**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BEGA SEEKS A SENIOR ASSOCIATE PRIEST**

**About the Parish**

We are a Parish with an evangelistic heart, a catholic ethos, a generous spiritual disposition, and a welcoming mindset. We are committed to full inclusion and radical generosity in our life together as we seek to embrace the fulness of life promised by Jesus, and to share that life freely with others. Our calling is to build up the Body of Christ by Word and Sacrament, equip the people of God for the work of ministry, that Jesus Christ may be known, loved, worshiped, and followed in our homes and parish, community, and diocese, and throughout the world.

The Parish is located on the South Coast of NSW in the Bega Valley LGA. It has a proud history stretching back to 1854. Currently there are 3 centres, St Martin’s Tathra, St John’s Bega, and Christ Church Bemboka. The Rector serves as the Archdeacon of the South Coast, Monaro, and Alpine Regions, and sits on several boards and councils within the Diocese and local community.

During the last year the Parish has shaped a bold new vision of renewal and revitalization, centred on community engagement, revival of the faithful, and generous servanthood. Through the re-sourcing of our assets, we are now able to implement that vision and this appointment is the first step in realizing our mission plan.

**About the Role of the Senior Associate Priest**

The Parish seeks an experienced, Senior Associate Priest to work closely with the Rector in a variety of leadership capacities. In collaboration with the Rector, he or she will share oversight of the liturgical life of the Parish, the training and support of ministry teams, the supervision and direction of the Parish administrator, facilitation of Parish social events, the care of new parishioners, and the general provision of priestly and pastoral ministry.

The Ministry Focus of the Senior Associate Priest will encompass these five strategic dimensions, in collaboration with the Rector:

**Worship**: Planning and leading of the liturgies; the prayer life of the Parish; the training and supervision of liturgical assistants.

**Pastoral Care**: Developing a Pastoral Care plan; pastoral visiting; the training and supervision of Pastoral Care team.

**Mission**: managing community engagement, projects, and event planning.

**Education**: Preaching, developing home groups, and teaching as assigned by the Rector.

**Stewardship**: Environmental care; oversight of the resources of the Parish fabric and buildings and their maintenance; development of a planned giving program.

**How Do I Apply?**

Please send your curriculum vitae to the Venerable Fr Steve Clarke, Rector, at bluespreacher@bigpond.com. Applicants should also include one-paragraph answers to the following questions:

1. Why are you an ideal candidate for the position?
2. How would you describe your theological and liturgical convictions?
3. What does the phrase “Jesus is Lord” mean to you?
4. What is the role of Holy Scripture for today’s Church?
5. What is the role of the Church in relationship to contemporary cultural issues?

Candidates should also have two letters of recommendation sent directly to the Rector.

Applications will remain open until the position is filled and will be prioritised in order of receipt. Invited applicants will be interviewed via Zoom or, if practical, in person.

**Qualifications**

The Senior Associate Priest will be a priest in good standing in the Anglican Church of Australia with at least 5 years’ priestly experience in senior parish leadership. This is not a suitable position for a curacy or assistant role.

**Abilities & Requirements**

• The Senior Associate Priest must be a person of prayer, demonstrating faith, stewardship, and discipleship, within a sacramental framework.
• A passionate proclaimer of the good news of the gospel

• Effective preacher
• Effective teacher
• Proficient liturgist able to lead spoken and sung worship with ease and dignity
• Pastoral sensitivity and grace
• Skilful and creative project development management
• Competence and comfort with computers and online communication
• Readiness to give and receive feedback and to offer complete solutions and plans
• Adept at group facilitation and volunteer recruiting and support

• Have a strong work ethic, demonstrating a sense of urgency to reach new believers
• Be a dependable, honest, and trustworthy member of our team
• Have a kind, winsome disposition, reflecting the joy of Christian life and ministry
• Work well with others as a member of our team
• Handle frequent interruptions with patience
• Resist “triangulation” in all its forms and communicate openly and effectively in a team setting
• Appreciate and possess a good sense of humour

**Additional Requirements**

This appointment is subject to licencing by the Diocesan Bishop and requires a satisfactory Safe Ministry and Professional Standards clearance.

**Compensation**

Compensation and benefits will be in accordance with the Diocesan conditions for a Rector, as outlined in <https://anglicancg.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024-Administrative-Circular-Final-Web.pdf>