

ST. DAVID'S AVOCA BEACH - PART TIME MINISTER
including a ministry to, by and for older adults

Introduction

Following a review of the provision of ministry at St. David's, Avoca Beach, the parish of Kincumber is seeking to appoint a part-time minister to be an assistant in the parish responsible for St. David's Church. The position would suit a person who has a pastoral heart and a desire to facilitate ministry by and for older adults.

About St. David's

The parish of Kincumber comprises six regular congregations meeting in four different buildings of which St. David's is one. The Rector, who is also Archdeacon of the Central Coast, is assisted by a team which includes a full time assistant, a part-time priest who is responsible for pastoral care, a children's ministry worker, an administrator, and a part time retired priest.

St. David's is a vital congregation with a service at 9.30 am each Sunday. The services are strongly liturgical. Current membership is more than 80 people with 70% being over the age of 70. The average attendance each Sunday is 58. St. David's people have a real sense of care for each other. The church also has a significant ministry to those holidaying in the region.

Mission Statement for the Parish: To proclaim Jesus Christ and encourage everyone to be his disciple.

The Vision of St. David's is: To be dynamic, Christ centred people, working together to connect with our community and providing support, care and growth.

Primary role of this new position: Under the Rector of the Anglican Parish of Kincumber to provide leadership of the congregation of St. David's and to develop an effective and comprehensive ministry to and by senior adults based at St. David's and in accordance with the Seniors Ministry Purpose Statement (see annex).

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

1. Oversight of the congregation and ministries of St. David's including planning and leadership of the congregation, worship leading, preaching and pastoral care.
2. Develop and lead an Older Adults Ministry (for, by and with Older Adults). This will include planning and developing strategies, programmes and appropriate ministries to meet the needs of older adults within the congregation and the community.
3. Develop ministry that is consistent with the stated aims and goals of the parish

Practicalities:

This will be a part time position (approximately 0.5 FTE)

Remuneration would be fifty percent of the Diocese of Newcastle rate for an Associate Priest, plus Superannuation, Car depreciation and travel allowance. No housing allowance will be provided.

Working hours would be Sunday mornings plus two additional days.

The appointment is subject to the applicant being licensed by the Bishop of Newcastle

Application is to be made to the Rector of the Parish of Kincumber, the Ven. Arthur Copeman, PO Box 6105, Kincumber, NSW 2251. Phone 02 4368 4669

Annex - Older Adults Ministry Purpose Statement

The aim of an Older Adults Ministry would be to develop worship services, programmes, outreach ministries and other avenues of service, to nurture and encourage fellow members of the church and reach out to unchurched older adults in our community.

To achieve this, the ministry would involve

- Reaching out to, welcoming and evangelizing unchurched and once churched older adults,
- Involving older adults in meaningful ministry and service,
- Facilitating the growth of older adults toward Christian maturity and discipleship.
- Providing fellowship opportunities for older adults in their relationships with others.