

Welcome

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
16 March 2025

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

Today—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

8:30am Holy Communion (with Hymns) Including Kids Time with God

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 Sunday @ 5:30 (Taizé Service)

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion Including Children's Ministry

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

Readings

Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Events for this week

Sunday: 4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Monday:

1:00pm Pastoral Care Meeting—St Paul's (CR)

6:00pm New Testament Bible Study—St Paul's

Tuesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

7:00pm Parish Management Committee Meeting

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

Anglican
Church
Ipswich Anglican Community

Contact information

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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

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Parish Prayer

Renew in us, O God, the zeal of your love. Let our parish come alive with the power of your spirit. Where we have failed, forgive us; where we have persevered, encourage us; where we are in doubt, direct us. Help us to see new opportunities of witness and service, for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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 23 March — Third Sunday in Lent

—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

8:30am Holy Communion with Hymns

Including Kids Time with God

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

12:30pm South Sudanese Dinka Service

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

Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Sunday @ 5:30 (Choral Evensong)

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

Next Sunday Readings:

Isa 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-9; 1 Cor 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 23 March)

Sunday:

10:30am AMUA Wave of Prayer

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Monday:

6:00pm New Testament Bible Study—St Paul's

Tuesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday:

10:30am 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

Friday:

7:00am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Saturday:

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

Message from Canon Greg Jenks

When faith means everything

Over the past week or so we have been engaged in a mass exercise to test our faith.

It was not just about the weather, or even the emergency response. It was about how we hold it all together when everything threatens to come apart.

Most of the time this is not a problem we face in the so-called 'first world.' Our first-world problems are usually more about the price of the morning coffee or a temporary drop in our superannuation earnings.

Our cousins in the other two-thirds of the world know the reality of existential challenges that we would struggle even to imagine. Street violence between drug gangs. Invasion by a more powerful country. Missiles and drones falling from the sky to destroy our homes, hospitals, schools and families. Terror attacks on public transport and other soft targets.

We see it on our screens but rarely experience any of this in our own lives.

Until a cyclone approaches. Or a bush fire. Or a flood. Or a cancer diagnosis. Or the breakdown of an intimate relationship.

Much of the Bible was written out of just those kinds of experiences, so faith (trust) plays a key role in the Scriptures.

Faith is not a get-out-of-jail card. It does not mean we escape disasters. But it does provide the spiritual resources we need to survive and to cope in any and every situation.

When our world seems to be falling apart, we find courage in the promise of God's all-embracing love:

... in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. [Romans 8:37–39]

Christ the loving Saviour

'This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ has laid down his life for us'
1 John 3:16.

We are in the season of Lent, rightly remembering our sins and failings as we lead up to the most important days in all of history. The prayer for Ash Wednesday in the Prayer Book gives us the words, 'we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness: though Jesus Christ our Lord'. On Good Friday the perfect Son of God died a terrible death, laying down his life for the unworthy, that we may be forgiven. He did it because he loved us and by this, we know that he loves us. When we see this great truth, we can never be the same again.

Question for thought: How do we know what love is?

Almighty God, we give thanks for the vibrant fellowship and encouragement in the Mothers Union in Tarime, Tanzania, and pray for the ongoing ministry and mission of the Mothers Union. May the Sewing Centre not only help those who come to acquire skills to provide an income for the future, but also be an encouragement to their faith in Jesus. Amen

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2025/02/20/pray-daily-march-2025/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- The Diocese of Newcastle: †Peter Stuart; Assistant Bishops – †Sonia Roulston, †Charlie Murry; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Bundaberg: Kate Ross, Matthew Siggins
- Inala Careforce
- The Glennie School, Toowoomba: A/g Principal – Emma Lowry; Chaplain – vacant; Chair of School Council – †Cameron Venables; members of School Council; staff & students

ABM Reflections

In Luke's account, Jesus foretells his own death when warned about Herod by some Pharisees. He also tells them that despite being the 'holy city' Jerusalem is the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! Their city is a void. He prophesises that they will say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord' when he returns to Jerusalem.

- May we recognise who Jesus is and welcome him into our hearts with cries of acclamation.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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



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

Hugh Goodger
George Roots
Phyllis Stuve
Dulcie Wells
Mary Fitzgibbon
Ethel Thompson
Christina Joseph
Hilda Sigston

March Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Mission to Seafarers.**



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Through the generosity of the Cathedral, we have been offered the opportunity to work with professional consultants to explore our future mission together as a new parish in central Ipswich. The next step in that process is a workshop being held at **St Thomas' Church Hall from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday, 30 March**. This workshop is for everyone from the parish who wants to participate in the visioning process as we discern the future that God is calling us into. More information next week, but for now please mark the date and times in your calendars.

Anglican Board of Missions Lent Appeal

On the **Sundays during Lent** we are invited to make an additional gift to support ABM. This year the special focus is helping women in various parts of the world to break free from violence, injustice and oppression. You can learn more about these projects at: www.abmission.org/Lent2025

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Parish Council 2025

Wardens: Malcolm Ferguson (Priest's—St P)
Christofer Montgomery (People's—St P)
Christopher Raymont (People's—St T)

Synod Representatives:

Leanne Ferguson (St P)
Des Hunt (St P)

Parish Nominators:

Christopher Raymont (St T)
Michelle French (St P)
Francis Norku (St P)

Parish Councillors:

Sue Buchanan (St P)	Paul Hunt (St P)
Kylie Cleeland (St P)	Foley Matthews (St P)
Joseph Kaara (St T)	Tracey Watson (St T)
Susan Rea (St T)	Shaun Madson (St T)
Mary Arok (St P)	Jacob Nuer (St P)

FOOD MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS



Can you spare a few hours on a Sunday afternoon every 5 weeks to be part of a vibrant servant hearted team providing meals for those doing it tough in our community?



**Contact Chris Taylor : ipswich2@anglicanchurchsq.org.au
38120377 for an application form**



Little Church Garden

82 Blackall Street, Basin Pocket

Twelve people, including 5 children, helped at our garden on Wednesday. It was a great help. We used a trailer load of manure and a bag of chicken manure to build up garden beds, fed the worms, made compost and continued to tidy the yard. The pumpkin vines have been cleared and beds prepared for planting. The automated watering system is on and helping our new plantings. One of the children waters the plants every alternate day on the way home from school and another boy brought along a chilli seedling from his own garden. In April the children will be constructing their own garden patch.

On 31 March a cadagi tree and a paper bark tree will be removed and mulched. The necessary repairs to the electrical connections will then proceed. The mowing has been helped by the use of a ride on mower provided by a nearby family. They have done a tremendous job of mowing and edging on two weekends.

One of the team said the garden was fun this week. It is designed to be fun and a reward for our hard work. We would love more people to join us at our **working bee on Saturday 15 March**. People usually arrive after 3pm.