

# Welcome

**PENTECOST 23**  
**16 November 2025**

***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**

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

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

### **5:30pm Taizé Service**

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

## —St Thomas'

### **8:30am Holy Communion**

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

## Readings

Isaiah 65:17-25; Song of Isaiah; 2 Thess 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

## Events for this week -

### **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 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:**

2:00pm Organ Recital by Ross Windsor—St Paul's

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



## 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 (23 November) Christ the King  
—St Paul's**

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

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

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

**5:30pm Apage Meal**  
Rev'd Mpole Masemola

**—St Thomas'**

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

**Next Sunday Readings:**  
Jer 23:1-6; Song of Zechariah; Col 1:11-20;  
Luke 23:33-43

## Events for Next Week (from Sunday 23 Nov)

**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

**Wednesday:**  
9:30am 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  
9:00am AMUA—16 Days of Activism Service

**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 Mpole Masemola

Dear Friends,

As we approach the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, I find myself pondering the transitions we are experiencing - the Church Year is drawing to a close, the school year begins to wrap up. I find this an invitation to reflection: a time when endings stir a sense of new beginnings—a chance to take stock of our lives' journeys and an opportunity to embrace what lies ahead.

This week's readings remind us that, despite the unsteady state of the world, God's presence remains steadfast. We live in times that often feel stormy, where peace appears threatened. Yet, amidst all this turbulence, Christ stands as our unwavering anchor. He calls us to persevere in faith, grounding us as we navigate these challenges apart and together.

On a joyful note, I am thrilled to share that our parish has welcomed over 60 new members through baptism just in the second half of this year! Forty-nine of these were baptised at two Dinka language services. Each baptism is not merely a ritual but a profound affirmation of community and faith. These new members are a living testament to the vibrancy of our church family—a quilt of diverse stories that enrich our collective journey.

As we enter this season of reflection, let us celebrate both the fruits of our labour and the bonds of our community. I encourage you all to take a moment this week to pray for those facing difficulties and to acknowledge the new beginnings emerging within our parish.

Wishing you a blessed Sunday as we continue to grow together in faith and love. Your presence makes a difference.

Yours in Christ's service,  
Mpole



**Archbishop Jeremy Greaves will be  
visiting the Ipswich Parish on  
Sunday 7 December 2025.**

This will be a combined affair at St Paul's with members from our three congregations participating in the service and the refreshments afterwards. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. During the morning, there will also be a blessing of the new Red Bench.

## St Paul's Op Shop in 2026

The roster for serving at the counter in 2026 will shortly be prepared. If you are currently rostered and wish to continue or change your availability, please let me know. Should you wish to join in the roster as a volunteer, I would be happy to talk with you.

We have many behind the scenes jobs requiring volunteers which are not rostered, please talk to me about assisting with these jobs.

Verna Hunt – Coordinator phone 0409 062 485

## Speaking our Language

'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' *(Micah 6:18)*

Have you ever thought how hard it must be to come from overseas and to settle in a foreign land? This is especially the case if you don't know the language of the people among whom you have chosen to live. Many of us are surrounded by people who have made just such a transition. One way to welcome the stranger in our midst is to do something that virtually all of us can do - help them to learn our language. As we do so, and it is good if it happens in connection with your church, you are also showing the love of God. Many newcomers would like to know about Jesus and when they are ready you could read the Bible together. What a blessing! And, almost certainly, you could do it.

**Question for thought:** How can I best help my neighbours who come from other places?

Loving Father, we ask for members in Tobago and Trinidad to continue to reach out within their local communities to deal with the needs of individuals, families and community groups. Guide them as they seek to address the many social issues facing families. We pray too for the Diocese of Bendigo in Victoria that they may have wisdom as they seek to reach out in your name to their neighbours and friends in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2025/10/22/pray-daily-november-2025/>

## The Anglican Communion

- The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- The Diocese of Newcastle: †Peter Stuart; Assistant Bishops – †Sonia Roulston, †Charlie Murry; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Wynnum: Sam Sigamani, Keith Dean-Jones, Keith Colbert
- EPIC Assist
- The Glennie School, Toowoomba: Principal – Emma Lowry; Chaplain – vacant; Chair of School Council – †Cameron Venables; members of School Council; staff & students

### Liturgical Assistants, Intercessors and Readers Roster for St. Paul's

The next roster for the 8:30am service commences on 14 December 2025. If you feel called to be an Intercessor or reader please contact me. For intercessors your prayers will become our prayers and 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 after Sunday 23 November and is expected to run for approximately 6 months. For the roster I need to know your availability throughout the year. All liturgical assistants and members of the Ipswich Anglican Community are welcome to share in these parts of our worship

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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  
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

## Year's mind

Dora Wyatt  
Joyce Antonioli  
Joseph Plant  
Edna Carr  
La Bella Rofe  
John Treadwell  
Pam Heit  
Violet Rodgers  
Florence Rock  
Edith Lilley  
Freda Cornish  
Walter Coates



For Direct Parish Offerings  
please scan the above  
QR Code

**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 Australia**



# ARCHBISHOP'S NOVEMBER APPEAL 2025

Supporting Primary Education  
in the Philippines



To Donate Online, please scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.abmission.org/November2025](http://www.abmission.org/November2025)

## 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence 25th November- 10 December One new day at a time

Respond  
Inform  
Support  
Empower

Unite  
Pray

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
We pray to you with hearts bur-  
dened for those who suffer from  
gender-based violence, especial-  
ly women and their children.  
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  
and that churches everywhere  
will welcome and support them.  
We pray that we may see the  
end to such evil and a new day  
of peace and sacrificial love in  
all our homes. And this we ask  
in the name of our Lord Jesus.  
Amen.*

*But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I  
will sing of your love; for you are my fortress,  
my refuge in times of trouble. Psalm 59:16*



## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



2ND SATURDAY OF MONTH  
@ 7:30 A.M

**NEXT EVENT - 13 DECEMBER 2025**

ST PAUL'S HALL,  
124 BRISBANE STREET, IPSWICH



**SOUTH BRISBANE  
FEDERAL BAND**

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**& FAVOURITE BRASS BAND PIECES**

**SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 2025**

**6:00PM – 7:00PM**

**ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
BRISBANE ST, IPSWICH**



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& CONCESSION  
CARD HOLDERS**

