

Welcome

DEFENCE SUNDAY
09 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 (Joint Service)

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

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

5:30pm Prayer & Praise

Keith Gibson

—St Thomas'

NO SERVICE—Joint Service at St Paul's

Readings

Job 19:23-27a; Ps 17:1-9; 2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-40

Events for this week -

Sunday:

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Monday: 6:30pm New Testament Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

Wednesday:

9:30am Holy Communion—St Thomas'

Following Service Mature Person's 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

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



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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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 (16 November) Pentecost 23
—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 Taizé Service
Rev'd Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion
Rev'd Mpole Masemola

Next Sunday Readings:
Isaiah 65:17-25; Song of Isaiah; 2 Thess 3:6-13;
Luke 21:5-19

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 16 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:
10:30am Holy Communion—Brassall Village 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:
2:00pm Organ Recital by Ross Windsor—St Paul's
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

As we gather this Sunday at our combined Eucharist, we reflect on the sanctity of life, the importance of our freedoms, and the sacrifices made for peace sake. We observe Defence Sunday, a day dedicated to honoring those who protect our values and uphold the image of God within humanity. We thank Revd Lamont Ferreira, Chaplain in the forces for joining us today.

Knowns as the patron saints of the military, St. Michael the Archangel serves as a powerful symbol of courage and resilience. Depicted in scripture as a mighty warrior, he led the heavenly hosts in the defeat of darkness, standing as a beacon of strength against evil. His unwavering defense denotes the divine assurance that goodness triumphs over adversity. This Defence Sunday, let us not only remember the saint who defends us but also the numerous men and women, both past and present, who have dedicated their lives to safeguarding our freedoms and protecting the vulnerable.

This day serves as a reminder of our collective responsibility to uphold the dignity of all people, reflecting the image of God within each of us. The themes of remembrance are deeply woven into our faith, most chiefly in the Eucharist ("Do this in remembrance of me"). We recall the sacrifices made by brave souls — soldiers, emergency responders, the chaplains who serve them, and all those who stand tall against injustice. Their commitment transforms chaos into peace, and their legacy inspires us to stand alongside those in need.

As we engage in our usual worship, special prayers will be offered, elevating our collective gratitude for the defenders among us, and pleadings for peace, and honouring those whose sacrifices continue to shape our communities and world.

May this Defence Sunday unite us in a stronger commitment to serve others, defend what is just, and reflect the divine image we cherish in humanity.

God bless you all, and may St. Michael watch over us as we fulfill our sacred duties.

Yours in Christ's service,
Mpole

St Paul's Op Shop in 2026

The roster for serving at the counter in 2026 will shortly be prepared. If you are currently rostered and wish to continue or change your availability, please let me know. Should you wish to join in the roster as a volunteer, I would be happy to talk with you.

We have many behind the scenes jobs requiring volunteers which are not rostered, please talk to me about assisting with these jobs.

Verna Hunt – Coordinator phone 0409 062 485

Finding our Way Forward

'For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them' (*Ephesians 2:10*)

God has been so kind and gracious to his children through Jesus. We now want to live for him, not to win his grace, but because of his grace. I know a married couple who have been inspired by this verse to pray frequently that they will find and do the good works that God has prepared for them to walk in this day. Even if you pray it on your own, it is still worth asking for this special blessing. The wonderful thing is, too, that we can keep praying it and even if you are disabled, there are still other people to love and care for as you follow the way of Christ.

Question for thought: Isn't it wonderful that God prepares the way before us as we set out each day?

Heavenly Father, we bring before you the Dioceses of Ottawa in Canada and Dunkwa-on-Offin in Ghana. We thank you that members in Ghana are committed in their communities and endeavour to have many activities that care for those in need and bring them your love. As they have opportunity may they share the comfort of the gospel to troubled hearts. We ask too for members in Ottawa that in spite of vast distances they will be united in prayer as 'do the good works you have prepared for them to walk in.' Amen.

Pray Daily

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

The Anglican Communion

- The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- The Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn: †Mark Short; Assistant Bishop – †Vanessa Bennett; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Toowoomba, St Luke's: Neil Fernando, Terry Leonard, Bill Watson, †Clyde Wood, Malcolm Twine, John Coleman, Phillip Ward, Tom Hall
- Men's Sheds
- St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda: Principal – Toni Riordan; Chaplain – Gillian Moses; Chair of School Council – Stephen Green; School Council members; staff & students

ABM —Celebrating 175 Years

Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) recently celebrated its 175th anniversary with a dinner and presentation ceremony that brought together many in the Anglican faith community from both Australia and abroad.

For more about the celebration, please visit: <https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2025/10/22/175-years-of-sharing-god-with-others-brisbane-celebrates-abms-175th-anniversary/>

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



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

Year's mind

Betty Mathieson
Kenneth Rose
Elizabeth King
Ernest Murrell
Grant Lowe
Clara Lever
Ken Yerbury
Myra Larsen
Joan Maclean
Ivy Sardoni
Feliks Tybislowski
Daphne Buttner
Lucy Moody
Alex Allan
John White
Doris Schluter



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**



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

**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

Book your tickets here:
<https://trybooking.com/DGUPS>

\$10 ADULTS
\$7 STUDENTS
& CONCESSION
CARD HOLDERS

The Blackstone-Ipswich Cambrian Choir presents

For those who remain

Johannes Brahms' A German Requiem and the
Australian Premiere of Mårten Jansson's Requiem Novum

For its last concert of 2025, the **Blackstone-Ipswich Cambrian Choir** presents two works which both resonate to this day on themes of love and loss, grief, consolation, and the transition from sorrow to peace.

Featuring **Johannes Brahms' German Requiem** (1868), a beloved pillar of western choral music, and the Australian Premiere of **Mårten Jansson's Requiem Novum** (2022), this beautiful and uplifting programme is not to be missed.

2:30pm Saturday 15th November 2025
St Paul's Anglican Church
Brisbane Street, Ipswich



Bookings recommended
Adult \$40 | Group of 8+ \$35ea |
Child (6-15 years) \$15
www.cambrianchoir.org.au
or 0410 310 846

This event has been assisted by the Ipswich City Council's
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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.

Liturgical Assistants, Intercessors and Readers Roster for St. Paul's

The next roster for the 8:30am service commences on 14 December 2025. If you feel called to be an Intercessor or reader please contact me. For intercessors your prayers will become our prayers and having a diversity of intercessors means that there are things that we as a church can take to God that otherwise would not have happened. Readers also have a special place in our worship. The Roster will be compiled after Sunday 23 November and is expected to run for approximately 6 months. For the roster I need to know your availability throughout the year. All liturgical assistants and members of the Ipswich Anglican Community are welcome to share in these parts of our worship

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