



PLACEMENT PROFILE

SECTION 1 – BASIC INFORMATION

- 1.1 Placement Name(s):** Clarence Congregation
- 1.2 Worship Centres listed below:**
- Bellerive
 - Lindisfarne
- 1.3 Profile approved by Church Council/Governing Body** 14 / 02 / 2021
- 1.4 Primary purpose of placement:**
- Support the wider Clarence congregation in its move toward one worship centre at Bellerive.
 - Explore innovative possibilities for mission within the broader Clarence community with a focus on the Op Shop, Sorell Mission Team and family ministry.
 - To provide worship and pastoral care of the Sunday worshipping community.
 - Support Church Council with the sale of properties and the move to more mission opportunities within the community.
- 1.5 Suitable for (bold all that apply): Minister of the Word / Deacon / Ordinand/ Pastor**
- 1.6 Time fraction:** 50%,
Openness to consider conversations where person may work across more than one placement, to increase time fraction.
- 1.7 Term:**
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| Undefined up to 10 years (See Reg 2.7.3(a)) | _____ |
| Fixed Term | _____ Years |
| Initial Term reviewed in: | _____ 5 Years |

This profile should be prepared by the Congregation(s)/ agency in consultation with Presbytery. It is specifically designed to assist in the placement process but it can also be used as a record of mission planning.

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Section 10: Terms of Placement

ENCLOSURES

Please mark all the documents attached to the profile:

- Floor plan of residence
- Financial information including a copy of last year's Financial Statement and financial projections
- Position descriptions of relevant ministers
- Others

SECTION 2 – MISSION DIRECTION

2.1 What is the Vision statement and or Mission priorities of the placement (or of the individual congregations)

Clarence Uniting Church Mission Statement:

The Clarence Uniting Church is a diverse community seeking what it means to believe in God and follow Jesus in our local and global context.

Our Mission:

Our worship of God is at the core of who we are.
We value our sense of family and seek to welcome,
Include and care for people of all ages and backgrounds.
Inspired by Jesus we seek to serve, care and work for justice in the wider community.

Clarence Church:

Our activities are just as diverse: enjoying each other's company, journeying to discover who God is for us across generations so that we might engage in building a sustainable future. We recognise the leadership of both women and men, and work to discover a more eco-friendly way forward. We also commit our church to being a safe place for all people especially children and vulnerable adults. We seek to address the real world in the way in which we live and the issues we face. Contemporary life throws up many challenges, especially for families, so we invite you to join us exploring how we can live a life of Jesus values in the world today.

2.2 Date adopted / /

2.3 Provide a short description of the placement/congregation(s)

We identify as one congregation, meeting in two places, Lindisfarne and Bellerive, with one church council. Each worship centre has its own style of worship which largely reflects the demographics of the suburb in which it is located.

Lindisfarne Centre – an older congregation; close-knit, strengths in pastoral care for each other; traditional values; prefer familiar music and sense of history and connection with the village. Has a history of strong links with the management of the Opportunity Shop, located in the Lindisfarne Village. The members enjoy friendship on a regular basis.

Bellerive Centre – Broader age range with a small number of children/young families; enjoys focus on eco-theology and social justice; technology capable; enjoys shared leadership; tolerant of different styles of worship. The congregation has a Lay Preacher/Family ministry leader, and two lay worship teams. Music is assisted by musicians and vocalists,

2.4 How has the placement/congregation(s) changed over the last 5 years?

We have made important property decisions:

- Both the Sorell church which is not being used, along with the rental property which is currently leased, are to be sold.
- The Lindisfarne Church is also to be sold which will require sub-dividing from the Manse, currently used for the minister in placement.

The long term manager of the Op Shop located in the Lindisfarne Village has recently retired after 45 years voluntary service. Management in the short term is being undertaken by two members of Church Council with a view to strengthening the relationship between the Op Shop and the church. Exploration of further opportunities to offer mission through the Op Shop are envisaged.

Sorell Mission Team:

There has not been a Uniting Church presence in Sorell for some years since the closure of the church. However a Sorrel Mission Team was recently formed with oversight from the Church Council. They are meeting regularly. One of the aims is to care for former members and those in the community who suffer from loneliness.

There have been conversations between the ministers of the Greater Hobart area to explore opportunities and meet as a large group for special occasions.

2.5 What are the congregation/placement's goals?***Refer to 2.1.***

We continue to seek God's will to discern our direction.

2.6 What are the next Strategic Steps to achieving those goals?

- Establish a leadership team for goals to be met.
- Selling of three properties: Lindisfarne Church, Sorell Church, and former Sorell Manse.
- Requiring guidance for the Strategic Plan moving ahead.
- Developing mission priorities for Sorell.
- Bringing Lindisfarne and Bellerive closer together as one community.
- Continue to explore missional opportunity within the community.
- Developing links between the Op Shop and congregation, advancing further mission and establishing partnerships in the wider community.

SECTION 3 - CONTEXT

3.1 Describe the communities in which this placement is located (Mission context).

- Bellerive worship centre is located on the Eastern Shore of the Derwent River in the City of Clarence. It is located on a main road and has a wonderful view of the Bellerive Yacht Club/Mariner, the Derwent River and Mount Wellington.
- Lindisfarne Church is located with the Manse and again is on a main road with great views.
- The Eastern Shore as it is locally known, is only five minutes by car to the Centre of Hobart over the Tasman Bridge.
- Locally there are a number of shopping centres offering a diverse range of goods and services.
- The area is mainly residential with farming on the outskirts. Most main commercial and retail outlets are within the municipality.
- Tourism is on the rise with development around the foreshore, Coal River wine region, mountain bike trails and easy access to the many southern beaches and coastal towns on the East Coast.
- Uniting Care has two facilities – Lillian Martin in Warrane, and Ningana in Sorell.
- There are a number of other Aged Care facilities in the area along with two large lifestyle villages. We have a number of our members living in these villages.

3.2 How does your congregation reflect or vary from the age, and ethnic mix of your local community?

Our congregations are an accurate reflection of the community in which we live. We are of mainly Anglo ethnicity.

Although there are many young families living in our suburbs, the population is also very well represented in the older age groups. Our congregation is comprised more towards the older age groups.

3.3 What are the opportunities and points of stress and pain in the wider community?

We are aware of the needs and points of pain and stress within our community.

Social divide; lack of spiritual connection and values; mental illness, lack of affordable housing.

We are conscious of these needs within our community.

3.4 List ways in which you connect with, serve, or partner with people in your wider community?

- Opportunity Shop – Sale of goods at a lower price, with 50% of profits going to charitable organisations and 50% to the church to enable furthering personal missional support. The Op Shop is a supportive community for social contact and loneliness.
- Sorell Fellowship Group – recently formed, meets social needs. Eg a cuppa and occasionally and speaker of interest.
- Connections Craft and Conversation Group – is a craft group made up of church and community members. Supports the local school Chaplain in Bellerive.
Provision of special blankets made by our members. – donated to local charities to be distributed
- Provision of food to support Bridgewater/Gagebrook Mission.

Pastoral Care Volunteers in various outside fields

3.5 What schools/agencies/institutions are in your local communities?

There are 13 Government and 6 Religious primary schools and 6 Secondary Schools.

One College for Year 11 and 12 – Rosny College.

Aged Care homes: Ningana (Sorell) and Lillian Martin (Warrane)

Child Care Centres

State Library

Service Tasmania – a State Govt service.

Swim Centres and Gyms

Royal Hobart Hospital only five minutes away.

Two Private Hospitals.
