

Welcome

CHRIST THE KING
23 November 2025

*St Paul's Ipswich &
St Thomas' Ipswich North*

Today—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Simon Arok, Rev'd Elizabeth Chol,
Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Apage Meal

Keith Gibson

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion by Extension

Lesley Briggs

Readings

Jer 23:1-6; Psalm 98; Col 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Events for this week -

Sunday: 4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Monday: 6:30pm New Testament Bible Study—St Paul's

Tuesday: 10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday:

9:30am Holy Communion—St Thomas

Following Service Mature Persons Fellowship

3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

6:00pm Beginner's New Testament Greek Class

Thursday: 7:00pm Bible Study: Text for Next Sunday—Via Zoom

Friday:

7:00am Holy Communion—St Paul's

9:00am AMUA—16 Days of Activism Service

Saturday: 4:00pm Church Gardening Group—St Paul's



Contact information

Parish Office Hours:

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St Paul's Church

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St Paul's Op Shop:

Monday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am—12:00pm

St Thomas' Church

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Clergy Contact Information

Rev'd Mpole Masemola 0416 073 519

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Parish Prayer

God of new beginnings, bless our Ipswich Anglican Community with a fresh vision for the future, with generous hearts to love one another, and with courage for the changes we now embrace. Draw us more deeply into the mystery of Christ, so that we draw closer to you and to each other. Make us a blessing to the city of Ipswich as we walk together into the future you have prepared for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Acknowledgment of Country

The Ipswich Anglican Parish Community respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners as custodians of the land and waters we share. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging, as the keepers of the traditions, customs, cultures and stories of proud peoples.

Next Week in the Parish

Sunday (30 November) Advent 1 —St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion by Extension

11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Simon Arok, Rev'd Elizabeth Chol,
Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Advent Carol Service

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

Next Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:9-14;
Matthew 24:36-44

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 30 Nov)

Sunday:

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Tuesday: 10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

Wednesday:

9:00am Holy Communion—Bundaleer Aged Care

3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

6:00pm Beginner's New Testament Greek Class

Thursday:

7:00pm Bible Study: Text for Next Sunday—Via Zoom

Friday:

7:00am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Saturday:

4:00pm Church Gardening Group—St Paul's

Please be advised any attendees at a service or anyone entering the church grounds may be recorded on video and, in the case of a church service, may be included in the livestream broadcast online.

Message from Rev'd Mpole Masemola

"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."
(Colossians 1:17)

Christ the King Day is upon us! To be honest, I almost missed its significance amid the busyness of life—that is, until I went through the words of "Rejoice, the Lord is King," our hymn for the offertory. One can only imagine the energy filling the church as we belt out those triumphant words: "Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say rejoice!" To me, this hymn smells of HOPE—a refreshing antidote to a world weighed down by uncertainty and hardship.

Christ the King Sunday traces its roots to 1925, a time when the world was fractured by post-war struggles, and political turmoil. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast as a bold reminder that Christ reigns supreme above earthly powers. Amid nationalist ideologies and growing materialism, this celebration declared that true peace and authority rest only in Jesus Christ. It was a call to lift our gaze beyond the fleeting kingdoms of this world to the eternal kingdom of God—a kingdom of truth, justice, and love.

Fast forward nearly a hundred years, and our world is no less in need of Christ's kingship. Headlines are dominated by wars, environmental crises, political instability, and social injustice. Fear often tightens its grip, leaving many of us anxious about tomorrow. Nations wrestle with divisions, and ideologies sometimes blind us to the image of God in our neighbours. The pressures we face are daunting, and the promises of this world often fall short. But today, as we gather to celebrate Christ the King, we are reminded of a truth that transcends time: Jesus reigns, holding all things together, even when life feels chaotic.

As Christians, we are called to be a hopeful people—reflecting the light of Christ's kingdom in a world desperate for direction. Colossians 1:13-20 reminds us that Christ has "rescued us from the dominion of darkness" and brought us into His glorious kingdom. This calling requires us to live boldly, trusting that His authority is eternal, and His love is unfailing.

