

Welcome

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
25 October 2026

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

Today—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

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 by Extension

Rev'd Allana Wales

—St Thomas'

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

Rev'd Kate Littmann-Kelly

Readings

Deut 34:1-12; Ps 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thess 2:1-13; Matthew 22:34-46.

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

1:30pm CRI – Tivoli State School

6:30pm Parish Council – St Thomas'

Wednesday: 9:30am Holy Communion—St Thomas'

Following Service Mature Persons Fellowship

3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

Thursday: 1:15pm CRI – Brassall State School

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

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

9:30am An Australian Advent Study – St Thomas'

Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm Choir Rehearsal—St Paul's



Contact information

Parish Office Hours:

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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

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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 1 Nov – All Saints Day

St Paul's -

7:00am Holy Communion

Ven. Mpole Masemola

8:30am Choral Eucharist (incl Kids Time with God)

Ven. Mpole Masemola

11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Afternoon Eucharist

Rev'd Kate Littmann-Kelly

St Thomas'

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

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Next Sunday Readings:

Rev 7:9-17; Ps 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3;
Matthew 5:1-12.

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 1 Nov)

Sunday: 4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Tuesday:

9:00am Holy Communion – St Mary's Hostel

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Following Service: An Australian Advent Study

1:30pm CRI – Tivoli State School

6:30pm Parish Council – St Thomas'

Wednesday:

10:00am Holy Communion—Bundaleer

Following Service Mature Persons Fellowship

3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

Thursday:

1:15pm CRI – Brassall State School

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

Friday:

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

9:30am An Australian Advent Study – St Thomas'

Saturday:

8:00am Community Markets – St Thomas'

4:00-5:00pm Choir Rehearsal—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

The Coin, the Table, and the Mirror:

A reflection on Matthew 22:15–22

There is a game we all play sometimes. And, in my opinion, we play it rather badly. It is called "What Are You Worth?". The scoring is done entirely in transient things: the car in the driveway, the title on the door, the number on your payslip, the follower count, the seat at the table. The rules change constantly, the scoreboard is rigged, and the prizes are, let us say, biodegradable.

Then along comes last Sunday's Gospel and rather ruins the game.

"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God." It is a marvellously slippery answer, and we should notice what Jesus does not say. He does not say the coin is worthless. He simply says: that is Caesar's. Fine. Hand it over. It was never the point. The point is the other half of the sentence, and here Jesus leaves us to work out that if the coin bears Caesar's image, then we bear Someone else's. That is our actual worth. Not status, not power, not money. The image of God, stamped on us and, unlike the coin, not subject to inflation.

And this is the detail we so often skip; this lesson arrives hot on the heels of Jesus overturning the tables in the temple. Money changers, doves, coins skittering across the floor, a great clatter of commerce in the house of prayer. He is not anti-money in some grim, joyless way. He is anti-confusion. He is clearing out the space where the temporary had started impersonating the eternal. The tables had to go, because you cannot hear the still, small voice over the sound of your own cash register.

So, how can we live this daily? A few small, stubborn suggestions:

1. Say thank you to someone the world tends to not rank very highly. The one whose opinion nobody asks for. Treat them as bearers of the image, not accessories.
2. Notice when you measure yourself. Catch that internal tally and quietly decline to keep the ledger.
3. Look in the mirror and believe it. Not the flattering parts. The plain fact: you are valued because you are made, not because you have done anything.
4. Overturn a small table. Not literally, please ... we have just had the carpet cleaned and mopped the floors. But every so often, rearrange your week so that the eternal gets a proper seat, and the transient is politely asked to move along.

Now, we are not coins. We are not sums. We are image-bearers, and the exchange rate never moves.

A question for reflection: Where do you most feel your worth being priced? What one table in your life might need overturning, gently, this week?

With love, Mpole

Sunday 1 November – All Saints Day will be observed at both churches. The Remembrance List read at St Paul's Church will remain the same as last year with the addition of persons whose funerals have been held in the last 12 months. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any concerns.

Lightening the Load

‘Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.’ (*Matthew 11:28*)

If you are like me, these words have been part of your life from very early days, because they are quoted in the service of Holy Communion. Again and again, they have been such a comfort. We have rest from our sin in the forgiveness we have through Jesus. We know that he walks with us every day and we can cast our cares on him. He directs us into the paths of righteousness and teaches us his way. How wonderful it is that these words belong to our Christian sisters and brothers around the world. How important it is that we support the work of mission, of sharing the good news about Jesus with people everywhere. We pray that the Lord will help us share the good news about Jesus with everyone today.

Question for thought: How do I support the work of mission all around the world?

