



PLACEMENT PROFILE

SECTION 1 – BASIC INFORMATION

1.1 Placement Name(s): Lorne St Cuthbert's Uniting Church

1.2 Please list congregations/agencies names below

Lorne St Cuthbert's Uniting Church

1.3 Profile approved by Church Council/Governing Body 18 / 04 / 2021

1.4 Primary purpose of placement:

The congregation has discerned a focus for ministry on developing new expressions of church and outreach to the local and wider community. Reaching out to the local and wider community is vital if St Cuthbert's Uniting Church is to have a viable future. It is important to continue to nurture the existing life and worship of the congregation. The initial focus of an innovative, revitalising Ministry will be to build up the existing community; get to know the gifts and passions of the congregation; bring healing to the congregation and then to reach out to the local and wider community as we develop new expressions of church.

1.5 Suitable for (bold all that apply): Minister of the Word / Deacon / Ordinand/ Pastor

1.6 Time fraction: 0.5 FTE

1.7 Term:

Undefined up to 10 years (See Reg 2.7.3(a))

Fixed Term:

5 Years

Initial Term reviewed in:



SECTION 2 – MISSION DIRECTION

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

St Cuthbert's is a diverse Christian community; a people growing in relationship with God, building community and nurturing each other in Christ.

Mission priorities: Diverse spiritual expressions

Develop a community centre for mission

Wedding and funeral ministry

Develop and equip people for ministry and mission

Discipleship through faithful Christian worship and exploration of faith

Pastoral Ministry

The Lorne congregation's 'mission directions' are based on:

- i) An identified need amongst local residents, regular visitors, outside groups and holiday makers to hear the good news of the gospel.
- ii) A desire to be better stewards of our facilities and resources by expanding them to incorporate a Centre for Mission.
- iii) To capitalise on our location within Lorne and on the Great Ocean Road and to leave a legacy of a vibrant Christian community and outreach in Lorne.

2.2 Date adopted: November 2020

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

We are an older congregation comprising permanent residents and weekenders. Our numbers swell significantly during holiday seasons. St Cuthbert's is a prominent property, centrally located on the main street. We are looking for ways to deepen our connection with the local community and 'visitors', including the development of a community centre in our renovated hall and grounds, and the establishment of an expanded wedding and funeral ministry. We also host annual missions (SU Family Mission & Theo's Red Frogs) and cultural events such as concerts.

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

St Cuthbert's congregation combined with All Saints Anglican congregation in July 2012 (pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding). Encouraged by Bishop Phillip Huggins, small group decided they wanted to pursue a strictly Anglican expression of worship, so the partnership was dissolved in 2018. The joining of the two congregations allowed us to experience and benefit from the differences in our liturgies and rituals. Even after the decoupling, this has remained. St Cuthbert's is in the early stages of implementing its mission plan

2.5 What are the congregation(s)/placement's goals?

To have a clergy presence in Lorne, living in the St Cuthbert's manse.

Sunday worship that encompasses traditional and contemporary elements plus fresh expressions of church.

Continue to develop unity with the other two denominations in Lorne through building community and running programs other than Sunday worship; e.g. bible studies, winter lunches, Pancake day, concerts.

Develop the mission of the congregation and equip it to share its faith.

Work with the congregation to achieve a community centre.

Work with the congregation to develop a long-term Property and Finance plan.

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

Appoint a part time minister to work with the congregation to implement the Lorne Mission Plan.



SECTION 3 - CONTEXT

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

At last count, Lorne has 1114 people. It is comprised of older permanent, retired and semi-retired residents, but the Covid pandemic and the expansion of working from home has brought an influx of younger people fleeing the city.

The population can swell to 12,000 people with the influx of seasonal/holiday people and those attending special events (e.g. Pier-to-Pub Swim, Amy's Gran Fondo cycling event).

Younger residents are generally committed to weekend employment and recreational activities. Lorne experiences an influx of people to celebrate milestone events (weddings, birthdays, anniversaries)

Lorne has a variety of social, community and sporting groups as listed in 3.5

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

Congregation tends to be older, retired people and members of local sporting and cultural groups.

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

Opportunities: All groups in the community are part of the Lorne Aspirational Strategy conducted by the Committee for Lorne. It aims to promote Lorne and surrounds to 'the world'. The St Cuthbert's congregation can be an integral part of this.

Holiday makers and visitors are the life blood of the community: a resource yet to be fully tapped/optimised.

Stresses: Lack of affordable housing

No low care aged care facilities

High proportion of single parent families of school aged children

Domestic violence, mental health, drug and alcohol issues

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

- Sunday worship services
- Anzac Day services
- Nursing Home / Hospital service – monthly, + Easter, Christmas, Anzac services
- World Day of Prayer
- Public Anzac and Remembrance Day services
- Community Connect lunch – weekly
- Carols on the Lorne (St Cuthbert's lawn – week prior Christmas)
- Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday).
- Open Church (2 weeks in January)
- Mission Groups use our premises – Red Frogs (Schoolies Week), SU Theos and Family Mission after Christmas. These groups participate in Sunday worship.
- The Lorne School uses our facilities.
- Collect perishable provisions for Uniting Care Geelong.
- Past participation with VCC Emergency Ministry and AA creates a basis for future associations.

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

Lorne P-12 school (next to St Cuthbert's)

Kindergarten

Lorne Community House (day care and programs)

Lorne Community Hospital, Medical Centre and Nursing Home (excellent facility & services)

Sporting Clubs: football & netball, cricket, bowls, country club golf and tennis, SLSC, aquatic club.

Committee for Lorne, Lions Club, RSL, Lorne Community Arts and Culture Foundation, CFA,

Senior Citizens, Historical Society, Men's Shed, Op Shop (philanthropic program)