

# Welcome

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
17 May 2026

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

## Today—St Paul's

### 7:00am Holy Communion

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

### 8:30am Holy Communion by Extension (Incl Kids Time with God)

Rev'd Allana Wales

### 11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

### 5:30pm Afternoon Eucharist

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

## —St Thomas'

### 8:30am Holy Communion (Incl Children's Ministry)

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

## Readings

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 5; John 17:1-11

## Events for this week -

### Sunday:

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

### Tuesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's  
Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

### Wednesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—Brassall Village

### Thursday:

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

### Friday:

7:00am Holy Communion by Extension—St Paul's

### Saturday:

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

**Anglican**  
Church  
Ipswich Anglican Community

## Contact information

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm

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## St Paul's Church

### Address:

124 Brisbane Street, Ipswich Qld 4305

### St Paul's Op Shop:

Monday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am—12:00pm

## St Thomas' Church

### Address:

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Rev'd Allana Wales 0422 132 906

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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 (24 May) Pentecost**  
—St Paul's

**8:30am Holy Communion - Joint Service**  
(Incl Kids Time with God)

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

**11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service**  
Rev'd Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

**5:30pm Choral Evensong**  
Rev'd Allana Wales

—St Thomas'

**No Service this week—Joint Service at St Paul's**

### Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:26-36; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13;  
John 7:19-23

### Events for Next Week (from Sunday 24 May)

**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—St Paul's

#### Wednesday:

9:30am Holy Communion—St Thomas  
Following Service Mature Persons Fellowship

#### Thursday:

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

#### Friday:

7:00am Holy Communion by Extension—St Paul's

#### Saturday:

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

### CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION UPDATES

Due to recent updates to the Child Safety requirements and policies within the diocese, a copy of the updated Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy is now available for viewing on the parish noticeboard. If you have any concerns regarding Child Protection, please speak with the Ministers or Parish Safe Guardians. (also listed on the noticeboards).

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 Lesley Briggs

Having just stepped down as Chairman of GFS (Formally The Girl's Friendly Society) in the Brisbane Diocese, after 19 years in that role, I wondered how much you know of what GFS contributes to the Diocese and beyond, and how we are able to do it. Perhaps a little background information would be in order first. Many years ago our foremothers raised funds and purchased a two story house in New Farm in Brisbane to use as a hostel to offer safe accommodation to girls and young women moving to the city for work and study purposes. In WWII it was used to house Service Women before again housing young women after the war. The accommodation was dormitory style living which became unpopular around the 1960's when young women wanted their own rooms for more privacy, and so GFS House became unpopular and uneconomical to run. GFS offered the use of the property to the Diocese, no rent was asked for, just that the Diocese would pay for any maintenance and repairs needed on the property. It became the Women's Hostel, the only beds in Brisbane available for homeless women or those escaping Domestic Violence situations. Anglicare ran the Woman's Hostel out of GFS House for many years, but it became harder to keep up with strict Council, Government and Fire regulations, especially after the Childers Backpacker fire, until eventually it became impossible, and it was obvious that Anglicare needed a purpose built facility to meet all of the regulatory requirements. So GFS House became the responsibility of GFS once again. The logical thing to do was to sell the property. A GFS Executive meeting accepted an offer made on the house, and also to donate 40% of the profit to Anglicare to kick-start their fundraising for the purpose built Women's Hostel. GFS invested the remaining 60% in an ANFIN Term Deposit and the Interest from that is used for us to support a number of ministry initiatives within the Diocese and beyond.

- Two types of grants each year to parishes to support their Children's and Youth Ministry – the first grant is for \$500 and is for established groups to replenish expendable materials. The second is a One Off grant for up to \$1500 for a Special Event e.g. a Christmas Pageant, Children's Camp, etc.
- The wage for 1 day per week for a Chaplain to the Children's Hospital.
- Donation of \$5000 to a Diocesan Project each year.
- Support to GFS World by donating \$5000 to the World Project and \$5000 to the World Travel Fund.

At the moment our focus is on supporting Anglicare in their fundraising for the Youth Homelessness Building Project. A purpose built facility is almost completed at Beenleigh for homeless youth offering accommodation and wrap around support for them. GFS pledged five years ago \$20,000 a year for 5 years towards this project, this year sees our last payment of this pledge. Then we decided in 2024 that we would like to make a more substantial one off donation of \$500,000 to help with their fund raising efforts. We are one of the largest donors towards this much needed project, and have been at every event along the way towards its completion. It is such a pleasure and a privilege to be in a position to be able to support these ministry initiatives. Mary Elizabeth Townsend, our founder, would never have dreamed that her vision of women supporting girls and women would still be in action today, and would have spread around the world taking her motto of 'Bear Ye One Another's Burdens' to the far corners of the world.

