

RICCARTON-SPREYDON ANGLICAN PARISH

St Martin's & St James

Parish Profile 2018

Anglicans in the Community



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1. Our Purpose

Our purpose is to make Christ known

St Martin's & St James – the Soul Agents in our communities!

At St Martin's St James, we are seeking a new Vicar who will embrace and share our vision and mission.

Our vision is to see

Continued growth in faith of our Lord Jesus Christ and to further develop a biblical understanding of a Christian world –view through:

- Spirit led worship / contemporary liturgy
- Biblical preaching / teaching
- Prayer
- Evidence of an ever deepening engagement with the living God.

Continued growth and development in:

- Children's /Youth ministry
- Home groups
- Outreach for whole parish: intentional discipleship, young adults, young families, the elderly, prison ministry etc
- Overseas missions support
- Growth in numbers across all services

Our mission is: Our new Vicar will help us to grow and better serve the needs of our communities.

2. Our New Vicar

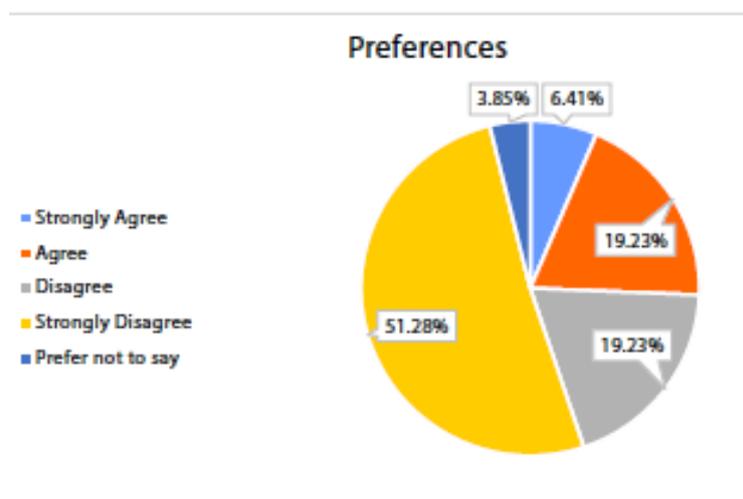
We believe the person who God is calling to us will have:

- a strong, active and healthy relationship with God
- a gift of teaching or preaching
- ability to lead or co-ordinate worship both in a traditional and a contemporary context
- a pastoral heart and to enable and equip others in pastoral care
- a devotional, personal and congregational prayer life
- an ability to equip others and be a visionary
- willingness to lead and who is a capable team player.

At this time we are seeking a vicar who is in unity with the parish's position on blessings of same sex marriages. A recent survey of the parish on this matter provided the following understanding: that the parish does not support such blessing.

Parish based Motion 7 Survey Results

Question: Do you agree that the Parish should authorise its clergy to conduct same-sex blessings, upon request, as permitted by the passing of Motion 7 at the May 2018 General Synod, and with the permission of the Bishop?



3. About us

Riccarton-Spreydon is a “new” parish arising from the merger in 2015, of two neighbouring, long-established suburban parishes in South-West Christchurch: St James Lower Riccarton and St Martins Spreydon. Our two parishes merged as a consequence of the needed Diocesan restructuring after the 2010/2011 earthquakes.

St James Church was damaged and the Diocese did not consider it feasible to be repaired. Our parishes came together because Revds John de Senna and Les Memory each had a leading from the Holy Spirit to seek a way together. Both congregations embraced this leading with understanding of each other’s situation and willingness and generosity of spirit to be open to God’s leading.

Since that time we have worked together through the various diocesan processes for parishes combining and in 2018 came out of transition as the parish of Riccarton Spreydon. This has been a wonderfully enriching and joyful union for both former parishes. This was God’s leading for us both. Our present parish roll is approximately 170-180.