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for members in All Saints Cathedral in Kenya. We pray for those who live in poor conditions in the slums, those whose lives have been affected by HIV/Aids, for the widows and the victims of child abuse. Enable members to begin to meet these needs as well as enhance the spiritual growth of the women as they meet together. Amen.

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/09/18/pray-daily-october-2026/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- The Diocese of The Northern Territory: †Greg Anderson; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Lutwyche: Jenny Simson, Allan Shephard
- AnglicareSQ Out of Home Care, South East Region – Gold Coast Foster & Kinship Care
- All Anglican Schools Business Managers/Bursars and Senior Leaders

Lessons in Food Preservation

There is a lovely lady, Grace Barkley, who is willing to give lessons at the Little Church Garden on food preservation. We'll start with food dehydration.

If you are interested, please contact Annette Isager on 0437 722 225 to register.

We would appreciate the donation of jars that can be used (ones that pop when newly opened). Also, if anyone can loan or give us a food dehydrator it would be most appreciated.

Prayers for Healing

Long Term:

Margaret Murphy
Kade Johnson
Barbara Hayward
Nicole Woodward
Tina Moore
Louise Gardner
Jackie Cornish
Kathy Chevalier
Don Rossiter
Hellen Bongomin
Jan Grieve
Rebecca Parry
Gary Seymour
June Pidgeon
Nadine Muller
Reg Bond
Lesley Briggs

Short Term:

Don Roberts
Esther
Annette Moore
Cheryl Marsh
Marj Kaye
Peter Forbes
John Dickens
Sophie Sowerby
John Rossiter
John Williams

Year's Mind

Lillian (Rain) McGill
Betty Bedford
Shirley Horne
Myrtle Soar
Richard Lostroh
Thomas Willocks
Elmo Heck
Amy Goebel
Brian Diehm

October Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Home Away from Homelessness**.

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

Pastoral
CARE

St Thomas' Community Market

15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich

Saturday 7 November 2026
8am - 12pm

Arts & Crafts, Trash & Treasure,
Plants, Sausage Sizzle



More Information Chris Raymont 0402 411 368 or Sandra Eaton 0412 329 484

An Australian Advent Study

Join us for ABM's
Advent book *Caravan*
by Stephen Daughtry:
A book of incarnational
stories based on the
birth of Christ but set in an
Australian landscape.

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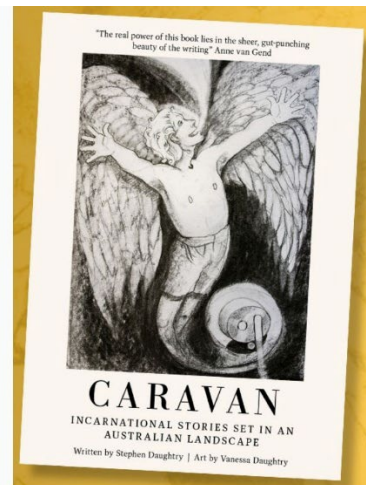
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St. Paul's office in advance,
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study you attend.



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St. Paul's Conference Room
Tuesdays 11:30am-1pm
November - December
with Ven. Mpole Masemola

St. Thomas' Hall
Fridays 9:30-11am
30th October
6th & 20th November
11th & 18th December
with Rev'd Allana Wales



WORKSHOP - THE APOSTLES LIVES, MINISTRIES & DEATHS AFTER JESUS' ASCENSION

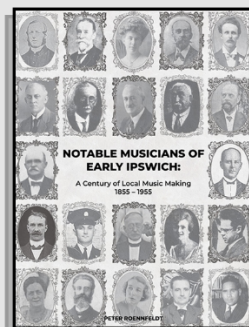


SATURDAY
14 NOVEMBER
2026
9:00 am

REGISTER
WITH
Lesley Briggs
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St Thomas' Church,
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Date Claimer and Invitation - Book Launch



Notable Musicians of Early Ipswich:
A Century of Local Music Making 1855-1955

by Peter Roennfeldt

ISBN: 978-0-646-74800-9

165 pages, 65 illustrations

Recommended Retail Price: \$30

The first comprehensive overview of music in Ipswich during its
formative years, focusing on the lives and careers of 37 key musicians
who were active there from the 1850s to the 1950s

Where: St Paul's Anglican Church, Brisbane Street Ipswich

When: Saturday 5 December 2026 at 11am-12pm (free admission)

As part of the presentation, Peter and colleagues will perform several
pieces of music composed and published by former Ipswich residents

The book will be officially launched by The Hon. Dr David Hamill AM

RSVP by email (info@peterroennfeldt.com) by 1 December 2026 to
confirm your attendance and/or to pre-order your copy of the book
(\$25 - approx. 20% discount - postage additional if applicable)

Inquiries: phone (0457) 744 410

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