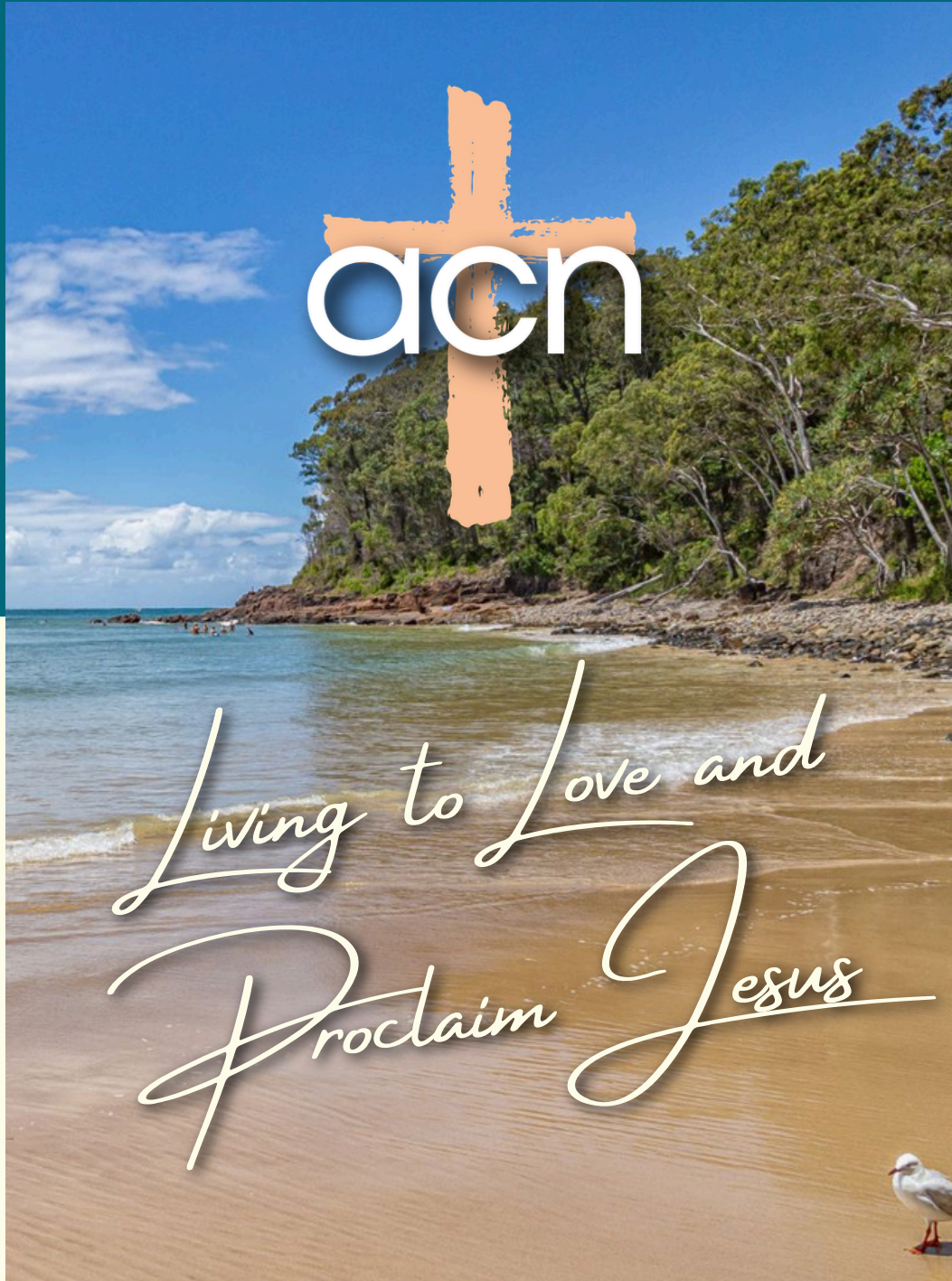


# Anglican Church Noosa



**Parish Profile 2026**

# OUR VISION

## Living to Love and Proclaim Jesus

There are two key ideas in this Vision -

**Loving Jesus**                      and                      **Proclaiming Jesus.**

**Living** is about the ongoing, joyful striving to fulfil this purpose.

### **Loving Jesus**

We love Jesus through worship.

Worship happens when Christians gather together around word and sacrament and praise his name.

Worship happens every hour of every day as Christians serve God as a living sacrifice. Christians show their love for Jesus through worship.

