

Welcome

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
25 January 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 (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 Eucharist

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion by Extension

Lesley Briggs

Readings

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

Events for this week -

Sunday:

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Tuesday:

6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

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

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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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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 Feb) 4th Sunday after Epiphany
—St Paul's**

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

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

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11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

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

5:30pm Eucharist

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

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

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

Next Sunday Readings:

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
Matthew 5:1-12

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 1 Feb)

Sunday:

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Monday:

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

10:00am Holy Communion by Ext—Bundaleer Lodge
3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

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

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

Lent Study: *A Cross in the Heart of God*

Please join us for a Lent Study, over five Friday mornings, in the hall of St. Thomas Church.

English theologian and priest The Rev'd Samuel Wells has written a thought-provoking piece about how the crucifixion of Christ pertains to our understanding of salvation and Scripture.

A Cross in the Heart of God: Reflections on the Death of Jesus. Canterbury Press Lent Book 2021, by Samuel Wells.

**9:30-11am / The Hall, St Thomas Church
15 Lawrence St, North Ipswich.**

Friday 20th February

Friday 27th February

***note, no Lent study on Friday 6th March**

Friday 13th March

Friday 20th March

Friday 27th March

Please email Rev'd Allana at

allana.wales@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

by Friday 30th January if you would like to participate.

This is to allow time for the books to be purchased.

Payment can also be made at that time to

Account Name: Ipswich Anglican Parish / BSB: 704901

Account number: 00000260 / Reference: Lent Study

I defy anyone to read this book without being touched and moved

The cost of the book is \$30, however please speak to Rev'd Allana if cost is a barrier.

An Op Shop Volunteers Meeting will be held in St Paul's Hall on Thursday 12 February at 2:30pm.

For more details or if you would like to become an Op Shop volunteer, please speak with Verna Hunt.

Being open to possibility and purpose

'But seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well' (Matthew 6:33)

Jesus has just made a contrast between the unbelievers of this world and his disciples. The aim of the unbelievers is to seek the things of this life, beginning with clothes, food and drink. Jesus knows that we need such things. But he wants us to put God's kingdom first. God's kingdom is his reign, his rule. Our first duty as human beings is to enter the kingdom, by submitting to the rule of God through repentance and faith. The aim of our life is then to just him and to please him. The contrast with the aims of this world is striking. We are surrounded by people who have this-worldly goals, aims which can only disappoint. God's kingdom gives true hope.

Question for thought: What do I want for my children and grandchildren?

Loving Lord, we pray for the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist in Southern Africa. As many families continue to face significant challenges, including poverty, HIV/AIDS, unemployment, crime, and domestic violence may members be strengthened by the prayer and fellowship they share. Help them to encourage others to have faith in you. Amen.

Pray Daily

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

The Anglican Communion

- Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- The Diocese of The Northern Territory: †Greg Anderson; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Kilcoy: Jilleen Chambers
- Anglicare SQ Meilene Residential Aged Care – Bundaberg
- All Anglican Schools Business Managers/Bursars and Senior Leaders

Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

From 4 January 2026 - Uniting Church Hall, Limestone St, Ips.

3:30pm ~ 5:00pm every Sunday

Community outreach program helping those in need

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

Elwyn Lilley
Vernon Cornish
Martha Harland
John Mills
Allan Attwood
Rebecca Turner
Royston Stidston
Ronald Larcombe
Sybil Gosman
Yvonne Coldrake
James Parbutt



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**

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



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: ROMANS AND SELECTED WISDOM FROM THE EGYPTIAN DESERT (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 groups 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

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.