

# Welcome

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
18 January 2026

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

## Today—St Paul's

**7:00am Holy Communion**  
Rev'd Canon Greg Jenks

**8:30am Holy Communion by Extension**  
Peter Taylor

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

**5:30pm Holy Communion**  
Rev'd Canon Greg Jenks

## —St Thomas'

**8:30am Holy Communion**  
Rev'd Canon Greg Jenks

## Readings

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

## Events for this week -

### *Sunday:*

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

### *Wednesday:*

3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

### *Saturday:*

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

**Please note: No Midweek Services during January.**

10:30am Tuesday @ St Paul's resumes 3 February 2026.

9:30am Wednesday @ St Thomas' resumes 11 February 2026.

7:00am Friday @ St Paul's resumes 6 February 2026.



## Contact information

### **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm

**Parish Office phone:** (07) 3812 0377

### **Postal address:**

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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:**

15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich Qld 4305

## Clergy Contact Information

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**Rev'd Allana Wales** 0422 132 906

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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 (25 Jan) 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**  
—St Paul's

**7:00am Holy Communion**  
Rev'd Mpole Masemola

**8:30am Holy Communion (Sung)**  
Rev'd Mpole Masemola

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

**5:30pm Choral Evensong**  
Rev'd Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

**8:30am Holy Communion by Extension**  
Lesley Briggs

### Next Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1-10; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;  
Matthew 4:12-25

## Events for Next Week (from Sunday 25 Jan)

**Sunday:**  
4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

**Tuesday:**  
6:00pm Parish Council Meeting

**Wednesday:**  
3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

**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 Rev'd Allana Wales

What a gift to have been given. The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the church in Corinth, "I give thanks to my God always for you." The Corinthian church had its problems, disagreements and ongoing teething period as a new community on the way of Christ. However, Paul was adamant that the people were "called to be saints." I don't believe Paul was referring to the way we think of the process of canonisation and formal sainthood, but in the messy humanness of worrying about how to live in the world. In fact, the thanksgiving at work in this letter is centered on how God is at work in the life of the people. Much like those early communities of Christians, we are still discerning our way towards Christ. How we act and what we do, is always in tension, but is always with God.

Sometimes people outside of Ipswich ask me how my first month has been, and often, in answer, I recount something like this: On the first Sunday of Advent last year, after the ordination of Priests and Deacons, I looked into the congregation of Ipswich Anglicans for the first time. Seeing the combined congregations of the people of St. Thomas, St. Paul's, and the Dinka community was startling. With so many of our number housed under our corporate space, I realised I had been given a huge gift. What a gift, as a new minister, to have been given such an incredible group of people to learn from. I am thankful to the good God who has given me the opportunity to meet the people here. Thank you, each and every saint, each and every person, who has taken the time to teach me about how the Ipswich Anglican Community lives in the world. Thank you for helping me to become another member of this body of Christ. I am only just beginning to appreciate the depth and breadth of the effect that Ipswich Anglicans have on the fabric of our wider society. I also continue to be humbled by the conversations and kindnesses which have been shared with me.

We continue to keep Rev'd Mpole Masemola, and his mother's family, in the same breath as God.

Yours in Christ,

Allana

### Thankyou Op Shop Volunteers



A very big thankyou to everyone who helped to get the Op Shop looking marvelous for our reopening. Your efforts are really appreciated by us and certainly by those we serve.

Verna Hunt for the Management Committee

## Journeying Together

'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace') *Ephesians 4:2-3*

Church Unity always seems above us, a matter for the church authorities to negotiate. But actually, as the word of God says here, it begins with the local church. That means that it is the responsibility of us all. We are to be humble, gentle, patient, and loving towards the people we see Sunday by Sunday and at other times. Too many churches are scenes of criticism and quarrels and even division. Even if we need to disagree with one another, it needs to be done with love, forgiveness and every effort to 'keep the unity of the Spirit'. This is God's plan for us.

### Questions for thought:

Does my church live in unity? Do I make every effort to foster love and care for one another? Am I habitually critical?

God of mercy and grace, we give thanks that the nation of Rwanda has been able to rebuild from the genocide 12 years ago. We pray for members in the Dioceses of Butare and Gazebo as they endeavour to help those in need spiritually and in their daily lives through programs on health and nutrition, parenting, literacy and vocational training. We also pray for members in Bathurst Diocese and for Lorraine Mitchell the Diocesan President, as they encourage Christian family life in their churches. In Jesus name, Amen.

## Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2025/12/19/pray-daily-january-2026/>

## The Anglican Communion

- Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
- The Diocese of North West Australia: †Darrell Parker; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Ithaca-Ashgrove: Margaret Wesley, Pam Hynd, Jack Hammer, Kathy Hammer
- Ministry with Young Adults
- The Springfield Anglican College, Springfield: Principal – Steven Morris; Chaplain – Jonathan Kemp; Chair of College Council – Michael Willis; members of College Council; staff & students



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  
Lesley Briggs  
Rebecca Parry  
Gary Seymour  
Nerida Lord  
Chris Ingham  
June Pidgeon

## Year's mind

Mildred (Maisie) Roots  
Henry (Roy) Hill  
Arthur Ryan  
Beryl Renton  
Ernest Herron  
Damien Pollock  
Paul Fields  
Doreen Zinn  
Leonie Van Dyken Schabe  
Mavis Collins  
Prisca Barrow-Dowling  
Brian Dean  
Kevin Little



For Direct Parish Offerings  
please scan the above  
QR Code

January Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of Hummingbird House—Hospice for Children

#### Annual Reports for 2025

Can all reports from Parish groups be emailed to the Parish Office by **Friday 30 January 2026**, so report booklets can be prepared for distribution before the AGM. Thank you!

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#### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 22 February 2026 at St Paul's Church.

# A RECITAL *The journey so far* WITH SOPHIE SALVESANI AND PIANIST BRENDAN MURTAGH

FEBRUARY 14TH 2026

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, IPSWICH

6:00-7:00PM (DOORS OPEN 5:30PM)

TICKETS - \$25 ADULTS & \$20 STUDENTS

CASH OR CARD AT THE DOOR



## Three Options for Bible Study

The Bible is an incredible source of wisdom and encouragement for us in our lives as disciples of Jesus. From the beginning of February we are offering a number of opportunities for Bible Study in more depth within the parish.



### MONDAY EVENING: THE GOSPEL OF MARK (Commences 2 February)

Meeting on alternate Monday evenings at 6:30pm. Read the NT together in English with insights from the Greek text. Facilitator: Chris Montgomery. For those wishing to study NT Greek, there is an option of another class on Wednesday evenings during the first half of the year.

### TUESDAY MORNING: BREAK OPEN THE WORD (Commences 3 February)

Each week after the Tuesday morning Eucharist, you are welcome to join us in the Old Rectory for an in-person Bible study session. Facilitator: Rev'd Mpole Masemola

### THURSDAY EVENING: THE TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Commences 5 February)

Join us by Zoom each Thursday at 7.00pm as we explore the readings for the coming Sunday. This online study group is especially designed for Liturgical Assistants and others rostered for the following Sunday service, but it is open to anyone from the parish and everyone is most welcome to participate. Facilitator: Rev'd Mpole Masemola