

## Parish Profile – Christ’s Church (Oceanside)

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**Vision:** to grow evangelical Christians through Christ-centered Biblically-faithful Spirit-filled teaching.

**Mission:** As a parish in the Anglican Network in Canada, Christ’s Church (Oceanside) exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ by the following:

1. Parish Fellowship and Spiritual Care
2. Teaching & Training
3. Mission & Evangelism

**Values:** We are a parish that:

1. Demonstrates love and respect for each other with empathy and compassion
2. Has a desire to know and love the triune God
3. Encourages deeper understanding of scripture
4. Seeks to spread the gospel of Christ
5. Fosters friendship and family
6. Attempts to minister to children and youth
7. Enjoys praise and liturgical worship
8. Tries for an outward focus in applying our faith

**Ministries:**

1. Worship: CCO has a very strong team of gifted leaders who ensure that our worship is always Spirit-led, Christ-centered, and Bible-based.
2. Growth groups: CCO enjoys 5 different vibrant growth groups who meet weekly for Bible-study, prayer, and personal support.
3. Prayer: We have a strong prayer team ensuring that every event, mission, and service is steeped in prayer. Healing prayer is also available during each Sunday service.
4. Outreach: Parishioners have engaged in several community and charity events in order to make our presence known to our area. Just this summer we participated in a local children’s event with Christian puppet shows. As well we put on an old-fashioned hymn sing in the park behind our worship hall. We support several missionaries from our parish who are spreading the gospel

around the world. We join with various national and international Christian agencies such as Samaritan's Purse in evangelistic endeavours.

5. Spiritual growth: In addition to our weekly growth groups, we recently held 3 backyard suppers with games, praise, then teaching. We offer a yearly weekend retreat with guest preaching, teaching, and praise, and a major Lenten teaching event which has taken several different forms.
6. Sunday School: We offer an interesting Christ-centred, Bible-based weekly program. Unfortunately, there are very few, if any, children to take part each week. There is a children's story and praise song as part of our weekly services.
7. Pastoral Care: Between the present pastor and several lay people pastoral care is thriving.
8. Seniors Lodges: A team of pastor and lay people visit and offer communion services to 3 lodges in the area.
9. Missionaries: We have supported missionaries from our church who served in Uganda many times, and the Northwest Territories. We currently have a young missionary in China and prayerfully support missionaries in Central Asia. We financially support several other missions around the world and locally.

**Strengths:** In addition to what has already been mentioned:

1. A small group of dedicated parishioners who spend immeasurable hours using their gifts to further the gospel in our community and to offer engaging worship services.
2. Empathy and compassion for one another is evident on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.
3. A willingness to grow and learn in order to give God glory.
4. A website to further the gospel and encourage others.
5. Thriving growth groups are developing disciples for the gospel
6. Geographic location is absolutely gorgeous!
7. We are financially stable.

**Stats:**

Christ Church Oceanside meets in the Nanoose Bay Community Centre in beautiful Nanoose Bay on Vancouver Island. We have a membership of 48 parishioners and our weekly Sunday attendance averages 37. Our age group ranges an average 50-90 years of age. Parishioners are located over a wide geographical location.

**Finances:**

<b>Yearly Budget</b>	Budget		Actual	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
2015	\$92,000	\$81,565	\$80,262	\$76,594
2016	\$92,000	\$81,825	\$87,058	\$77,319

The Rector's position is a part-time position with the potential of being full-time as the numbers increase. The stipend would be a yearly salary of \$34,000 all inclusive.

**THE RECTOR:**

The members of Christ's Church Oceanside are looking for a Rector who passionately loves the Lord. One who is committed to: upholding the supremacy and authority of the Bible and the uniqueness of the person and work of Jesus Christ, is able to teach the scriptures with passion and enthusiasm and who's sermons are related to every day life.

The applicant:

- Believes in the importance of prayer and will call the church to special seasons of prayer.
- Not only calls people to a commitment to the Lord but equips them to be disciples.
- Has a love for people with the heart of a pastor.
- Is a team player, able to delegate and is able to equip people for ministry.

- Would be willing to be held accountable to the church council.
- Should be a person of conviction and faith that desires to walk in a manner worthy of the Gospel.
- Must be biblically faithful to Orthodox Christianity and uncompromising in their convictions and obedience to Christ.

It is important to the membership that their Rector have a pastoral and teaching gift and shows loving, compassionate concern for all members of the congregation. A good communicator with excellent leadership skills who will encourage and uphold members of the congregation to fulfill their God-given gifts. Growing in discipleship and equipping the members are very important, so they in turn can continue to make disciples of those around them.

The parish is looking for numerical growth so a Pastor who lives in and is part of the local community seems most fitting. We need a pastor with lots of energy, a mature, experienced and thoughtful minister, one who understands the needs of a mature congregation.

We are looking for someone who is passionate about God's presence and movement in the world, someone with a vision of the big picture of what God is doing and where we can fit into what God is already doing.

The incumbent should have some youthful enthusiasm, with a good sense of humour. The youthful aspect could be important in attracting new families or young adults to the congregation. Because of the current and future demographics of the Parish, the new Pastor will need to have an effective approach to pastoral care and be willing to invest time in that respect.

A person with a dedicated and supportive family who has some means of financial support, a church planter who could grow our parish and someone who could comfortably go out into the community at large to promote Christ's Church (Oceanside) would be preferable. Most of all, someone who is familiar with the Anglican liturgy.

The applicant would be expected to set a good example of discipleship by tending to their spiritual life, and modeling good self-care by managing times of work, rest, and

family commitments. The parish of Christ's Church Oceanside is prepared to support the pastor in these commitments.

This profile was prepared following consultation with parishioners. The search committee was upheld in prayer, in sure confidence that the Lord would respond and send the person he had chosen to help accomplish his purposes for Faith, and to his praise and glory.

This is a part-time position (with the possibility of full-time as the parish grows) with a stipend of \$34,000 per year all inclusive.