

# PARISH PROFILE

## ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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**MISSION: To be a Caring and Loving Church growing with  
the Love of God and Serving a Hurting World.**

## Parish Vision:

That God will continue to pour out his Holy Spirit so that we will seek Him more dearly and share His Love and Grace with others to result in a community of believers committed to outreach, discipleship and spiritual growth.

## **Significant characteristics of The Anglican Church of the Resurrection (ANIC – Hope)**

1. Average Sunday attendance of 20 – 22 at the morning service and approximately 15 residents at Fraser Hope Lodge for a monthly service.
2. Separated from the Diocese of New Westminster and Christ Church Hope January 30, 2006 and immediately formed Anglican Church of the Resurrection
3. There are 7 active ministries and groups functioning in the Parish.
4. Worshippers come from as far as Chilliwack, Abbotsford and Vancouver Island.
5. At present, our liturgies are Book of Alternate Services and Book of Common Prayer, with a willingness to look at other alternative services.
6. We have become established within the local community and known worldwide because we were the First ANIC Church in the Anglican Network.  
We have our own Church facilities and we hold regular Sunday services.

## **The Community in which we serve God.**

### **Introduction**

This section presents factual information about the community in which the Lord has called the Church of the Resurrection to serve Him. It provides demographic context within which the work and spiritual aspirations of our Church can be understood.

### **District of Hope**

Hope is located in the Eastern section of the Fraser Valley some 150km from Vancouver, 80km from Abbotsford and the US border.

We are a community of approximately 8000 people nestled in the beautiful surrounding mountains and the Fraser River.

The surrounding communities are:

Chilliwack – 50km to the West (population approx 80,000)

Agassiz – 30km to the Northwest (population approx. 10,000)

Abbotsford – 80km to the West (population approx 137,000)

### **Size**

Hope is located at the Junction of 4 Highways. (1, 3, 5, & 7)

There are approximately 8 Indian Reserves in the area.

There are approximately 15,000-25,000 vehicles traveling through the community on a daily basis.

### **Climate**

Hope has a similar mild climate to Vancouver and is in a rain forest region. There is some snow in the winter months; however, rain and cloud are common throughout the winter. In summer, the temperature may occasionally exceed 30 degrees and in winter may go as low as –15 degrees.

### **Amenities**

**Airport** Small landing field for emergency landings and known for the gliding community.

**Churches** Hope has 10 churches in the area.

**Education** Hope has a satellite campus to the University of the Fraser Valley that has its main campuses in Chilliwack and Abbotsford. The Hope school system is divided into elementary, middle and secondary schools and specialized schooling for difficult learners.

### **Medical Facilities**

Hope has a small hospital with large trauma facilities, an extended care facility and 3 medical clinics. Senior support system is also in place.

**Shopping** There are 2 local grocery stores, 2 pharmacies along with smaller shops for shopping. Hope is close to 2 major shopping centers with all amenities.

Recreation      Recreational center with a pool, ice rink, curling center along with fitness center. There are also private gyms.  
Sports fishing and hunting is also nearby.

Walks/Hikes      Hope boasts a number of parks and hiking trails that wind throughout the beautiful countryside. There are 2 lakes for boating and swimming.

Skiing      It is an hour drive to Hemlock Valley to the West and Manning Park to the East.

Golf Course      There is an 18 hole golf club.

Arts      There is a local Art Gallery and a great Arts Council.

#### Travel

Except during rush hour, driving time is approximately 1 ½ hours to Vancouver. The Via Rail train travels 3 times weekly to and from Vancouver and Greyhound bus is available on a daily basis.

#### Housing

Hope has a broad mix of condominium, town house and single family housing. Many homes have fantastic mountain views.

Average home prices are:

Townhouses	\$225,000.00 to 300,000.00
Condos	\$150,000.00 to 205,000.00
Single Family	\$150,000.00 to One Million

### **Church Activities**

#### **Worship**

Regular Services – Sundays 10:00am – Traditional Holy Communion alternately from BCP and BAS. Music is traditional & praise using Organ or keyboard.

Monthly communion service at 1:15pm at Fraser Hope Lodge.

**Music:** There is one musician who plays organ and piano giving a variety of hymn and praise selections.

**Liturgy:** Our liturgy is from the Books of Common Prayer and Alternative Services. Occasionally we have used the Nigerian liturgy.

### **Functions of Parish Council and Executive**

In addition to clergy, there are 7 elected positions and one appointed. Parish Council meets five times a year for visioning and business. Each meeting starts with a Bible reading, reflection and prayer.

The Trustees meet on a monthly basis with the Rector to discuss confidential issues, business and to make decisions.

### **Future Goals:**

- Growth in devotion to God through prayer and fellowship in pastoral care (strengthening the existing ministry) by increasing membership by a minimum of 10% yearly.

- Reaching out to the community with the love of God.

- Weekly Bible Studies
- Visiting Seniors in the Lodge and Home.
- Activity night for the residents of Hope

- Discipleship and youth ministry.

  - Work with youth by gaining their trust through a “NO STRINGS” attached approach.

- Outreach to the community.

  - Introducing new programs to the Community i.e. Alpha etc.

## **SEARCHING FOR A PRIEST**

### **Characteristics**

A person of prayer with a deep love for Jesus Christ.

A person who is faithful to God's calling. A person committed to Evangelism and church growth. This will be measured by a minimum 10% growth yearly.

A person who is in agreement with and comfortable with the culture and spirit of the Church of the Resurrection which is Conservative Orthodox Anglicanism and adheres to the 39 Articles and the Creed.

A person who is committed to small town/small church ministry and to the community of Hope. i.e.:

- Smaller population with a larger number of other Churches.
- Needs to work closely with people in community.
- Community of mainly retired or semi-retired people.

### **Position Responsibilities/Goals**

- Providing the preaching and teaching to build up and encourage our members.
- General running of the Parish i.e. planning church services, teaching at Bible Studies. Ministering to the sick and dying. Marriages, funerals, baptism etc.
- To continue to build the parish and help formulate and implement our future vision.
- Bring inspiration, fresh energy and dynamism.

### **Remuneration**

Salary package with benefits and vacation included. You will be required to work 2 ½ days per week including Sundays. Wages to be negotiated.

Study leave to be a maximum of 3 weeks per year.