

# Welcome

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER/DV SUNDAY  
10 May 2026

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

## Today—St Paul's

### 7:00am Holy Communion

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

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

The 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 (Incl Children's Ministry)

Rev'd Allana Wales

## Readings

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:7-19; 1 Peter 3:8-22; John 14:15-21

## 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 Bible Study: Break Open the Word

10:30am Funeral for the Late Lorna Bell—St Thomas'

**Wednesday:** No Service at St Thomas'

Mature Persons Fellowship to Coro Concorde Concert

7:00pm Theatre Night "Ophelia Chooses"—Ipswich Incinerator Theatre

**Thursday:** 6:30pm Ascension Day Service—St Paul's

**Friday:** 9:00am AMUA Prayer Service—St Paul's

Following Service 10 Commitments to Address Domestic & Family Violence.

**Saturday:**

2:00pm Cathedral Choristers Collective Unsung Heroes—St Paul's

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

**Anglican**  
Church  
Ipswich Anglican Community

## Contact information

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm

Parish Office phone: (07) 3812 0377

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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

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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 (17 May) 7th Sunday of Easter  
—St Paul's**

**7:00am Holy Communion**

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

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

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**11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service**

Rev'd Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

**5:30pm Afternoon Eucharist**

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

**—St Thomas'**

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

Rev'd Allana Wales

**Next Sunday Readings:**

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 5;

John 17:1-11

**Events for Next Week (from Sunday 17 May)**

**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

**Friday:**

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

**Saturday:**

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 Ven. Mpole Masemola

Over the past nine months since moving from South Africa to Australia, my family and I have been blessed by the warmth and generosity of so many people. Yet amid that kindness, two questions kept returning to my heart: *Where do I belong? How shall I live?* Anyone who has faced change, crossed cultures, or simply watched the state of our world may know that feeling. We carry gratitude, uncertainty, and hope all at once.

Our Scripture readings for Easter 6 gather these questions into the presence of God. In Acts 17, Paul stands in Athens—a bustling, diverse, multilingual city not unlike modern Australia. Rather than condemning the unfamiliar, Paul honours the people before him. He listens to their longings, learns their stories, and then offers a truth both ancient and startlingly fresh: *"The God who made the world... from one ancestor made all nations."*

Paul reminds us that there is one Creator, one human family, and no people forgotten by God. The God we meet in Christ is not bound by borders or cultures; God is already present among every nation and language—even before we arrive.

So where is God when the world feels fractured? When headlines speak of conflict, displacement, and fear? Jesus answers: *"I will not leave you orphaned."* The disciples feared being abandoned, yet Jesus promises the Spirit—our Advocate and Comforter—who holds us through uncertainty, loneliness, and change. This presence does not remove suffering, but it makes possible a resilient life shaped by hope. It opens for us what the psalm calls a "spacious place"—a way of living where all may flourish.

From this hope come five invitations for our shared life:

- **Hold your identity lightly and your belonging in Christ deeply.**
- **Refuse the "us vs. them" story** - Let Christ stretch your heart wider than division.
- **Trust that you are never alone** - The Spirit remains with you.
- **Practice gentle, hopeful witness** - Live in a way that invites questions about your hope.
- **Be a foretaste of God's spacious place** - Make room for the stranger, the newcomer, the uncertain.

In a fragile world, the gospel remains beautifully clear: One God. One human family. No orphans. A spacious life in Christ. May this truth shape how we live, love, and belong—here in Ipswich, and wherever God's people are found.

Amen.



### Mothers Day Raffle

1st: Irene Coates

2nd: Lynne Raymont

Thank you to all who supported the Mother's Day Raffle. The raffle raised \$230 for the parish.

## Mental Health Awareness Week

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble' (*Psalms 46:1*)

Life is often tough. This is especially so if you have mental health problems, or you are caring for someone with such difficulties. The Bible does not pretend that such things don't happen or that they don't happen to believers. On the contrary, it is such a real book that it tells us that suffering will be part of being human. It never suggests that you can simply pray and if you have enough faith such problems will inevitably disappear. What it does do is bring us back to the purpose of God, the power of God and above all the love of God. After all, our Saviour died the terrible death of the cross. His death and resurrection give us hope.

**Question for thought:** How do I know that God loves me?

Gracious heavenly Father, we bring before you our members in the Diocese of Gippsland, praying for Lindy Driver the President as she encourages members in their walk with you and in reaching out to those in need. We pray too, for the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki in New Zealand and for members as they reach out in your name to those in need. For Christ's sake, Amen.

## Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/04/02/pray-daily-may-2026/>

## The Anglican Communion

- The Church of Pakistan (United)
- Ministry to the Defence Force: †Grant Dibden; Chaplains & Members of the Defence Force
- The Parish of East Redland: Cameron Freese, Shan Vierow, Aubrey Pedwell, Allan Goodwin, Bill Guttormsen, George Roberts, Peter Moss, Bruce Henzell, David Lamont, Clive Cooper, David Cox, Susan Crothers-Robertson, Kate Littmann-Kelly
- Diocesan Council
- St Andrew's Anglican College, Peregrin Springs: Principal – Karen Gorrie; Chaplain – Gary McClellan; Chair of College Council – Rosalyn Cheales; 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. The cross may be taken home on Sunday and returned the following Sunday, or a member of the clergy can collect it during the following week. Parishioners are also encouraged to take a photo with the cross in their home to be shared on our social media platforms and in other 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.

(This Travelling Cross was sharing birthday flowers and prayers with a parishioner).

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  
Nicole Woodward  
Barry Blake  
Tina Moore  
Louise Gardner  
Jackie Cornish  
Kathy Chevalier  
Cheryl Marsh  
Don Rossiter  
Hellen Bongomin  
Jan Grieve  
Lesley Briggs  
Rebecca Parry  
Gary Seymour  
Nerida Lord  
Chris Ingham  
June Pidgeon  
Reg Bond  
Don Roberts

## Year's mind

Jean Bowles  
Hazel Evans  
John Lilley  
Ethel Mott  
Clara Woodford  
Robert Stephens  
Jeffrey Procter  
Desmond Scott  
Ivy Ambrose  
Aaron Shard

## Rest in Peace

Lorna Bell



For Direct Parish Offerings  
please scan the above  
QR Code

**May Mission Giving:** Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Aboriginal & Islander Ministry**



**OPHELIA  
CHOOSES**

## Theatre Night

*“Ophelia Chooses”*

**Wednesday, 13 May 2026**

**7pm for 7:30pm start**

*@ Ipswich Incinerator Theatre,  
15 Burley Griffins Drive, Ipswich*

**Tickets \$28 each including Supper**

*Tickets on Sale now via Parish Office  
—3812 0377!*



**Date Claimer:  
Saturday 6th June -1:30pm  
at St Paul's Hall**

Rejoice and Sing! Join us for a fun afternoon of fellowship, food and song as we celebrate the

**150th Anniversary of Mother's Union.**

Old time afternoon tea, community singing, special artists, lucky door. Dig out those fascinators/hats, colourful ties and book it into your diary. Proceeds go to AMUA Northern Outreach Projects.

Stay tuned for further details to come.



### SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

31 May	Parish Forum
6 June	150th Anniversary of Mother Union
27-29 June	Synod
11 July	Big Band Spectacular
26 July	Bishop Cam Visit and Confirmations
23 August	Harvest Festival
31 August	Martyrs Service
3-5 September	Craft and Quilt Show
12 September	Fashion Parade
12 September	PROMS Concert



### DV Aware Sunday 2026

Our parish is joining churches across Australia for DV Aware Sunday, an initiative of the Anglican Church of Australia's Families & Culture Commission.

This day helps us acknowledge the reality of domestic and family violence and to affirm that violence has no place in our homes, relationships, or communities.

Following national research into intimate partner violence within Anglican communities, our Church has made clear commitments to prevent and respond to domestic and family violence. These commitments include equipping clergy and lay leaders with training and resources to respond wisely, compassionately, and safely.

**Be part of the Church's response.**

As we seek to love our neighbours and protect the vulnerable, your generosity helps resource our church to respond with wisdom, compassion, and courage.

**Donations can be tax-deductible and can be made in the following ways:**



Scan the QR code



Or visit the donation website :  
[www.charidy.com/DVSUNDAY](http://www.charidy.com/DVSUNDAY)

**Or make a Bank transfer**

For a tax-deductible gift :  
Account Name: Anglican Health and Welfare  
BSB 067 000  
Acc 1072 0017  
**Add Reference DVSUNDAY (and your last name ) Eg: DVSUNDAY SMITH**

If you don't need a tax-deductible receipt:

Account Name: Anglican Church of Australia General Synod  
BSB: 085-005;  
Acc: 75-790-4052  
**Add Reference DVSUNDAY (and your last name) Eg: DVSUNDAY Smith**

### CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION UPDATES

There have been recent updates to the Child Safety requirements and policies within the diocese. A copy of the updated Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy are available for viewing on the parish noticeboards or feel free to view at the Parish Office.

If you have any concerns regarding Child Protection, please speak with the Ministers or Parish Safe Guardians . (also listed on the noticeboard).