

Welcome

PENTECOST 18
12 October 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 Prayer & Praise

Keith Gibson

—St Thomas'

8:30 am Holy Communion by Extension

Rev'd Brenda Davis

Readings

2 Kings 4:1-3, 7-15c; Ps 111; 2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Events for this week -

Sunday:

10:00am Sing Along with Joseph—St Thomas'

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:

10:30am Holy Communion—Brassall Village

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

9:30am AMUA—AGM & Worship 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 (19 October) Pentecost 19
—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion
Rev'd Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion by Extension
Chris Montgomery

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'

8:30 am All Age Service
Rev'd Brenda Davis

Next Sunday Readings:
Jer 31:27-34; Ps 119:97-104; 2 Tim 3:10-4:5;
Luke 18:1-14

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 12 Oct)

Sunday:
4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

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

Wednesday:
9:30am 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
7:00pm Organ Workshop—History of the English
Organ

Saturday:
7:00am Women's Breakfast—St Thomas' Hall
4:00pm Church Gardening Group—St Paul's

Please wear your name badge to assist Rev'd Mpole. If you would like to order a name badge, please contact the Parish Office.

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

Growing in Thankfulness

"Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well". These are Jesus' words to the Samaritan man who came back to thank him after noticing his skin disease had been healed after an encounter with Jesus in Luke 17:11-19. Ten were healed, but only one came back to express his gratitude. This gratitude is what marked him as different from the others.

Gratitude has a way of nurturing relationships, a way of making us well through making our relationships well, including our relationship with God. It does not grow only from abundance or receiving good things but from noticing God's care in our daily lives: the day's light, a friend's call, a shared meal, a challenge faced with grace. When we name these gifts, we invite God to deepen our faith and widen our hearts toward others and **MAKES US WELL!** Have you noticed how the Eucharist – the Great Thanksgiving – is important to our Anglican way of life? Our parish grows in thankfulness as we gather for worship, offer prayers of praise, break the bread and share the wine, sing together, and witness to God's faithfulness in word and deed.

May I suggest the following ways to grow in gratitude this week:

- Start and end each day with a brief thank-you prayer each morning.
- Keep a score of daily blessings – big or small - in a notebook or your favourite notetaking phone app.
- Tell someone how their kindness is a blessing to you.
- In worship, silently name one gift you're grateful for in intercession.

May the example of the thankful Samaritan sharpen our insight and soften our hearts, that we might live more fully as grateful followers of Christ.

Yours in Christ's service,
Mpole

PS: Kindly keep Francis and Murtha as they mourn the passing of Murtha's mother who died on the 8th of October in Botswana. May God's perpetual light shine on her, and the family be comforted.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the planning of Christmas Celebrations in the Parish. If you are able to assist, please advise the Parish Office.



A Father to the Fatherless

'Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world'.
(James 1:27)

We are surrounded by people in need, but sometimes we do not see them. When someone is widowed, they need the care of their friends, not only in the first week, but in the months and perhaps years that follow. This may involve practical care such as meals and advice and even housing and financial support. People who are connected to the prison system are also especially vulnerable, whether they are prisoners, or the family of those in gaol. I had a friend who looked after people in the weeks after their release, when they were trying to re-establish their lives. This was an important ministry. The care of 'orphans and widows' reflects the nature of the God we worship who cares for the fatherless and the orphaned (*Psalms 68:5*).

Question for thought: Do I have the eyes of love for those in special need?

Heavenly Father, we bring before you the Mothers Union family in the Union of Episcopal Anglican Women of Brazil. Give them wisdom as they reach out to others in your name and help to transform communities, giving practical support to victims of domestic violence, immigrants and the elderly. Amen.

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2025/09/25/pray-daily-october-2025/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Church of the Province of Uganda
- The Diocese of Grafton: †Murray Harvey; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Quilpie:
- Converge International Industrial Chaplain
- 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

ABM Reflections—Celebrating 175 Years of ABM

Jesus taught that compassion, when combined with practical action, has the power to transform lives. He calls us to care for the poor and vulnerable as a true expression of our love for God. Anglican Missions (AM), based in Aotearoa New Zealand, and the Anglican Board of Missions (ABM), both embody this gospel calling in faithful and tangible ways. While AM may be the relative newcomer, established 'only' in 1919, our relationship with ABM stretches back many years and has always been characterised by mutual respect, collaboration, and generosity. ABM has consistently shared wisdom, resources, and inspiration with us, and this spirit of partnership has flourished in recent years through joint programmes and emergency responses, particularly in the Pacific. It is a privilege to be part of this enduring and valued relationship. On behalf of the Anglican Missions Board and our staff team, I offer heartfelt congratulations on reaching 175 years. That is truly an extraordinary achievement. In te reo Māori, whakamānawa means to bless, honour, and venerate - and that is exactly what I do now.

The Rev Michael Hartfield National Director, Anglican Missions

*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
June Suthers
Lesley Briggs

Year's mind

Beryl Willocks
Matthew Lilley
Frederick Stephens
Jim Graham
Edna Tilbury
Charles Tilbury
Alice Trigger
Olive Stewart
David Holmes
Kathy Foreman
Mary Edyvean



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

October Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Home Away from Homelessness**.

All Age Service

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2025
8:30AM

~ Creativity
~ Celebration
~ Hospitality

St Thomas' Anglican Church
15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich
Communion Service

Join us for a

Women's Breakfast

Saturday 25 October – 8:30 AM
St Thomas' Church Hall

Mystery Guest Speaker
Cost: \$10.00

RSVP Lesley Briggs
0404 005 088
(for catering purposes)

WORKSHOP AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

THE HOLY FAMILY IN EGYPT - THE STORIES, PLACES, MYTHS & LEGENDS

November 8th
From 9am

Contact Lesley Briggs on 0404005088 to Register
No Cost to attend

SEND A GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOX!



IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organisation. This project is a hands-on way for you to demonstrate God's love to children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts.

We collect the gift-filled shoeboxes and send them to local partners around the world that use them as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. After receiving gift-filled shoeboxes, many children accept an invitation to participate in *The Greatest Journey* discipleship program and millions of children each year are making decisions to follow Christ.

Since 1993, more than **232 million** children in more than 100 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, and over **23 million** children have made decisions to follow Christ after participating in *The Greatest Journey*. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

A simple gift-filled shoebox is making an eternal difference. Will you pack a shoebox this year and share the hope of Jesus with children all over the world?

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Scan code for inspiring stories and to find out more about Operation Christmas Child



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The English Organ

A multi-media presentation in three parts by Ross Windsor featuring the film by Daniel Moulton of the English Organ

Each session lasts 2 hours and features demonstrations of St Paul's Organ, some commentary by Ross Windsor, and the three-part documentary by Daniel Moulton



Presented by St Paul's Anglican Church Ipswich in conjunction with the Organ Society of Queensland Inc

NOTE: Presented over three consecutive Friday Nights commencing at 7pm on Friday 10th, 17th, and 24th October

Admission Free as part of the Artist-in-Residence Program

124 Brisbane Street Ipswich