Welcome

CHRIST THE KING
22 November 2026

St Paul's Ipswich &
St Thomas' Ipswich North

Today—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion
Ven. Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion (incl Kids Time with God)
Rev'd Kate Littmann-Kelly

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

5:30pm Agape Meal
Keith Gibson

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion (incl Children's Ministry)
Ven. Mpole Masemola

Readings

Ezekiel 34;11-16; Ps 100; Eph 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

Events for this week -

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: An Australian Advent Study
1:30pm CRI – Tivoli State School
6:30pm Parish Council – St Paul's

Wednesday: 9:30am Holy Communion—St Thomas'
Following Service Mature Person's Fellowship
3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

Thursday: 1:15pm CRI – Brassall State School
7:00pm Bible Study: Text for Next Sunday—Via Zoom

Friday: 7:00am Holy Communion by Extension—St Paul's
9:00am AMUA 16 days of Activism Service– St Paul's
10:00am Food Dehydrating – Little Church Garden

Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm Choir Rehearsal—St Paul's
6:30pm Advent – St Thomas'

Anglican Church
Ipswich Anglican Community

Contact information

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St Paul's Church

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Monday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm
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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 29 Nov – 1st Sunday of Advent

St Paul's -

7:00am Holy Communion
Ven. Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion (incl Kids Time with God)
Ven. Mpole Masemola

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

5:30pm Advent Carols
Ven. Mpole Masemola

St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion (incl Children's Ministry)
Rev'd Kate Littmann-Kelly

Next Sunday Readings:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 2-24; Ps 100; Eph 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 29 Nov)

Sunday: 4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Tuesday:
9:00am Holy Communion – St Mary's Hostel
10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's
Following Service: An Australian Advent Study
1:30pm CRI – Tivoli State School

Wednesday:
10:00am Holy Communion—Bundaleer
3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

Thursday:
1:15pm CRI – Brassall State School
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
6:30pm Advent – St Thomas'

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 Allana Wales

Where is the power? And who does it serve? How will we treat "the least of these," as Jesus says? Last week, at the Emerge training program for those newly ordained, we were lucky to have had the gift of Rev'd Suzanne Grimmett speak to us about Restorative Practices. Our Diocese continues to invest time and funds into training both laity and our new clergy to build skills into this area. When restorative practice group conversations are to address harm are used in schools, this is often owing to a one-off and serious incident where a clear harm has been done. Those who are impacted by harm can be given a voice, and importantly, those who have *done* harm are given a chance to say why they chose to act that way.

In parishes, sometimes the impact of our actions is slightly more nuanced than it is in schools. Sometimes small slights can turn into long resentments. Sometimes power is not quite where we think it is. There is something to be said for the quote that Churchill never said: "Democracy is the worst system, except for all the others!" because I would suggest it is the same for hierarchy and power. The way our church governance models of episcopal leadership, parish council, clergy, wardens and staff are ordered can always be improved, but a clear chain of responsibility and accountability is far preferable to a "flat structure." Ideals of a completely un-hierarchical governing model - for anything, not just church - are always tricky: the power and hierarchy is there, it's just harder to see. Restorative Practices are as much about the small and steady work of building our daily relationships of community as they are about addressing large-scale conflict.

We end the year of Matthew today, and begin the year of Mark. Jesus had a lot to say about power, and while nobody is perfect, those who have done something kind to another, or listened attentively, or have really heard another's viewpoint, have also done this to the One who calls us to life. The Ipswich Anglican Community is such a vibrant and amazing place, full of engagement and goodwill, so as we embark on the new Christian year with the First Sunday of Advent next week, may we remember that our everyday interactions with each other are what will bring us life.

Go well into all the life of the week,
Rev'd Allana

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

The next roster for the 8:30am services commences on 3rd January 2027. If you feel called to be an Intercessor or reader, please contact Lesley Briggs for St Thomas or me for St Paul. Our intercessors are welcome to write the intercessions and send them to the parish office by the Tuesday prior to being rostered, where your prayers will become our prayers, or alternatively the clergy will prepare them. 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 and distributed in early December. Please let us know your availability for the roster. All liturgical assistants and members of the Ipswich Anglican Community are welcome to share in these parts of our worship. Des. Hunt dvhunt@bigpond.com

An Agent of Change

'Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God '(*Ruth 1:16)*

I love the story of Ruth. Her world had collapsed with the death of her husband. The best thing to do was to farewell her mother-in-law, Naomi, and return to her own people, the Moabites. Instead, she sets out with Naomi for Israel and declares that she will not leave her. She is going to become one of the people of Israel and she is going to make the God of Israel her God. It was a momentous decision. It changed her life forever, not least when she married Boaz. In the very last verse of the book we see the power of her decision working itself out – she becomes the great-grandmother of King David and therefore an ancestor of the Lord Jesus. We have many challenges in our world, not least the need to take a stand against violence towards women. Ruth shows us that faith leads to action.

Question for thought: Would I have made the choice that Ruth did?

As this week begins the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence we pray: 'Almighty and everlasting God, we pray to you for those who suffer from gender-based violence. We pray for the victims of such abuse and ask that you will heal, renew and guard them. We ask that they will bring their cares to you who care for them. We pray that we may see the end to such evil and a new day of peace and sacrificial love. And this we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus.' Amen.

Pray Daily

https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/09/23/pray-daily-november-2026/

The Anglican Communion

- The Church of England
- The Diocese of Sydney: †Kanishka Raffel; Assistant Bishops – †Peter Hayward, †Christopher Edwards, †Peter Lin, †Michael Stead, †Malcolm Richards, †Gary Siew Leong Koo; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Rosewood: Rex Marre
- Anglicare SQ Edwin Marsden Tooth Memorial Home – Manly
- St John's College UQ: Warden – Rose Alwyn; Chaplain – Samuel Dow; Chair of Council – John Peden; members of College Council; staff & students

If you or anyone you know would like to receive Pastoral Care please contact the Parish Office on 3812 0377.

Pastoral CARE

Prayers for Healing

Long Term:
Margaret Murphy
Kade Johnson
Barbara Hayward
Nicole Woodward
Tina Moore
Louise Gardner
Jackie Cornish
Kathy Chevalier
Don Rossiter
Hellen Bongomin
Jan Grieve
Rebecca Parry
Gary Seymour
June Pidgeon
Reg Bond
Lesley Briggs
Short Term:
Don Roberts
Esther
Annette Moore
Cheryl Marsh
Marj Kaye
Peter Forbes
John Dickens
Sophie Sowerby
John Rossiter
Helen Beaver
Nammie White

Year's Mind

Florence Rock
Edith Lilley
Ethel Barrett
Lorna Bell
Shirley Horne
Walter Coates
Victor Gerber

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.**

Advent

Hope, Peace, Love & Joy

Saturday 28 November 2026
St Thomas' Church
@ 6:30pm



Christmas Bowl

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Carols on the Lawn

St Paul's Church,
124 Brisbane Street Ipswich

Join us for community carols on the lawns featuring our talented young musicians, games and activities
BYO picnic snacks & drinks from 5.00pm

Sunday 6 December
@ 6:00pm

-JOIN US FOR OUR-

Ipswich Anglican Community

Parish Christmas Dinner

Sunday	13 DEC	6:00 pm for 6:30 pm start

For all Ipswich Anglican Community Parishioners and families

St Thomas' Church Hall
15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich

RSVP to the Parish Office
on 3812 0377
(for catering purposes)