



Anglican Parish of Elmore

St. Peter's, Elmore
St. Mary's, Raywood
St. George's, Goornong
St. John's, Colbinabbin

44-48 Michie St.,
Elmore, Vic. 3558

22nd August 2024

Dear Friends,

Exciting Parish Update

1) **New Minister – Christine McWilliams.**

We are pleased to advise that the Parish has welcomed Christine McWilliams recently as our new Minister on a full-time basis. Christine will be residing in the Parish Rectory and is looking forward to supporting the communities within the areas of Elmore, Colbinabbin, Raywood and Goornong. Christine although born in Melbourne has resided in country Victoria for the majority of her life in Nhill, Mildura, Daylesford and most recently at Stawell. Christine will be commencing her role with the Parish on Monday 2nd September.

2) **New Service Times, Website & Facebook**

Some new **service times** will commence from Sunday 15th September for the Parish and all services are as follows:

St. Peter's Elmore	- 9.00am each Sunday (Previously 9.30am)
St. John's Colbinabbin	- 11.15am 2 nd & 4 th Sundays (No change)
St. Mary's Raywood	- 11.15am 1 st & 3 rd Sundays (No change)
St. George's Goornong	- 9.00am 1 st & 3 rd Sundays (Previously 8am)

NB: A combined service is held at one of the above churches when a 5th Sunday occurs in a month at 10am.

The Parish **website** address is elmoreanglicanparish.org.au

The Parish **Facebook** pages are as follows: St. Peter's Anglican Church Elmore, St. John's Anglican Church Colbinabbin, St. Mary's Anglican Church Raywood and St. George's Anglican Church Goornong.

All the latest service times, activities, news, events etc are frequently updated on each Facebook page on a weekly basis.

3) **Refurbishment works – St. Peter's & St. George's churches and Rectory:**

a) The **St. Peter's church in Elmore** received a major refurbishment in 2023 with substantial support being provided by MMM Australia (Mobile Mission Maintenance) with volunteers from Melbourne undertaking the following works:

- i) Stripping back old and deteriorated paint on the internal walls.
- ii) Rendering several cracked internal walls.
- iii) Painting all the internal walls.

The installation of new carpet was undertaken by Taggert's Carpets from Bendigo.

- b) The **St. George's church in Goornong** has had new carpet installed and all the internal and external doors painted in May and June 2024. A new electrical switchboard was installed with modern circuit breakers to provide appropriate protection in the church in the early months 2024.
- c) The **Rectory in Elmore** has received a number of improvements in preparation for the arrival of the new Minister. The entire interior of the Rectory has been freshly re-painted, carpet cleaned, new vinyl flooring in the bathroom, toilet and laundry and also new curtains in the majority of rooms. The Rectory gardens and rear yard have been tidied up also.

4) Donation request

With the harvest time now almost upon us we write to thank you for your past support through your donations of grain or other produce and ask you to consider a donation again this year. With the commencement of a full-time Minister the Parish will be focussed on raising sufficient funds to maintain this level of Ministerial support and the full suite of congregational and community programs, and annual donations form a key component of the Parish's total revenue pool.

You can deliver grain using the following Parish NGR:

Anglican Parish of Elmore
NGR No. 10127339

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, you can direct credit funds to the Parish Bendigo Bank account as follows:

BSB: 633-108
Account: 123286973
Name: Anglican Parish of Elmore

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we hope you find the latest Parish update exciting and we hope that you give prayerful consideration to this donation request. Feel free to call either of us at any time if you have any queries or want to know more about this latest Parish update or the planned activities of the Parish of Elmore.

Yours faithfully

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