### **Proclaiming Jesus**

We proclaim Jesus by speaking about him.

This can happen across the back fence with a neighbour or in the pulpit.

We are not all called to be evangelists, but we are called to be witnesses, each with a spiritual gift we can bring so that the world might know Jesus.



# 2026 FOCUS PRAYER

Heavenly Father,  
your insistent call  
disturbs our settled lives.  
Please strengthen and inspire us  
to trust you in fresh ways.  
May every member of our Church  
be deeply transformed  
by your Holy Spirit,  
enabling us to serve together  
for your glory.

As we live  
to love and proclaim Jesus,  
help us seek your will alone,  
and grow in being  
Christ-centred, Bible-based,  
Spirit-led and Mission-shaped.  
May we glorify you in all we do,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# ABOUT US

Our vision is 'Living to Love and Proclaim Jesus'. We are longing and praying to see more and more people come into a relationship with Jesus Christ, depending on him as their Saviour and serving him as their Lord.

Our values are to be people who are Christ-centred, Bible-based, Spirit-led and Mission-shaped.

The Bible is clear that God gives the growth, and yet marvellously uses us in that work. We need to be strategic as his fellow workers, making the most of the resources and opportunities he has given us.

We are an evangelical parish, and as such we are people of the Bible and the Prayer Book. We uphold Biblical doctrine and seek to use Prayer Book liturgies faithfully in both a traditional and contemporary way. We hold to the 39 Articles of Religion and the Creeds.

Because of the central place of Scripture in Anglicanism and the faithful preaching of the Word, there are many people across all three congregations who have come to us from non-Anglican backgrounds. Expository sermons done in series are the stable diet with thematic series added occasionally.

We have three centres with distinctively different worship styles, and we run at least four services across three different sites each week. Three services are on Sundays, and we also offer a mid-week service on Wednesdays.

Our services regularly include reverent and joyful celebration of the sacraments through which people draw closer to God.

# MINISTRY STAFF

Currently The Rev'd Chris Johnson is our full-time Senior Minister with The Rev'd Lynda Johnson as Associate Minister in a  $\frac{3}{4}$  position.

We also have The Rev'd Brad Henley, Associate Minister who oversees our Peregian site. Formerly the Priest-in-charge at Kangaroo Island with BCA, he and his family came to us in 2021.

The Rev'd Dave Smith and his young family joined us from the UK in 2023. As our Youth Minister and Community Chaplain he oversees Children's Ministry, Youth, Young Adults and Family Outreach. These ministries are intentionally shaped as a connected discipleship pathway, from early childhood through to young adulthood.



# OUR THREE CENTRES



## **Tewantin**

At St Mary's Tewantin we have a contemporary Anglican liturgy service with around 90 - 100 gathering at 9.30am. We celebrate the Lord's Supper twice a month. Though the service has its formal elements, the music and vibe of the service means it has a modern and welcoming feel. This is where we have our kids church, playgroup, Alpha, Connect Groups and small church functions.

Our Tewantin centre was built in 1995 as a contemporary building with the church office, an office for the Rector, a kitchen and a small hall. In 2017 the hall was extended. We have substantial solar panels on both the hall and the Rectory.

## **Sunshine Beach**

At St Andrew's Sunshine Beach we have a robed traditional Second Order Holy Communion Prayer Book service. Around 50 - 60 gather for this service at 7.30am. Although it is formal in nature, it is warm and real and the congregation welcoming and friendly.

Our Sunshine Beach centre is a beautiful traditional limestone clad church with a small hall and an office. This is where most weddings are held. It was built in 1990.

## **Peregian Springs**

Our outreach was significantly expanded in 2015 with the establishment of our Peregian congregation, which meets in the Illawong Room at St Andrew's Anglican College in Peregian Springs.

This is a growing congregation of around 80-90 people, with an increasingly strong cohort of families and children. Children and youth ministries are forming healthy young disciples, and Bible study is emphasised in the connect groups which meet weekly.

# LOCATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

## Noosa and Sunshine Beach

North of the Sunshine Coast, Noosa Shire is located about 140 kms from Brisbane, and is a coastal region with a population estimated at over 59,000. It is characterised by an older demographic, high Australian-born population (71%), and high median age (50–52) compared to national averages.

Key industries include tourism and services, with many residents engaged in professional or community roles. It is famous for its beaches and river, and as a resort town, it attracts tourists from all over the world.