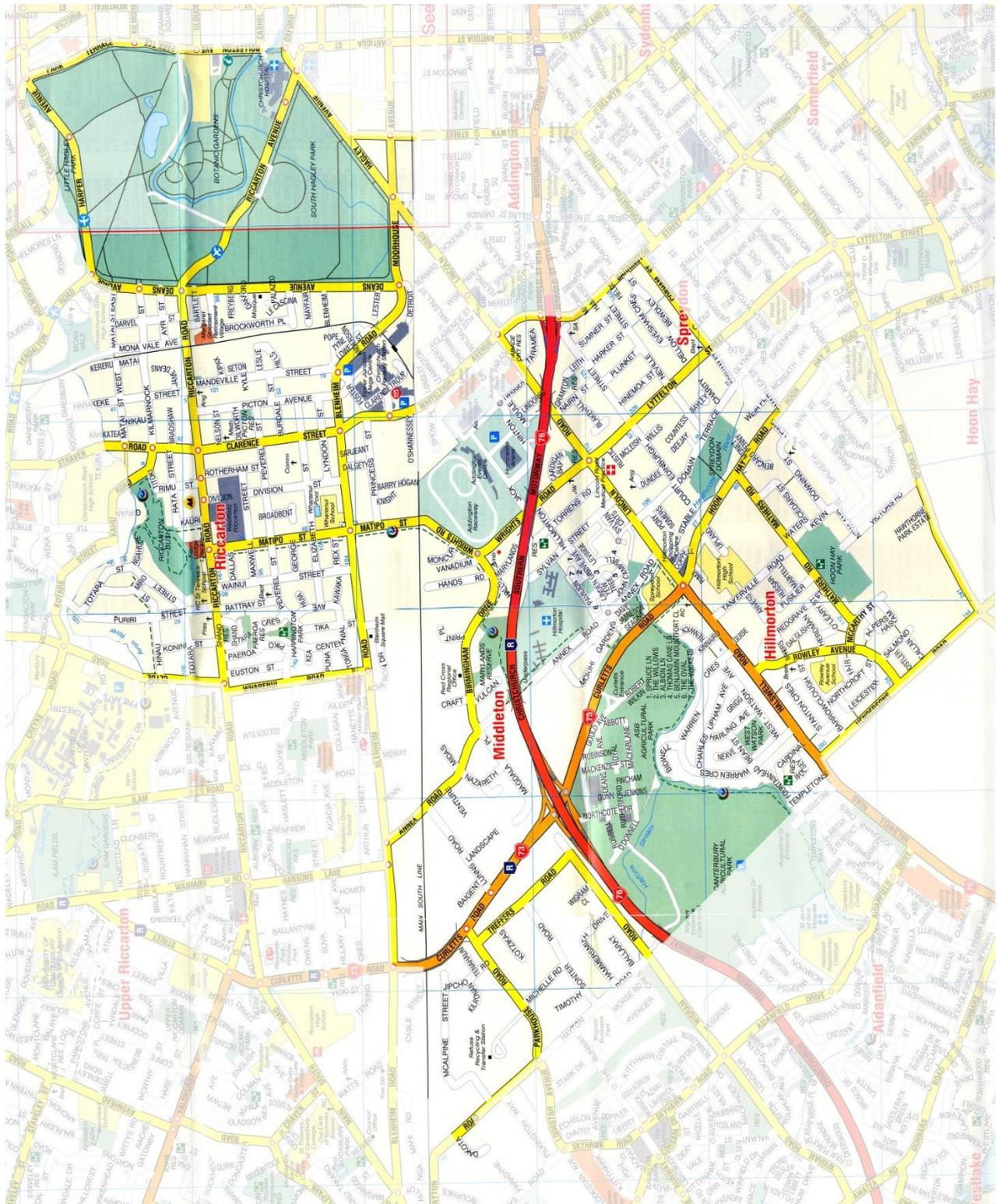
We have a boundary in the industrial area of Middleton, a broad belt separating the two residential areas of Lower Riccarton-Wharenui and Spreydon- Hoon Hay.

The Spreydon-Hoon Hay area is a mature suburb developed in the 1950’s, the housing is a mix of middle-income families and settled retirees. Over the past decade, there has been a noticeable influx of Polynesian and other immigrant groups drawn to the large Southwest Baptist Church nearby.

The Riccarton-Wharenui area has a higher proportion of rental accommodation servicing students and smaller families, or people living alone. This sub-population is more mobile. This area is also quite ethnically diverse, with a high population of Asian people.

Both residential areas encompass pockets of State Housing, and one of these, Rowley, is a decile 1 area catering to a lower income and beneficiary demographic where hardship is a reality.

A significant proportion of the congregation live outside the parish boundaries, choosing to worship here for historical, family, and theological depth reasons. Our parish boundary:



4. About our Church and worship

Worship is the centre of our parish life.

Services:

8.00 am Sundays

- Holy Communion
- Older congregation, 15-30 regulars

10.00 am Sundays

- Contemporary, Holy Communion 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays
- All age congregation, 55-90 regulars
- Kids Church re-join congregation for Communion
- Small music group

7.00 pm in Stewart Lounge (Riccarton site)

- Expository preaching
- All ages, 10-15 regulars
- Fellowship over supper

11.00 am Wednesdays

- Holy Communion
- Preceded by morning tea
- Specifically offered for elderly and less mobile parishioners, 16-25 regulars



Other worship and teaching:

