

Welcome

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
01 March 2026

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

Today—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion by Extension (incl Kids Time with God)

Rev'd Allana Wales

11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Afternoon Eucharist

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion (incl Children's Ministry)

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13:17; Matthew 17:1-9

Events for this week -

Sunday: 4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Monday: 6:30pm New Testament Bible Study—St Paul's

Tuesday: 9:00am Holy Communion—St Mary's Hostel

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

Wednesday:

10:00am Holy Communion—Bundaleer Lodge

6:00pm Beginners New Testament—St Paul's

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

Friday:

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

10:00am World Day of Prayer—St John's Lutheran Church, 32 Roderick Street, Ipswich

Saturday:

9:00am Half Day Lent Retreat—St Thomas'

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

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 (8 Mar) 3rd Sunday in Lent
—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion

(incl Kids Time with God)

Rev'd Mpole Masemola, Rev'd Allana Wales

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)

Lesley Briggs

Next Sunday Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 8 Mar)

Sunday:

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Tuesday:

9:00am AMUA Diocese AGM— St Paul's Hall

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

Wednesday:

9:30am Holy Communion—St Thomas

Following Service Mature Persons Fellowship

6:00pm Beginners New Testament—St Paul's

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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

9:30am Lent Study—St Thomas' Hall

Saturday:

7:00am Men's Fellowship Breakfast—Ipswich Uniting Church

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 Mpole Masemola

Prayer: A Reflection for Lent

Dear Parish Family,

As we journey through this Lent, I thought I'd take a moment to reflect on the topic of prayer. There is so much to explore in this beautiful practice that deepens our relationship with God.

I often find myself returning to the catechism contained in An Anglican Prayer Book (1989) of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. This catechism defines prayer as "responding to God, by thought and by deed, with or without words." (page 435). It then goes on to outline nine forms of prayer, each rich with meaning and purpose:

Adoration: This is the lifting up of our hearts and minds to God, where we ask for nothing but to bask in God's presence.

Praise: We offer praise to God, not to gain anything in return, but simply because God's very Being draws forth our admiration.

Thanksgiving: Thanksgiving is our response to God for all the blessings bestowed upon us, for our redemption, and for anything that draws us nearer to things that resemble God's Reign.

Penitence: In penitence, we humbly confess our sins, striving to make restitution where possible, genuinely intending to amend our lives, so that we may live more justly.

Oblation: This is an offering of ourselves—our lives and labors—united with Christ for the purposes of God.

Intercession: Here, we bring before God the needs of others, holding them in our thoughts and prayers.

Petition: Through petition, we present our own needs, seeking that God's will may be fulfilled in our lives.

Meditation: This form of prayer invites us to reflect on Scripture or ponder a truth or experience, allowing it to resonate in our hearts.

Contemplation: In contemplation, we keep our hearts and minds still and attentive to God, giving Him space to work within us as He wishes.

As we embrace this season of reflection, perhaps you might find something among these forms of prayer to guide your Lenten journey. May your prayers strengthen your connection to God, bolster your spiritual fitness, and bring forth fruit that nourish our relationships.

Blessings on your Lenten journey,
Mpole

Unceasing Prayer

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus' *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Unceasing prayer seems like a task too hard. But I was greatly helped by the example of an older Christian. He seized every moment to pray. He would listen to you and then pray before he left (he even prayed for me in a lift once in front of other people!). He prayed at mealtimes, which meant that grace could be quite long. He prayed when he made tea in the morning. He prayed (silently) for strangers in the street who betrayed pain and in their faces. He prayed as he travelled in the car. Such was his faith in the Lord. He prayed without ceasing and I can testify that his prayers were answered.

Question for thought: How often do I pray?

Loving Lord, we thank you for the ministry of Mothers Union in the Diocese of Luweero in Uganda as they focus on strengthening families, marriage and faith through prayer, social outreach and community support. We pray as they address issues like poverty and domestic abuse with faith-based principles. We also pray for our members in Grafton Diocese in NSW, as they serve you and encourage each other in the walk with you. Amen

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/01/22/pray-daily-february-2026/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- The ongoing work of peace-making in Sudan & South Sudan
- The Anglican Church of Australia: The Primate – †Mark Short; The General Secretary – Anne Hywood; The General Synod and the Standing Committee
- The Parish of Sandgate Northpoint: Ann Shepperson – locum, George Henry, Jonathan Osborne
- Diocesan Reconciliation Action Plan Co-ordinator: Sandra King
- Anglican Schools Office, Church House: A/g Executive Director – Geoff Newton, Executive Director & staff

Farewell to Rev'd Shelley Knight

It was announced by Archbishop Jeremy late last week that Rev'd Shelley Knight has been granted a PTO (Permission to Officiate) licence based at All Saints, Booval. This officially brings to an end Shelley's ministry at the Ipswich Anglican Parish. The parish thanks Shelley for her contribution over many years and wishes her well in her new parish.

As Shelley has made her decision to relocate to All Saints, it's now appropriate that this parish show its gratitude for her service. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to an acknowledgement gift should place a marked envelope in the offertory plate or talk to one of the wardens. A presentation of the gift will be arranged in the future.

*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
Sue Porche
Lesley Briggs
Rebecca Parry
Gary Seymour
Nerida Lord
Chris Ingham
June Pidgeon
Brian French

Year's mind

Maureen Jorgensen
Caroline Forsyth
Elsa Mahoney
Neville Clayton
Norman Grieve
Joan Neeve



**For Direct Parish Offerings
please scan the above
QR Code**

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**



World Day of Prayer 2026
Focus on **Nigeria**



World Day of Prayer

will be held at
St John's Lutheran Church, Ipswich
on **Friday 6 March 2026 at 10am.**

This year's service has been written by the women of Nigeria on the theme of "I will give you rest: Come".

Half Day Lent Retreat



'Journey Through Lent with Jesus'

Saturday 7th March
from **9am.**

at **St Thomas Church**

Morning Tea provided. No cost to attend.
Please ring Lesley on 0404 005 088 to register.



Health & Safety Alert

To pick up broken glass, please ensure a dustpan and brush is used and not your hands



Basin Pocket Community Garden Open Day

FREE Sausage Sizzle

- ✓ Children's activities
- ✓ Bring your friends, neighbours & family
- ✓ Ipswich City Big Band Performances -11am & 1pm
- ✓ Plants for SALE by Cyril
- ✓ Cake and Goody stall

Saturday, 14 March 2026

11 am - 3 pm

82 Blackall Street, Basin Pocket
(Toilet on site)

'Explore our community garden and enjoy our green space together.'

KINDLY DONATED

Blackall Street Butchery - Sausages

Feeding Kids Queensland, Food Bank - Drinks and Snacks

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



2ND SATURDAY OF MONTH

@ 7:30 A.M

NEXT EVENT - 14 MARCH 2026

IPSWICH UNITING CHURCH, CNR GLEBE ROAD & GREEN ST BOOVAL

THIS MONTH LIMITED TO 20 PLACES - CONTACT OFFICE 3812 0377
FOR CATERING PURPOSES IF ATTENDING