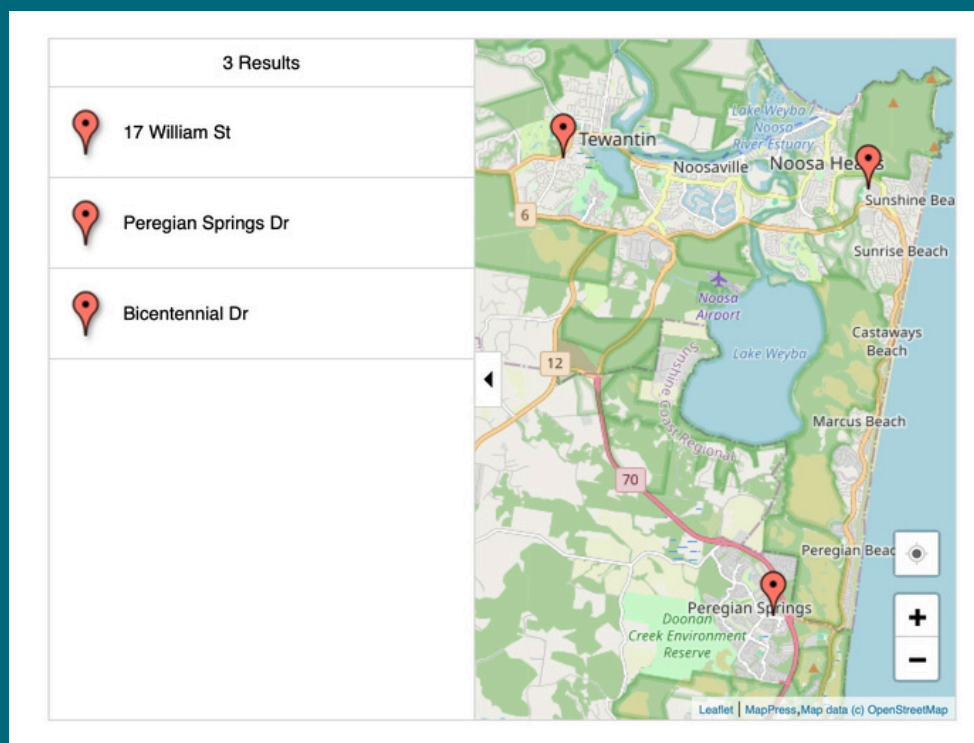


# Tewantin

Also located in Queensland's Noosa Shire, it is an established, 65+-skewed community with a population of approximately 11,164, known for its relaxed, riverside lifestyle. It has a median age of 52, featuring a high proportion of couples without children and retirees. The area boasts strong homeownership (43.6% outright), with a stable population and a local economy supported by retail and hospitality.

# Peregian Springs

This is a growing residential suburb with a population of approximately 11,859, showing strong annual growth of 2.52%. The demographic is largely familial, with 2,705 families, an average household size of 2.8 people, and a median age of 39. Peregian Springs is in the Sunshine Coast Council Shire, and is a popular, rapidly growing master-planned community, known for its family-friendly environment, 18-hole championship golf course, and close proximity to beaches. Located 20 km from Noosa, it offers a blend of modern convenience and green, sustainable living with extensive parks and walking paths.



# OUR VALUES



## Christ-centred

**John 1:14** - The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**John 15:5** - I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

**Colossians 1:19-20** - For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

## Bible-based

**2 Timothy 3:16** - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

**Psalms 119:105** - Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

**Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

## Spirit-led

**Joel 2:28-29** - I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

**John 20:22-23** - And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

**Romans 8:5** - Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

## Mission-shaped

**Matthew 28:18-20** - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Psalms 105:1** - Give praise to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**1 Peter 3:15** - But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

# OUR STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

Our five-year plan will be finished at the end of 2026.

Under the overall vision of “Living to Love and Proclaim Jesus” the plan is set out in twelve ministry areas, and we have set ourselves goals for each ministry.

In the first years of the plan we prioritised Alpha and Pastoral Care. These important initiatives focused our energy both outwards in reaching the lost who do not know Christ, and inwardly in caring for those who already believe. Alpha is run regularly.

We also developed specialist children’s and youth ministries, with our goal to grow our young families ministry. We employed Rev’d Dave Smith as our Youth Minister and Community Chaplain in 2023.

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# MINISTRY AREAS

## Worship

Our weekly gatherings across three centres Sunshine, Tewantin and Peregian are the core of our life together in Christ. We operate with a common theme even if the style of service differs at each centre. We regularly enjoy combined services.



