

Welcome

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
12 April 2026

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

Today—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Brian Hughes

8:30am Holy Communion

Rev'd Brian Hughes

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

Chris Montgomery

Readings

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:1-12; John 20:19-31

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

Wednesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—Brassall Village

Thursday:

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

Friday:

7:00am Holy Communion by Extension—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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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 (19 Apr) 3rd Sunday of Easter
—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 Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Choral Evensong

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion

Rev'd Brian Hughes

Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 11-18;
1 Peter 1:13-2 5; Luke 24:13-35

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 19 Apr)

Sunday: 4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

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

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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

Saturday:

10:00am ANZAC Day Street March—St Paul's open
for War Memorial Viewing & Private Prayer
4:00pm Church Gardening Group—St Paul's

Message from Rev'd Mpole Masemola

Dear Friends,

The morning of resurrection broke in slowly, like a careful artist brushing light onto the edges of the sky. First a glimpse, then a fullness, then a glory that warms even the coldest graves. The birds seemed to know it; they sang as if they had been waiting all night for the stone to roll away. They seemed to chirp the same message the angel once delivered by the tomb: *He is not here... He has risen.*

There is something wondrously strange about how life refuses to stay buried. You think it ended on Friday—with the cross, with the silence, with the sealed tomb—but life is a stubborn thing. It cracks the tomb open like an egg, spilling out colour, scent, music, laughter. The Resurrection is not tidy theology for polite recitation; it is wild, excessive, exuberant life spilling into every curve and crevice of our being. God has once again painted, in bright strokes upon the canvas of our sorrow, the possibility of joy.

I think of those first women who came with spices and found instead a rumour of glory. They were the first witnesses—trembling, yet alive with wonder. They remind me that faith is sometimes nothing more than daring to take one more step into the mystery, even when your heart does not yet understand. The resurrection does not ask to be proven—it asks to be lived.

It is like good wine. You can study its notes, quote the label, even talk about its *terroir*, the soil that raised the grapes—all useful in the way facts are useful. But in the end, you must uncork it and drink. That's how resurrection works. You taste it. You let it sing its melody within you until your everydayness becomes sacred again.

And what does it mean to live resurrection? It means returning to Galilee, as the angel said—to the world of cooking fires and children's laughter, of tired labourers and birdsong in the trees. It means meeting Christ again—in neighbour, in stranger, in the hidden corners of our yearnings.

Easter, in our Ipswich Anglican Community, is God's whisper across our two centres—our worship and our work: *See, I make all things new.* We, too, are part of this creation that refuses despair—this faith that refuses to sleep.

Christ is Risen, alleluia, alleluia!
He is risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia!

Yours in the wild, beautiful hope of Resurrection,
Mpole

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.

Blessings for families and households

'Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward him' (*Psalms 127:3*)

The word of God is very positive about marriage and children. The family with different generations is a true blessing from the Lord. How vital that the members of the MU continue to support marriage and family life. We were created as relational people and the blessing of good relations with family is immense. We should be so thankful to God for this provision and if he has blessed us in this way, we need to rejoice. One thing we can do is to include single people in our family life and honour them as well.

Question for thought: How can I support marriage and Christian family life in our society?

Gracious Lord, we pray for members in the Diocese of Canberra/ Goulburn as they seek to reach out in their community, and for Dr Monica Short in her leadership of members as they work towards the future. We pray that you God will give them energy and sustain them. We also bring before you the Diocese of Dogura in Papua New Guinea as they support communities through literacy programs, anti-violence campaigns and marriage counselling. Give them courage to speak of your love in sending Jesus, saviour of the world. Amen

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/03/26/pray-daily-april-2026/>

The Anglican Communion

- Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- The Diocese of Grafton: †Murray Harvey & †Tiffany Sparks; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Brisbane Mar Thoma Church: †Gregorios Mar Stephanos Episcopa
- St Margaret's Home Assist, Secure, Sandgate
- St John's Anglican College, Forest Lake: Principal – Maria McIvor; Chaplain – Juliana Bate; Chair of College Council – Carla Tromans; members of College Council; staff & students

Mother's Day Raffle

Tickets now available
from Parish Office &
St Thomas'



\$1 each—Books of 5

Drawn: 3rd May

(Basket at back of St Thomas for donations)

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
Lesley Briggs
Rebecca Parry
Gary Seymour
Nerida Lord
Chris Ingham
June Pidgeon
Reg Bond
Don Roberts

Year's mind

Keith Buffey
John Isager
Todd Currey
John Dahlitz
Ron Bedford
Beatrice Fellows
Louis (Jim) O'Callaghan



For Direct Parish Offerings
please scan the above
QR Code

April Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Church Missionary Society**

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

Pastoral
CARE

All Age Service

SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026
8:30AM

- ~ Creativity
- ~ Celebration
- ~ Hospitality

St Thomas' Anglican Church
15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich
Communion Service

St Thomas' Community Market

15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich

Saturday 2 May 2026
8am - 12pm

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



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



Theatre Night "Ophelia Chooses"

Wednesday 13 May 2025—7pm for 7:30pm start

@ Ipswich Incinerator Theatre, 15 Burley Griffins Drive, Ipswich

Tickets \$28 each including Supper

Tickets on Sale Soon!

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