



Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to announce the Rev'd Canon Ian Howarth will be the next Rector of the Parish of Castlemaine.

You will all know Ian well as he has been a valued member of our diocese since 2014. Ian came to the Diocese of Bendigo from Newcastle and has been ministering to the people of Kyneton and Malmsbury. Ian and Allison are excited at the opportunity to begin this new ministry in Castlemaine and equally, the congregations of the parish are looking forward to the many gifts Ian brings that will compliment their existing ministries.



Ian has a broad experience in ministry having been ordained in Newcastle in 1995 and serving in both parish based and chaplaincy roles. Ian's skills and leadership were recognised with him being made an Area Dean in Newcastle, and similarly has held the position of Rural Dean and Canon of the Cathedral while in Bendigo.

Ian is a wise and calm presence amongst his brothers and sisters in Christ, and his further study in professional supervision and pastoral counselling only strengthen his natural gifts and allow him to provide excellent care for his ministry colleagues and parishioners.

Ian and Allison, along with James who is in first year University, will move to Castlemaine while Riley and their grandson Alex will continue to live in Kyneton. Ian will be inducted into the parish on Friday 23 July. Please include Ian, Allison and James in your prayers as they conclude their time in Kyneton and move to Castlemaine, and for the people of the parishes of Kyneton and Castlemaine as they each prepare for this change.

Your servant in Christ