## Welcoming and Integration

Part of our culture is that our entire congregation sees themselves as welcomers. As well, we have a team of dedicated and gifted welcomers who make sure everyone feels at home each Sunday. Our deepening relationships reflect our desire for genuine and deep Christian fellowship and a sense of partnership in the work of the gospel.

## Connect Groups

Connect Groups use the Study Guides which follow our sermon series and are produced by the clergy. They are a great means of delving into the Bible and growing as disciples. They are marked by discussion centred on the Bible, prayer, praise and mutual support and deepening relationships.

There are currently 11 groups meeting on various days at different times.

## Pastoral Care

As well as being a Church where everyone shows pastoral care and concern for others, we have Pastoral Care Teams at Sunshine Beach and Tewantin.

The clergy regularly minister at the Aged Care facilities in the parish.

## Evangelism

Alpha runs on a regular basis, and is our spearhead for evangelism.



## Mission - Community

In the community, family outreach and chaplaincy initiatives provide accessible pathways into parish life beyond Sunday services. Through Playgroup, local high school chaplaincy, Holiday Club, Christmas Lights, and seasonal events, the parish maintains an active and visible presence in the community.

Samaritan Care is a wonderful way we show Christ's love and practical care in our community. This ministry is enabled by those who support the team, and the many who provide non-perishable items and financial contribution.

Each year we assist with the Noosa Triathlon. Our wonderful team of volunteers supervise the car park and bus station at Sunshine Beach and serve the crowd with a sausage sizzle, snacks, children's activities, water, and sunscreen.



Christmas Lights is an effective way to reach the community. Christmas craft, an exquisite nativity tableau in the church, beautiful Christmas treats and a sausage sizzle all contribute to a magnificent evening of outreach.

Holiday Club also proves particularly effective in connecting non-church families and building ongoing relational bridges into church life.



The Chaplaincy Support Team for the two State Schools in Sunshine Beach (High and Primary Schools) aims to support the chaplains in their work at these two schools as well as raising funds to meet the needs of students and families.

## **Mission - Wider**

We prayerfully, financially and practically support mission in Australia and across the world. Each week a ministry is promoted, and parishioners are encouraged to give and pray. We are committed to give at least 11% of offertory.

Our mission partners are Church Missionary Society (CMS - Nathan and Diane Lovell in Cape Town), Bush Church Aid (BCA - David and Zoë Browne in Gladstone), Hand to Hand Pattaya (Margie Grainger in Thailand), Bible Society, Nungalinga College, and SU Chaplaincy. We regularly enjoy deputations from our mission agencies as part of our annual Mission Series.

## **Children's Ministry**

Children's Ministry, Youth, Young Adults and Family Outreach together form the parish's strategic ministries to those under 30 and their families. These ministries are intentionally shaped as a connected discipleship pathway – from early childhood through to young adulthood – and are currently overseen by the Youth and Community Chaplain.

Children's Ministry operates at both Tewanin and Peregian, with both centres experiencing steady growth in attendance and family engagement. The parish has recently adopted the Kidswise curriculum to provide consistent, gospel-centred Sunday teaching, alongside increasing collaboration in planning and shared resourcing across the 3 locations.

We also have a playgroup that meets on Thursday mornings at Tewanin, during term time, and draws many families from the community. This ministry is a strategic outreach to young families.

## **Youth Ministry**

On Sundays, 6–10 young people gather during the Peregian morning service for youth Bible study, forming a small but committed group engaging consistently with Scripture.

On Friday nights (fortnightly during school terms at St Andrew's Anglican College), average attendance is 10–12 and growing. Gatherings combine strong relational connection with intentional discipleship through shared meals, engaging activities, and structured biblical teaching (Youth Alpha series).

## Women's Ministry

Each year the Anglican Women of Noosa (AWN) organise the activities for the women. This includes a ladies lunch with a guest speaker where we are encouraged to invite friends from outside the church, as well as a conference every two years, and a sunset cruise at Christmas.

Also Women of Wisdom (WOW) teaching sessions are held annually, and monthly coffee mornings provide connections and fellowship.



## Men's Ministry

The men's ministry goals are to create opportunities for outreach beyond our church, to strengthen faith and to provide fellowship.

Saturday Breakfasts with guest speakers are very successful reaching a large number of men.

The team also conducts monthly Coffee catch ups, and a casual "Meat and Greet" BBQ.

