



Anglican Diocese of
Canberra & Goulburn



St Peter's
Anglican Church
WESTON MOLONGLO

POSITION VACANT—Church Planter, Molonglo Valley

St Peter's Anglican Church, Weston Molonglo

Location: Weston and Wright, ACT

Job type: Permanent full time

Application closing date: Sunday, 17 August 2025

Position commencement date: January 2026

St Peter's is a growing, Bible-based Anglican Church in the Weston Creek-Molonglo region of Canberra, part of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. We exist to grow wholehearted disciples of Jesus, in increasing number, to the glory of God. Find out more about us on our website:

www.westonmolonglo.church

We are seeking a church planter to lead the foundation of a new congregation meeting in Stromlo Forest Anglican College (SFAC), in Wright (Molonglo Valley).

There is currently no Anglican congregation based in the Molonglo Valley—Canberra's fastest growing region. By 2070 some 70-80,000 people will call this area home. In 2026, SFAC will open its Early Learning Centre and Kindergarten, with the progressive opening of the rest of the school in subsequent years. The opening of SFAC presents a wonderful opportunity to build a church with deep roots in the community. Services of the church plant will meet in the school.

Initially, the plant will operate as a congregation of St Peter's. The church planter will report to the Rector and Parish Council of St Peter's, but have full oversight of programs, initiatives, and church services in Molonglo. The planter will also work in close, mutually supportive partnership with SFAC.

The church planter will begin with a 12-month residency at St Peter's, to pray and plan for the launch of the church, gather a launch team, build relationships, and develop skills. While preparations for the plant will be the core focus, this will also include some involvement in ministry at Weston (e.g. preaching, small group leading). During the residency period, the planter will join a City to City Australia (CTCA) church planting cohort for training, assessment and support. Public services will likely start at the end of the residency year, or soon after.

Responsibilities

During the Residency Year

- Committed and regular prayer for the people of the Molonglo Valley, for St Peter's and for the launch team as it develops
- Relationship building with local residents and key community leaders, including executive, staff and families of SFAC
- Recruitment of a launch team, both from within St Peter's and also from contacts and networks outside St Peter's
- Participation in a CTCA church planting cohort and its associated assessment process
- Guided by the CTCA process, lead the preparation of the launch team, including careful missiological and ethnographic research, to enable effective promotion of the gospel for the people of the Molonglo Valley
- Lead the launch team in undertaking evangelism in the local area, that arises from and feeds into the above research
- The development of a theologically-grounded vision for the church plant, informed by the above research
- Together with the Rector of St Peter's and the relevant SFAC party, develop a MOU with SFAC, for ministry partnership
- Involvement in ministry at St Peter's in a way that complements the plant's preparations, and enthuces St Peter's members to join or support the plant. This includes participation in St Peter's staff events
- In partnership with the launch team and the Parish Council of St Peter's, undertake fundraising efforts to help the new congregation become financially stable
- Participate, as required by the Diocese, in the ordination process and/or ministry formation process

Following the Launch

- Ongoing prayer for the local community and the church plant
- Full pastoral oversight of the congregation and team of leaders, including being the primary Bible teacher/preacher, oversight of a weekly church service, oversight of any ministries attached to the church (e.g. small groups, evangelistic ministries, fellowship ministries)
- Responsibility for leading the church plant's evangelistic engagement with the Molonglo Valley community, with the goal of seeing new people coming to faith in Christ
- Lead the congregation's team of leaders in implementing the vision developed during the residency year
- Ensuring the development and continuation of a positive partnership with the other congregations of St Peter's, and the SFAC community
- Ongoing participation in CTCA coaching and support

- Openness to cooperating with other congregations of St Peter's, in preaching and other ministries, where agreed to by both parties
- Continued fundraising efforts to ensure the financial stability of the congregation
- Regular reporting, as necessary, to the Rector of St Peter's and the Parish Council of St Peter's
- Continued participation in any required ordination and formation processes by the Diocese

Skills, attributes, and convictions

- An ordained Anglican, or a willingness to join the ordination process of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn
- A mature and wholehearted disciple of the Lord Jesus, committed to growing in Christian maturity
- Possession of the character attributes of the Christian leader, described in such passages as 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1
- A commitment to Scripture as the inspired word of God, and therefore the first and final authority for all matters of faith and conduct
- A commitment to the centrality of the gospel in the life of the Christian and the church
- Demonstrated ability to lead people to faith in Christ; grow people in spiritual maturity; and equip people for kingdom service
- Demonstrated ability to manage and organise groups of Christians for growth and service
- Demonstrated ability to faithfully and engagingly preach the scriptures
- Bachelor-level theological qualifications (or in the final year of attaining such qualifications in 2025)
- A philosophy of ministry compatible with the [Growing Wholehearted Disciples](#) vision of St Peter's (also available from St Peter's on request)
- Willingness to participate in a City to City church planting cohort
- Commitment to complying with the various Safe Ministry protocols of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn

Details

Pay and conditions will accord with the [Administrative Circular](#) of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, and the [St Peter's Staff Management Guideline](#).

Job type: Permanent full time. Note that the full-time nature of this role is contingent upon funding commensurate with a full time position. There is a probation period of 6 months.

Reports to: Rector (lead minister) and Parish Council of St Peter's

Location: Office at 1 Watling Pl, Weston, with other activities at Stromlo Forest Anglican College, Wright, and around the parish.

To apply

Submit a cover letter (addressing the “skills, attributes and convictions” section above) and CV to:

The Rev’d Nick Colyer
Rector, St Peter’s Anglican Church, Weston Molonglo
Via the church office: office@westonmolonglo.church

Note that Nick is on Long Service Leave from 2 June to 10 August 2025.
Applications will be received by Mim Roser, Office Administrator, and reviewed by the recruitment panel on Nick’s return from leave.

If you have further questions, contact Nick via the church office (6287 1193), or during his leave period contact Andrew Mitchell, Presiding Member of St Peter’s Parish Council (0402 000 617 or andrew.mitchell@westonmolonglo.church).

For questions regarding ordination and licencing in the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, contact the Diocesan Bishop, the Right Rev’d Dr Mark Short, via the Bishop’s Office: (02) 6232 3612.