

Dear Church of The Sapphire Coast,

It will be less than 3 months until the Duff family are living amongst you! There will be 5 of us initially. Myself – Chris; my wife Naomi; and our three daughters – Isabelle 22 (Uni); Ruby, 19 (in between); and Charli, 17 (entering year 12). Our eldest Josh, 24, has already flown the nest, but you will no doubt meet him at some point.

We are excited about the move. It is both a big adventure and challenge, as I'm sure you can appreciate. We would ask for prayer for energy through the shift, good friendships for us all when we relocate, and Jesus' protection, provision and peace.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and people and the area. I have a deep love of God's creation, and the Sapphire Coast and wider region is a truly beautiful place. I can picture my self walking into town most mornings; buying a coffee and chatting with the local business owners and towns folk. Asking if there is anything I could pray about or if they have any needs our church could help with.

I have been praying for the Spirit of God to wash over TSC. I have been praying for opportunities to share the love and words of the gospel of Jesus. And I have been praying for the Lord to raise up workers for the harvest field. (Lk 10:2).

I am a regular Aussie 'bloke', but I have a passion for preaching the gospel, talking to people about Jesus, and showing love and grace wherever and whenever I get the opportunity.

May the Holy Spirit increase in us the desire to be his people always; when gathered and when scattered, when "winning" and when "loosing", when accepted and when rejected, and when things are good and when they are difficult. And may God make us more like his Son each day.

God bless,

*Chris.*

