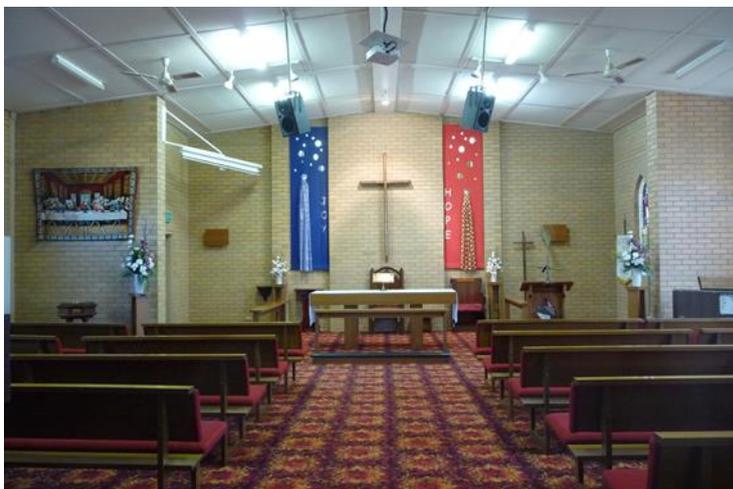


ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH, TATURA



Welcome to All Saints Anglican Church in the heart of the town and vibrant community of Tatura.

Tatura has a population of 4500 and is a 25 minute drive south-west from Shepparton. It is an easy drive of approximately two hours, along the Hume and Goulburn Valley highways, from Melbourne to Tatura. The town is situated in a dairying and fruit growing region and provides adequate facilities for all. The main street has a variety of shops including two supermarkets, cafes, butchers, hotels, a jeweller and a florist. There are two pre-school centres and two primary schools. The town is well serviced for health care with two medical clinics, a pharmacy, a hospital and residential aged-care facilities. There are numerous sporting facilities throughout the town – playing areas for football, netball, soccer, basketball and tennis; a golf course with extensive club rooms; the Shepparton horse racing club and track; and the large indoor arena which hosts numerous horse shows during the year and is the home of International Dairy week each January. Major businesses, such as Goulburn-Murray Water, Unilever, Bega Cheese, Jacobs Engineering and the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning provide employment for many residents in Tatura and the surrounding district.



All Saints Anglican Church is a parish in the eastern end of the Diocese of Bendigo. It is a short walk of about 200 metres to the main street of town. The small, historic, red-brick church, over 125 years old, opens out into a comfortable, contemporary space featuring impressive stained glass windows. This extension, built in 1986-7, is a flexible, carpeted area with a modern sound system and data projection technology.

The church facilities include a large Hall with a spacious kitchen and a recently refreshed meeting room and office. Plans are underway to update the men's and women's toilets. The Rectory, adjacent to the Hall, is a comfortable home. It has 3 or 4 bedrooms, a new compact kitchen, a modern bathroom, gas ducted heating, a large study and a private back garden.

The regular 10am Sunday worship service, has an attendance of 20-30 senior adults, and generally follows one of the 'A Prayer Book for Australia' service formats. A 'Morning Prayer' or 'Prayer, Praise and Proclamation' service is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. On each Wednesday morning of the school term, the church hosts a 'mainly music' session for pre-school children and their parents or carers. Messy church is enjoyed by between 5 and 10 families on a Sunday evening about six times each year. Both Messy church and 'mainly music' have enabled the church to support and connect with younger families in the community. Over the past few years, All Saints has been privileged to support and to enjoy the company of a group of ladies from Vanuatu. They have come to work in the fruit packing sheds from January to July.

The Parish Council has developed a five-year Mission Action Plan. In this plan, Messy Church, Bible studies and the development of a social events committee were the top three priorities for 2017 – the second year of the MAP. The congregation regularly give to a small and selected group of mission agencies throughout each year. Financially, in 2018, the church is willing to pay an 80% stipend. There is opportunity for chaplaincy work in aged-care and/or at the nearby Dhurringile prison. Recent grant monies from the Diocese, have allowed the Church to provide chaplaincy in the local aged-care residences. Other grants have enabled property improvements such as air conditioning in the Hall and an upgrade of the audio-visual technology in the church.