## Birth and new beginnings

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!' (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The resurrection of Jesus is our evidence that a new day has dawned. We are still waiting for its full glory. But in the meantime, when we put our trust in Jesus through repentance and faith, we are spiritually resurrected, raised with Christ and from now on living with him and for him. We hear of this in the Bible as a new birth, or a resurrection, or a redemption, or as a new creation. Whatever language is used, the emphasis is on the love of God transforming us and getting us ready for the wonderful future he has in store.

**Question for the thought:** What is the most wonderful thing about being a new creation?

Almighty God, we think and pray this week for the Dioceses of Bunbury in Western Australia and Wiawso in Ghana. May all the branches across Bunbury be united in prayer, love and sharing your love as they meet together and carry out projects within their parishes. And may members in Wiawso be encouraged in the faith and trust in you as they serve you in nurturing family life and community wellbeing. Amen.

## Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/04/02/pray-daily-may-2026/>

## The Anglican Communion

- The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- The Diocese of North Queensland: †Keith Joseph; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Gold Coast North: Stephan Prabu, Gary Smith, Don Campbell, Lynette Dunn, †Len Eacott, Roseanne Stower, Bill Doak, Martin Hunnybun, Medha Masoji
- Sudanese & South Sudanese Congregations in Anglican Church Southern QLD (ACSQ): Bishop Daniel Abot
- The Southport School, Southport: Headmaster – Andrew Hawkins; Chaplain – John Dougherty; Chair of School Council – Adam Twemlow; members of School Council; staff & students



### TRAVELLING CROSS

Parishioners who would like to receive the Travelling Cross are warmly invited to add their names to the roster at the back of the church or contact the Parish Office. The cross may be taken home on Sunday and returned the following Sunday, or a member of the clergy can collect it during the following week. Parishioners are also encouraged to take a photo with the cross in their home to be shared on our social media platforms and in other parish publications, as we pray that the cross will be a sign of God's presence, love, and strength in each home and that those who receive it will remember the parish in their prayers.

(This Travelling Cross visited Tom Craik Lookout for prayers and reflection).

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

Pastoral  
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## Prayers for Healing

Marion Corry  
Margaret Murphy  
Kade Johnson  
Jan Mundt  
Barbara Hayward  
Heather James  
Nicole Woodward  
Barry Blake  
Tina Moore  
Louise Gardner  
Jackie Cornish  
Kathy Chevalier  
Cheryl Marsh  
Don Rossiter  
Hellen Bongomin  
Jan Grieve  
Lesley Briggs  
Rebecca Parry  
Gary Seymour  
Nerida Lord  
Chris Ingham  
June Pidgeon  
Reg Bond  
Don Roberts

## Year's mind

Edward "Snow" Rofe  
John Mander  
Ronald Madden  
Cedric Slatter  
Claude Davenport  
Shirley Hoey  
Hazel Duplessis  
Howard Barrett  
Nell Bond  
Mavis Dutton



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**May Mission Giving:** Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Aboriginal & Islander Ministry**



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**Date Claimer:**  
**Saturday 6th June -1:30pm**  
**at St Paul's Hall**

Rejoice and Sing! Join us for a fun  
afternoon of fellowship, food and song  
as we celebrate the

## 150th Anniversary of Mother's Union.

Old time afternoon tea, community singing, special artists,  
lucky door. Dig out those fascinators/hats, colourful ties and  
book it into your diary. Proceeds go to AMUA Northern  
Outreach Projects.

Stay tuned for further details to come.



## SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

31 May	Parish Forum
6 June	150th Anniversary of Mother Union
27-29 June	Synod
11 July	Big Band Spectacular
26 July	Bishop Cam Visit and Confirmations
23 August	Harvest Festival
31 August	Martyrs Service
3-5 September	Craft and Quilt Show
12 September	Fashion Parade
12 September	PROMS Concert



## Upcoming AMUA-Ipswich Events

6th June	150th Anniversary of Mothers Union and an Overseas and Northern Out- reach Fundraiser
17 July	Branch Gathering with guest speaker
21 August	Branch Gathering
19 September	Quiet Morning in Lissie's Garden for Season of Creation
16 October	Branch Annual General Meeting
27 November	16 Days of Activism Service followed by Annual Break Up

If you are interested in joining or would like more  
information about AMUA—Ipswich Branch, please  
speak with either Wendy McMahan or Leanne

If you are interested in being Confirmed and would like to  
know more, please speak with Ven Mpole Masemola or  
email your details to the Parish Office.

Confirmation is when an adult Christian reaffirms their  
previous Baptism promises and requests the Bishop to  
confirm them as a member of the church, the community of  
Jesus people. Candidates for Confirmation are usually at  
least 15 or 16 years old as they are making their own  
commitment to be a follower of Jesus as they prepare to  
move into their adult lives.