



# HOLY INNOCENTS

## ANGLICAN CHURCH BELAIR

### Seeking a Parish Priest 0.8 FTE

#### About us

Holy Innocents Anglican Church Belair is a vibrant church community in the beautiful foothills of Adelaide.

At the front of our weekly pew sheet, we have a welcome note for our guests. It reads:

*A warm welcome to all our regular worshippers and to everyone who is visiting us today. Holy Innocents is an Anglican Parish seeking to follow Jesus and honour and worship God while creating a safe and nurturing environment in which we can explore faith and build community. You are welcome here 'as you are', embraced within God's boundless love.*

*Not everyone here believes exactly the same thing and we don't expect that you will agree with everything we do and say. A church community is always made up of people with differing views and beliefs about certain things – but should also be a place where we can respectfully and enthusiastically seek truth together. It is good to have you here today and we hope that you will feel at home.*

These words give a bit of an introduction to who we are. We seek Jesus together, we celebrate differences, we care for community and we welcome others.

People are drawn from various parts of Adelaide to the parish because of this approach to faith. We have people who have been Anglicans in utero and those who have recently found Anglicanism as the best expression of their faith. Our acceptance of difference has been growing over the last thirty years, and while parish members differ in beliefs about common theological, political and social issues, we seek to be respectful, honour each other, and build relationships and connections with each other.

We strive to be a connected and caring community. We have a number of helping professionals who help us recognise the importance of trauma-informed approaches to pastoral care, and remind and equip us to create worship services that are safe and welcoming spaces. We recognise the way that God speaks to us through the liturgy, music, art, nature, different cultural expressions, and in the words and deeds of each other.

We are an active church where people recognise and contribute their gifts. We have a strong and committed Parish Council who view their role as a ministry to the parish and the priest. They see themselves as responsible for the day-to-day administration and running of the parish.

### **Our new priest**

We are seeking a prayerful, progressive and pastoral priest who is committed to following Jesus, loving God and loving others.

We are seeking someone who seeks to live out their Anglican Ordination vows through a deep commitment to: prayer and learning, justice and hospitality, and creativity and mission.

Our new priest's own experiences of faith and doubt, of suffering and redemption, and of individual transformation, and growth in community, will help ground them and guide them as they humbly and compassionately lead our diverse group of parishioners into a deeper relationship with God. Our priest will learn with us, and from us, as we learn from them.

Our new priest will also have the following skills:

1. They love being a part of a team - our new priest will be a servant leader, team-builder, encourager and enabler.
2. They are a good communicator and teacher - our new priest will communicate clearly, and (where appropriate) creatively use digital and online technologies to communicate with various groups.
3. They are flexible - our new priest will be able to respond to the many changing and sometimes unpredictable needs of the parish.
4. They connect well with young people and their families - our new priest will know how to talk to young people about life and topics of faith, regardless of those people's faith backgrounds and beliefs.

5. They are keen to work with other people on common goals - our new priest will build and retain relationships ecumenically, and with a wide range of denominational, parachurch and community groups.

We look forward to working with them and supporting them as we seek to live out Christian community together.

Our parish profile contains more about what exploring faith, community and justice with us could look like, how we do community, what is important to us, and some of the benefits of living and working in our beautiful Belair environment. Please contact Archbishop Geoffrey Smith through his Executive Assistant Jennifer Ramos on [bishopsoffice@adelaideanglicans.com](mailto:bishopsoffice@adelaideanglicans.com) to receive a copy of our parish profile and arrange a conversation with the nomination committee.



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