## **Administration**

Our Administrator provides comprehensive support across all ministries and a friendly face in the office.

This is a 24hr per week position and the office is open from 9.30am to 4.30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## **Technology**

At ACN we aim to keep our technology up-to-date across our platforms as necessary functioning of the church. We live-stream our Tewanin service.

## **Financial Position**

The Church is in a strong financial position with a moderate operating surplus, after fundings from our bequest, and significant cash reserves.

## **Housing and Vehicles**

There is a substantial four-bedroom plus study Rectory next to the Tewanin Church, and two other houses are rented for staff.

The parish currently has 3 vehicles – a 2018 VW Golf, a 2021 Toyota Corolla hybrid and a 2021 Toyota Camry hybrid.

## **Future Directions**

Last year a committee was formed to discuss possible future directions for our three congregations. The work of the committee is summarised in a Future Directions Report which is available, and can inform our new Rector about current thinking and options for future growth.

# A NEW RECTOR

The parish has been blessed with strong, biblical leadership over the past 20 years. There is now an opportunity for new leadership and fresh thinking as we seek God's will and guidance for our Parish.

## **We seek a new Rector who will:**

- have a vision to grow our people, to proclaim the gospel and to reach out to the community of Noosa and beyond,
- hold fast to the authority of God's word,
- preach and teach from the scriptures,
- lead the celebration of the sacraments in a reverent and meaningful way,
- be a leader of others and an encourager of others,
- equip our people for ministry
- review and recast our vision and strategy

## **As to theology,**

- displays a conservative, orthodox Biblical understanding and practice.
- has a passion for evangelism.
- is an effective preacher and teacher who delights in expositing God's word and growing people's love for Christ, his word and his world.

## **As to parish life,**

- relates well to parishioners of all ages, is personable and approachable,
- has excellent inter-personal skills and desires to care for and encourage parishioners in their spiritual and life journey.

## **As to organisational structure,**

- is a spiritually sound and effective leader, equipper and communicator who has the potential to help every congregant reach their full potential in Christ.
- enjoys working collaboratively with teams, will prepare and train ministry leaders in lay ministry and is capable of balancing team direction with a personal parish vision.
- is a strategic thinker, capable of flexible strategic thinking and its implementation.
- has a passion for our multi-generational parish family and is comfortable to maintain and build various styles of worship (contemporary, traditional etc).
- is willing to build networks in the wider community and engage positively with community activities.

## **As to their personal relationship with Christ,**

- is someone grounded in Christ with integrity and humility, and strives to hold others to live with integrity also; whose life reflects the vision and values of ACN.
- has a passion for prayer and delights in sharing this passion with others.
- has a heart for family values in general and youth in particular.
- understands their spiritual gifts.

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF ANGLICAN CHURCH NOOSA

- 1880** Diocese purchases one acre of land in Tewantin
- 1911** Records of services being held in a Community Hall at Tewantin.
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- 1987** Noosa becomes its own Parish, the hinterland becomes Cooroora Parish - Rev'd Tim and Mrs Tracey Rogers
- 1990** St Andrew's Church Sunshine Beach opened
- 1991** Rev'd Jonathan and Mrs Jean Whereat
- Dec 1994** Last service in the old St Mary's
- 1995** New St Mary's built
- 1997** Rev'd John and Mrs Bronwyn Graham-Freeman
- 2009-19** Rev'd Mark and Mrs Susan Calder
- 2010-13** Associate - Rev'd Adam and Mrs Bettrys Lowe
- 2012-17** Associate - Rev'd Simon and Mrs Heather Keith
- 2013-17** Associate - Rev'd Ian and Mrs Tammy Dredge
- 2015** Peregrian Church plant commences at St Andrew's Anglican College
- 2017** New Hall at St Andrew's Sunshine Beach
- 2017** Hall extension at St Mary's Tewantin
- 2020** Rev'd Chris Johnson – Rector and Rev'd Lynda Johnson - Associate
- 2021** Associate - Rev'd Brad and Dr Joh Henley
- 2023** Assistant - Rev'd Dave and Mrs Clair Smith



Bountiful God,  
give to our parish a faithful pastor  
who will faithfully speak your word  
and minister your sacraments;  
an encourager who will equip your people for ministry  
and enable us to fulfil our calling.  
Give to those who will choose,  
wisdom, discernment and patience,  
and to us give warm and generous hearts,  
for Jesus Christ's sake.  
**Amen.**

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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