So, as we sing together "Rejoice, the Lord is King," let's lift our hearts and voices in joyful proclamation. Light a candle in your heart for hope. Christ is King—yesterday, today, and forever. Let us rejoice!
Mpole

Upcoming Events-December

- Carols on the Lawn—**Friday 12 December** @ St Paul's.
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast—**Saturday 13 December** @ St Paul's Hall.
- All Age Service—**Sunday 14 December** @ St Thomas'.
- Parish Christmas Dinner—**Sunday 14 December** @ St Thomas' Hall.
- Christmas Raffle—Tickets available at STC or Parish Office

Suffering for Christ

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven' (*Matthew 5:10*)

The very first martyr was Stephen. But as the New Testament continues its story, we see that there were others as well. In fact, the Apostle Peter refers to persecution as occurring 'throughout the world'. You may not realise that it still occurs today and that each year there are many Christians who are discriminated against, cast out from families and friends, kidnapped and enslaved, or even killed for their faith. It would be good to find out about this and then to pray for those who are victims in this way.* We can pray that they will be sustained and that where possible they may receive support from other Christians around the world.

* <https://www.opendoors.org.au/persecuted-christians/>

Question for thought: How can I help those who are persecuted for their faith.

Gracious Lord, we pray for the persecuted church throughout the world and particularly Mothers Union members. Give them courage and steadfastness and an abiding trust in you. May they know your comfort and strength and that you are with them always. Amen.

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2025/10/22/pray-daily-november-2025/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- The Diocese of Tasmania: †Richard Condie; Assistant Bishop – †Chris Jones; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Annerley: Br Donald Campbell, Robert Braun, Br Jenny Thompson, †Godfrey Fryar, Fang Ling Quedsted, Michael Chiplin, Br Alfred Leong, John Searle, Mary Florence, Mark Vincent
- Anglicare SQ The Glebe Retirement Village (Toowoomba)
- St Francis Theological College, Milton: Principal – Ruth Mathieson; Academic Dean – Adam Couchman; staff, sessional lecturers & students



Archbishop Jeremy Greaves will be visiting the Ipswich Parish on Sunday 7 December 2025.

This will be a combined affair at St Paul's with members from our three congregations participating in the service and the refreshments afterwards. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. During the morning, there will also be a blessing of the new Red Bench.

Prayers for Healing

Marion Corry
Janet Shailer
Margaret Murphy
Kade Johnson
Jan Mundt
Barbara Hayward
Heather James
Angela Lawrence
Nicole Woodward
Barry Blake
Tina Moore
Louise Gardner
Jackie Cornish
Kathy Chevalier
Cheryl Marsh
Don Rossiter
Hellen Bongomin
Jan Grieve
Sue Porche
Lesley Briggs
Rebecca Parry
Gary Seymour
Nerida Lord
Chris Ingham

Year's mind

Ethel Barrett
Lorna Bell
Shirley Horne
Gertrude Cribb
David Molloy
Helen Statham
Victor Gerber



For Direct Parish Offerings please scan the above QR Code

November Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Prison Fellowship Australia**

*If you or anyone you know would like to receive Pastoral Care please contact:
Parish Office (3812 0377)*





ARCHBISHOP'S NOVEMBER APPEAL 2025

Supporting Primary Education
in the Philippines



To Donate Online, please scan the QR code or visit:
www.abmission.org/November2025

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence

25th November- 10 December

One new day at a time

Respond
Inform
Support
Empower

Unite
Pray

*Almighty and everlasting God,
We pray to you with hearts bur-
dened for those who suffer from
gender-based violence, especial-
ly women and their children.
We pray for the victims of such
abuse and ask that you will
heal, renew and guard them.
We ask that they will bring their
cares to you, who care for them
and that churches everywhere
will welcome and support them.
We pray that we may see the
end to such evil and a new day
of peace and sacrificial love in
all our homes. And this we ask
in the name of our Lord Jesus.
Amen.*

*But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I
will sing of your love; for you are my fortress,
my refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 59:16*



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



2ND SATURDAY OF MONTH
@ 7:30 A.M

NEXT EVENT - 13 DECEMBER 2025

ST PAUL'S HALL,
124 BRISBANE STREET, IPSWICH



SOUTH BRISBANE
FEDERAL BAND

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

& FAVOURITE BRASS BAND PIECES

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025

6:00PM – 7:00PM

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
BRISBANE ST, IPSWICH



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