

# Welcome

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION  
(PALM SUNDAY)

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

**Anglican**  
Church  
Ipswich Anglican Community

## Contact information

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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

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### Address:

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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.*

## Today—St Paul's

### 8:30am COMBINED Holy Communion (with Hymns)

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

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

*Rev'd Lorraine Lynch's Farewell Morning Tea following Service*

### 5:30pm Sunday @ 5:30 (Prayer & Praise)

Keith Gibson

## —St Thomas'

No Service—Combined Service at St Paul's

## Readings

Matt 21:1-11; Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-18; Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

## Events for this week

### Sunday:

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

### Monday:

6:00pm 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 Aged Care

3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

6:00pm Beginner's New Testament Greek Class

### Maundy Thursday:

6:00pm Liturgy of the Last Supper with Feet Washing and followed by the Vigil Watch—St Thomas'

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

### Good Friday:

8:30am Liturgy of the Passion—St Paul's

8:30am Liturgy of the Passion—St Thomas'

### Easter Saturday:

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

## Next Week in the Parish

**Sunday 20 April —Easter Day**  
—St Paul's

**6:00am Easter Dawn Service with Holy Fire & Baptism**

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

**8:30am Choral Eucharist**

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

**12:30pm South Sudanese Dinka Service**

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

**5:30pm Taizé Eucharist**

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

—St Thomas'

**8:30am Easter Eucharist**

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

**Next Sunday Readings:**

Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26;  
Luke 24:1-12

**Events for Next Week (from Sunday 20 April)**

**Sunday:**

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

**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

**Saturday:**

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

## Message from Canon Greg Jenks

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Here we are at the beginning of Holy Week as we celebrate Palm Sunday.

Anglican seems to love Palm Sunday and it used to be one of the days when we got very large crowds. I wonder whether that remains true in Ipswich these days?

Today begin a series of special events as we rehearse the story of Jesus' final days and even his final hours. The events we remember this week are ones that we can locate to particular places in and around Jerusalem, and we can more or less date them to specific days in the first week of April in the year 30 of the Common Era.

On **Palm Sunday** we remember the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and the rapturous welcome given him by the crowds. These were the same crowds who would demand his execution just a few days later. God's dream of a kingdom of peace and compassion (the king comes riding a donkey not a war horse) was shattered by those in league with the empire. Then as now, the empire strikes back. But we say, Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! We dare to believe that God is casting down the mighty from their thrones and sending the rich away empty. Even in 2025.

**Maundy Thursday** invites to remember the mandate ("maundy") of the New Commandment as we celebrate the Last Supper, and participate in the feet-washing ceremony. Compassionate service is the mark of our love, not demands for privilege and power. Our service will end with the striping of the church as we remember the solitude of Jesus in Gethsemane, awaiting the arrival of the betrayer with his band of soldiers.

**Good Friday** draws us to the cross. On the day when the empire seems to have won, we stand in solidarity with the man on the cross who gave his own life in solidarity with us. We call this day "good" because it demonstrates both the faithfulness of Jesus to God's call on him and God's love for us all. This is a quiet day as we reflect on the mystery of that divine love which will not let us go and which not even the empire can extinguish.

**Holy Saturday** is a strange "in-between" kind of day. It is as if creation holds its breath waiting to see who has the victory. Jesus lies in the grave, but the love of God is not yet finished with him or with us. We watch and wait.

On **Easter Day** we celebrate the triumph of love over hate, life over death, and hope over fear. The alleluias will flow from our lips once more.

Walk this Holy Week with us and join us for as many of these services as you can. For those unable to be present with us, we shall be live-streaming the services. This is a week for prayer and reflection as we sink our roots deep into the sacred wisdom of our faith.



## Love Assures Us

'And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us' *Romans 5:5*

Just before this verse, Paul has been talking about the troubles which come upon us even though we have peace with God. In the midst of such pains, how can we be sure that all will be well? How can we have hope? Because the Holy Spirit in our hearts assures us that we are loved by God. If we wonder how, the next verse gives us the answer. We are absolutely sure of the love of God for us, because 'Christ died for the ungodly' (Verse 6). When doubt assails us, we go to the cross. We know that we do not deserve the love of God, but we also know that he showed amazing grace in giving his life for us. He died for us.

**Question for thought:** Where do you turn when you worry that you are not good enough for God?

Almighty God, we give thanks for the Mothers Union Triennial Conference held in Dogura, Papua New Guinea in September 2024. Pray that the outcomes of the conference in encouraging the study of God's Word, literacy and how to care for those coping with domestic violence and sorcery. Pray too for the Diocese of Canberra Goulburn with new leadership. Amen.

## Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2025/03/19/pray-daily-april-2025/>

## The Anglican Communion

- The Church of England
- Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia: †Chris McLeod
- The Parish of Gold Coast South: Mary-Anne Rulfs – Locum, Bryan Gadd, Arthur Savage, Greg McGrory
- Logan Multicultural Ministry
- St Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg: Principal – Matthew Hughes; Chaplain – Erika Williams; Chair of School Council – Darren Hart; members of School Council; staff & students

## ABM Reflections

Holy Week begins with Jesus taking his city not as a Roman governor would on a decked-out warhorse, but on a donkey, the beast of burden for all the poor. The crowd goes crazy, lining the streets with their clothes and palms and shouting Hosanna, which means 'save us'. By the end of the week things will be radically different. Jesus will die on the cross, virtually alone, nailed there by our sins. But one thing is certain: we will be saved.

- Pray for all who know the pain and desolation of being abandoned by friends and family. May they all find solace and comfort.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the CAPA, the Council of the Anglican Provinces of Africa.

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## Prayers for Healing

Marion Corry  
Hilary Barrett  
Janet Shailer  
Margaret Murphy  
Kade Johnson  
Jan Mundt  
Barbara Hayward  
Heather James  
Coralie Dart  
Jane Prasser  
Angela Lawrence  
Gerard Flannery  
Nicole Woodward  
Barry Blake  
Glenys Bickle  
Tina Moore  
Louise Gardner  
Jackie Cornish  
Kathy Chevalier  
Cheryl Marsh  
Bishop Cam Venable  
Verna Hunt

## Year's mind

Keith Buffey  
John Isager  
Todd Currey  
John Dahlitz  
Ron Bedford  
Beatrice Fellows  
Louis (Jim) O'Callaghan

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

Pastoral  
CARE

**April Mission Giving:** Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Church Missionary Society**.

# LEST WE FORGET

A Program of Organ and Choral  
music for ANZAC day.

Ross Windsor, organ  
Aura Vocal Ensemble

**St Paul's Anglican Church**

124 Brisbane Street Ipswich.

**1 pm, Friday April 25, 2025.**

Admission Free

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parades finish!



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Easter Sunday  
20th April ~ 8:30am

# EASTER EGG HUNT



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## Mother's Day Raffle

Tickets now available  
\$1 each—Books of 5  
Drawn: 4th May



(Basket at back of St Thomas for donations)



Upcoming Event

**Theatre Night "Perfect Murder"**

Wednesday 28 May @ 7:30pm

Ipswich Incinerator Theatre

Tickets \$28 each (out after Easter)