Prayer Meeting

- Mondays 7-8pm in the Neave Room.
- Parish Prayer Meeting

Kids Church

- 2 groups meet between the ages of 5 – 10
- Attendance, 8-10

Youth Group: Harvest

- 1 group meet between the ages of 11 – 18
- Thursday night
- Sunday morning study
- Attendance, 24 – Thursday night, 10 – Sunday morning

Day of Prayer - quarterly



5. Our wider church life

Pastoral Care:

- Well-structured group of pastoral care workers with allocated parishioners to visit
- Regular support and training meetings with a member of clergy

Home Groups:

- 5 Home Groups who meet regularly

Missions:

- monthly Mission Support Group Meetings lead by a Mission co-ordinator.
- 7 regular, Mission partners and projects, in New Zealand and overseas

Rest Home Services:

- St Martin's St James Church, Rest Home Service Team, provides Community Outreach and Communion services
- 7-8 Rest homes in the Riccarton-Spreydon Pastoral area.

Printed Media:

- Weekly pew sheet: Focus
- Monthly magazine: Crosstrax

Digital Ministry:

- Website: www.stmartinsstjames.church
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmartinsstjames
- Twitter: www.twitter.com/stmartinstjames
- Presently trialling 'RightnowMEDIA': www.rightnowmedia.org
- Swap Collective: Subscribe to a church graphic design resource: <https://swapcollective.com>

6. Our Community Outreach

Groups and Ministries

The parish is a busy place, with a good range of groups ministering to a diversity of community needs.

- AAW
- Catering
- Community Ministries:
 - Food Bank
 - Craft Group: Meet fortnightly
 - Movie afternoons: Monthly
- Fundraising
- Hospitality
- Mainly Music
- Playgroup – 2 groups meeting during term time at 2 locations
- Prison Ministry – visits Christchurch Men’s prison 2nd Sunday of the month
- Riccarton Outreach – Riccarton Bush Carol Service
- Youth – 24/7 Program, Young adults flatting community
- Local Medical Centre – Recent community initiatives – Weekly: Men’s Stretch and Strengthening Exercise, and a Community Walking Group and morning tea

7. Our Plant

Buildings

The Church of St Martin & St James at 50 Lincoln Road is a traditional design stone church of warm cream tones built in 1959. It has a permitted seating capacity of 150. It was refurbished post-earthquake in 2017 with new carpet, paint, and a new sound and projection system. Heating and lighting are adequate.



Our other church, St James the Great on 69 Riccarton Road was badly damaged in the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes. It was recently deconsecrated prior to preparation for sale. It is Heritage listed Category 1. The sale process is being handled by the Diocese.



There are 2 vicarages as a consequence of the merger.

The vicarage adjacent to the church (Lincoln Road) is a spacious 4 bedroom, single bathroom, 2 toilet house with separate dining/living room space. There is an office with separate entrance. An internal access garage is for 1 car only. It was built in 1961. Insulation and heating have recently been upgraded. It is surrounded by lawns and garden space.



The former Riccarton vicarage is currently rented out until the end of 2019. It is a large modern 2-storey 4-bedroom with ensuite, double garage house on a small section with a landscaped garden.



Other buildings at Lincoln Road include:

- a large Hall with indoor basketball court which is used for a variety of other purposes
- a large carpeted lounge adjoining the church with a separate, well-appointed kitchen
- an upper room or loft with an office used for the Youth Group and other meetings
- a spacious meeting room with kitchen and storage rooms predominantly used for Kids Church and playgroups
- a parish office with 3 desk spaces.
- facilities are regularly hired out to individual and community groups
- facilities shared on Sundays with 2 other churches: Samoan and Indonesian congregations.

Other buildings at Riccarton Road include:

- Parish Centre – meeting room, kitchen, office, toilets, storage area
- Garage.

These buildings will be sold by the diocese along with the St James church building.

Commercial office building at Riccarton Road

A commercial building at Riccarton Road is on a separate title and is not being sold. It is currently rented.

Community Van:

- Available for church and community use



8. Our Finances

The parish is well resourced, deriving a good income from rental of the Riccarton vicarage and the commercial building at the Riccarton site, as well as facility hire at Spreydon. Parishioner giving is also healthy and consistent.

Currently, we are able to support 2 full-time clergy, a youth pastor $\frac{3}{4}$ time, a part-time secretary and part-time facility hire coordinator.

However, plans underway to reintroduce ministry to the Riccarton area with a rented or purchased site will impact on finances in the current and near future financial years.

Financial statement is available on request.

We have good buildings, strong finances, and a well-balanced highly capable vestry team. Not forgetting our busy, and energetic ministry teams.

9. Conclusion

In summary, we are looking for someone who will “equip the Saints”.

Our parish is full of gifted and mature Christians eager to further the spiritual and ministerial momentum in the parish.



10. Appendix

We have included below some images from our parish life.

