

Announcement from the Incumbency Committee - 11 August 2019

The incumbency committee, comprising Joanne Waite, Christine Youings & Ron McKenzie, is pleased to announce that the Archbishop, Dr. Philip Freier has confirmed that the Reverend Anthony Frost has accepted the appointment as Priest in Charge to the Church of the Ascension.

Fr Anthony will be commissioned here on Wednesday 20 November 2019 at 7.30pm.

Fr Anthony currently serves as Associate Priest in the Sapphire Coast Anglican Parish, which is in the Merimbula and Eden area of NSW. He is married to Kym and he has a 25-year-old daughter Naomi from a previous marriage.

Fr Anthony was ordained on 26 November 2016 at St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn (in the Canberra/Goulburn Diocese); Prior to that, Anthony held the position of Mission Facilitator at St Alban's Anglican Church, Woden ACT, leading and coordinating the parish's focus of Christ's transforming presence in the local and broader community. Previous to this he worked as a teacher and education consultant in Canberra.

In March 2011 Anthony was called to ordained ministry and completed his Master of Theology and Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology through St Mark's National Theological Centre. He is a professed member of the Third Order of the Society of St Francis (TSSF) and a member of the Order of St Luke the Physician. Anthony is an advocate for Indigenous reconciliation, creation care and sustainability, and support for refugees and asylum-seekers.

During his time at Sapphire Coast he has had responsibility for preparing and leading weekly worship services across three parish centres, chaplaincy and weekly services at RSL LifeCare Centres, funerals, baptisms and weddings; representing the parish in broader community activities and forums, and other whole-parish pastoral and administrative responsibilities; also initiating and leading monthly Prayer for Healing Service, Midweek Meditation, Bible Study Group, overseeing the Artist In Residence Program.

In making the decision to appoint Fr Anthony, the Incumbency Committee has been particularly impressed by his prayerfulness, warmth and thoughtfulness. He has an enthusiasm for serving God, a love for Christ and all God's people and creation. Our prayer is that we can welcome him, and his wife Kym, with love and hospitality.

Making this announcement causes us sadness as we will once again have to farewell our dear shepherd Fr Walter, we thank God for his time with us over the past 17 months and indeed since Dec 2013 (with breaks in the middle!) and his ongoing guidance.

Fr Walter will continue to guide us until 17 November as we prepare for the next step in the life of our parish with Fr Anthony.