

Welcome

7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
12 July 2026

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

Today—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Ven. Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion (Sung)

Ven. Mpole Masemola

11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Prayer & Praise

Keith Gibson

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion by Extension

Lesley Briggs

Readings

Genesis 25:19-34; Ps 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11;
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

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

2:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

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

Friday:

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

9:00am AMUA Branch Meeting—St Paul's

Saturday:

8:00am Working Bee at Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

2:00pm Journey through Song—St Paul's

4:00-5:00pm Choir Rehearsal—St Paul's



Contact information

Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm

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St Paul's Church

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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

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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 (19 July) 8th Sunday after Pentecost —St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Canon Gary Harch

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

Rev'd Canon Gary Harch

11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Afternoon Eucharist

Ven. Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

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

Ven. Mpole Masemola

Next Sunday Readings:

Genesis 28:10-19a; Ps 139:1-11, 23-24;

Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 35-43.

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 19 July)

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

Wednesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—St Thomas'

Following Service Mature Person's Fellowship

2:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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

Saturday:

4:00-5:00pm Choir Rehearsal—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 Ven Mpole Masemola

Seeing Others as Good Soil in the Making

Every Sunday we say those ancient words together: "*Lift up your hearts.*" And we answer, "*We lift them up to the Lord.*" But have you ever stopped to think that lifting up a heart is exactly what a farmer does to soil — turning it, opening it, making it ready to receive? In Jesus' parable of the sower (Matthew 13), seed falls on four kinds of ground: the hardened path, the rocky shallows, the thorn-choked patch, and the good soil that bears fruit a hundredfold. We usually read it anxiously, asking, "*Which soil am I? Probably not the good kind.*" But what if the parable is less an accusation and more a diagnosis — and every diagnosis in God's hands is the beginning of healing?

Here is the invitation for the week ahead: perhaps this parable can change how we *see one another*.

When we meet the hardened path — the neighbour who is short with us, the colleague who has grown cold — remember that no path is born hard. A path becomes hard because it has been *walked over*, pressed down by the weight of many feet. The person who seems closed off may simply have been trodden on by those who should have been gentle. Their hardness is not a verdict to condemn. It is a place where the plough is needed, and where patience, not judgement, does God's work.

When we meet the rocky ground — the friend whose faith or enthusiasm seems to come and go — let us not sneer at shallowness. Roots grow slowly, in the dark and the boredom. Our steadiness may be the very thing that helps another's roots go deeper.

When we meet those among the thorns — the anxious, the overstretched, the one whose worries have crowded out everything else — let us be gentle. The thorn that chokes is not only the lure of wealth but the *cares of the world*: the unpaid bill, the sleepless budget, the fear of not having enough. Someone distracted or distant may simply be a person among thorns. That calls for mercy, not a raised eyebrow.

Here is the good news: no soil softens itself. The path does not un-harden; the thorns do not pull themselves out. Someone must tend the ground — and that someone is God, at work through us. So this week, before you judge the hard, the shallow, or the distracted, look again. See soil in the making. Lift them up, and let God do the tending.

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CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION UPDATES

An 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. (listed on the noticeboards).

Sharing Hope for a troubled world

'No, in all these things we are more than conquerors though him who loved us.'
Romans 8:37

In this world, being a Christian believer does not save you from trouble, sorrow, pain and distress. Indeed, in some places Christians are persecuted and even murdered for their faith. And yet, we are called 'more than conquerors'. How is this true? Through Jesus and his promise that he will always be with us. How do we know that we can trust him? Because of his love. But notice that this verse says 'loved'. It does not mean that he once loved and does so no more. It means that the greatest expression of his love is his death on the cross. In the midst of all our troubles, look to the cross and be assured of his love.

Question for thought: What does the cross of Jesus mean to me?

Gracious Lord, we pray for members in Toliara, Madagascar as they care and support those who have suffered through droughts and storms. May they encourage them to come to the weekly activities including Bible studies and learning practical skills to help them overcome adversity, poverty and very little education. Amen.

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/06/18/pray-daily-july-2026/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- The Diocese of Grafton: †Murray Harvey & †Tiffany Sparks; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Samford: Robert Paget, Jan Crombie
- All Diocesan Committees
- St John's Anglican College, Forest Lake: Principal – Maria McIvor; Chaplain – Juliana Bate; Chair of College Council – Carla Tromans; members of College 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. Parishioners are encouraged to take a photo with the cross in their home to be shared on our social media platforms and 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.

Event: 143rd Anniversary of the United Welsh Church Blackstone
Date: Sunday 19th July, 2026
Time: 2 pm
Venue: United Welsh Church, 6 Thomas Street, Blackstone 4304

The guest preacher for the service will be Rev. Bruce Raymond and choral items will be presented by the Esk Community Choir. You are also invited to join us for Afternoon Tea following the service. Further information email: eirys@bigpond.net.au

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



Prayers for Healing

Long Term:

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

Short Term:

Don Roberts
Jon-Iain Rodley
Anne McMahon
Esther
Annette Moore
Judith Hill

Year's Mind

Gloria Webber
Maurine Lyon
Henry Mengel
Sydney Qualischefski
Wattle Cotter
Dan Loane
Sophie Jones
John Hewitt
Betty Smythe
John Duffy
Arthur Simmons
Edna Embrey
Margaret Rutledge
Darthea Platz
Greta Frame
Louisa Wilks
Samuel Forbes



**For Direct Parish Offerings
please scan the above
QR Code**

July Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **National Home Mission.**

JOURNEY THROUGH SONG

A song recital of German Lieder, contemporary song, and select organ works by J.S. Bach, Cesar Franck, and Dietrich Buxtehude.

FREE ENTRY



PERFORMANCE BY

JACOB FOWLER Piano & Organ
NIC WALLACE Voice - Baritone

St. Paul's Anglican Church
18th of July, 2pm



LITTLE CHURCH GARDEN

On the site of the decommissioned St John's Anglican Church.

The site is approximately 900m² and contains four main areas: in-ground gardens, raised garden beds, a food forest and compost, worm farms & water tanks.

82 Blackall Street
Basin Pocket

Mission: To create a welcoming, peaceful, productive and beautiful food growing space for the community to appreciate, enjoy and share, through participation, teaching and learning.

Meeting Times: Every Wednesday
from 2pm (Winter) & 3pm (Summer)

Next Working Bee: Saturday
18th July from 8am to midday

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ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL
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Quilt & Craft SHOW

3rd to 5th September
from
9am to 3pm

St Paul's Church,
124 Brisbane Street, Ipswich

- Quilts
- Cross Stitch
- Spinning
- Weaving
- Wood Working Display



Refreshments, light lunches, craft & second-hand books for sale.



Co-ordinator:
Verna Hunt - 0409 062 485



SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

26 July	Bishop Cam Visit & Confirmations
8 August	Aura Vocal Ensemble
23 August	Harvest Festival
29 August	Organ Recital with Ross Windsor
30 August	Martyrs Service
3-5 September	Quilt & Craft Show
12 September	Fashion Parade
12 September	PROMS Concert