

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE / MINISTRY DEVELOPER KERIKERI MISSION DISTRICT

The Position

The Bishop seeks to appoint a Priest-in-Charge to St James' Church, Kerikeri to be a Ministry Developer for the newly constituted Mission District. Until recently the Mission District has been a Local Shared Ministry Unit.

The position would be on a half stipend basis for a fixed two year term.

The Mission District

Situated East of Waimate North in the Bay of Islands, the Mission District extends from Kaeo in the north to Puketona in the south. Most of the 150 people on the Mission District Roll come from Kerikeri township. The congregation is largely middle-aged and elderly but lately there has been growth in children's ministry.

As well as St James Church in Kerikeri, there are churches in Kaeo and Whangaroa. Clergy from Tai Tokerau normally conduct worship in these other two centres. It is not anticipated that the Priest-in-Charge would normally need to take services in those places.

St James' has three locally-licensed priests. It has two communion services each Sunday, a fortnightly children's service and a monthly service at a nearby retirement village.

The Changing Situation

Over the last year, the Church Council and the Ministry Support Team have worked together and then led the congregation in discussions concerning the future of St James. As a result it has been decided to initiate a two-year developmental period during which we would reflect on where we are at and decide on the future development of the church. In order to facilitate this it has been decided to appoint a priest as a Ministry Developer, based in Kerikeri.

The Position

The Ministry Developer would continue to implement the principle of the ministry of all the baptised, and have a commitment to the faith development of every member of the congregation. An experienced and inspirational priest with proven leadership qualities is sought. A commitment to collaboration with the various church groups of all ages, a willingness to be creative, and competence in the use of internet and social media are important qualities and skills.

Approximately one-third of the priest's time would be devoted to organising and implementing weekly services. This would include taking services for at least two Sundays per month but also attending most Sundays to encourage and grow the skills and potential of all rostered that day.

A similar time commitment would be made to working with the congregation, building relationships and identifying and developing their particular gifts.

Additional time would be taken with administration and leadership of the governing body as the vision for future mission and ministry is developed, and decisions made about the best structure to provide for this.

During the two-year term, two overarching themes will inform the work of the Ministry Developer.

The first will be to develop a model for the future direction and emphases of the Mission District.

The second will be to grow the church in terms of numbers, the faith of each person, and the community of worshippers in mission to the local community.

Applications

Applications are to be sent by email to the Bishops' office (bishop.office@auckanglican.org.nz) and should include:

- A current Curriculum Vitae
- A covering letter setting out the skills and qualities which you would bring to this role
- The names of two referees

Applications close on Friday 19th January 2018.