Welcome

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
29 November 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 Advent Carols
Ven. Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion (incl Children's Ministry)
Rev'd Kate Littmann-Kelly

Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mark 13:24-37.

Events for this week -

Sunday: 4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Tuesday:
10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's
Following Service: An Australian Advent Study
1:30pm CRI – Tivoli State School

Wednesday:
10:00am Holy Communion – Bundaleer Nursing Home
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

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

Anglican Church
Ipswich Anglican Community

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
Saturday: 9:00am—12:00pm

St Thomas' Church

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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 6 Dec – 2nd Sunday of Advent

St Paul's -

7:00am Holy Communion
Rev'd Allana Wales

8:30am Holy Communion (incl Kids Time with God)
Rev'd Allana Wales

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

5:00pm Carols on the Lawn

St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion (incl Children's Ministry)
Ven. Mpole Masemola

Next Sunday Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8.

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 6 Dec)

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

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

Saturday:
7:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast – St Paul's
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

Advent Greeting to you all!

In my recent bulletin article, I referred to St Paul's as "the church on the hill" with respect to the Ipswich City Council's preparations for Christmas in d'Arcy Doyle Place. Well, that designation (church on the hill) inspired Kevin Hallewell to write the poem below. Kevin and Zelma Hallewell and their family have a long connection to St Paul's, and I think the following poem captures both their feelings and memories and those of many others in our parish.

Mpole

The Church on the Hill

Many memories are entombed
within St Paul's, the Church on the Hill.
Many souls have found His Way
through St Paul's, the Church on the Hill.
Carillion calls each Sunday still
from St Paul's, the Church on the Hill,
inviting searches, searching for Him,
to St Paul's, the Church on the Hill.

Faithful souls of varying talents
tend St Paul's, the Church on the Hill,
rejoicing in self-sacrifice
for St Paul's, the Church on the Hill,
enabling the lost to know God's love
by St Paul's, the Church on the Hill,
in fellowship with other saints
in St Paul's, the Church on the Hill.

And so it has been, and so it goes on
at St Paul's, the Church on the Hill,
a beacon of light in a world grown dim
around St Paul's, the Church on the Hill.
Changes come, His Will revealed,
so St Paul's, the Church on the Hill,
can always proclaim His Gospel of Grace.
Our St Paul's, the Church on the Hill.

- by Kevin Hallewell

Liturgical Assistants, Intercessors and Readers roster for St. Paul's and St. Thomas'

The next roster for the 8:30am services commences on 3rd January 2027. If you feel called to be an Intercessor or reader, please contact Lesley Briggs for St Thomas or me for St Paul. The Roster will be compiled and distributed in early December. Please let us know your availability for the roster. All liturgical assistants and members of the Ipswich Anglican Community are welcome to share in these parts of our worship. Des. Hunt dvhunt@bigpond.com

ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA

A Light in the Darkness

'At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory ' *(Mark 13:26)*

Jesus has come. Jesus is coming again. In his first appearing he was judged by those who crucified him. In his next appearing he will be the Judge of all and put all things to right. This is the season of Advent, in which we think of the second coming of Jesus. But even now he is the Light of the World, he is the one who rules and who saves and who directs his people in the way we should go. We have faith in him, because we have entrusted our lives to him. We have hope in him because we know that he will come again with power and glory. And we have love for him because he died so that we may be forgiven. And this faith, hope and love leads us to care for those around us, sharing the truth of the Saviour, looking after their needs and standing for justice and truth.

Question for thought: Is my hope in Jesus?

Gracious heavenly Father, we do pray for our sisters in Barrackpore, India as they support stable family life, protect children and help women to gain financial independence. May the love of Christ shine though all they do. Amen.

Pray Daily

https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/09/23/pray-daily-november-2026/

The Anglican Communion

- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
- The Parish of St George with Dirranbandi:
- Anglicare SQ Killara Place Respite Centre – Cleveland



If you or anyone you know would like to receive Pastoral Care please contact the Parish Office on 3812 0377.

Pastoral CARE

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
Reg Bond
Lesley Briggs
Short Term:
Don Roberts
Esther
Annette Moore
Cheryl Marsh
Marj Kaye
Peter Forbes
John Dickens
Sophie Sowerby
John Rossiter
Helen Beaver
Nammie White

Year's Mind

Gertrude Cribb
David Molloy
Helen Statham
Bill Wilson
Jamie
Claridge
Helen Williams
Kaye Milliner
Thelma Radloff
Dot Knight
Lorna Wagner
Richard Bond

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.**

Christmas Bowl

A SACRED BOWL. A SHARED ACT OF BELONGING.

For generations, Christians across Australia have gathered around the Christmas Bowl as an expression of faith, generosity and solidarity.

Your gift is part of something bigger—local leadership, shared action and a movement for peace.

PLEASE GIVE TODAY

Call 1800 025 101,
visit actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl
or simply scan this QR code.

ACT FOR PEACE
CONFRONTING INJUSTICE TOGETHER THROUGH THE actalliance

National Council of Churches in Australia

The Christmas Bowl is the Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

2ND SATURDAY OF MONTH

@ 7:30 A.M

NEXT EVENT - 12 DECEMBER 2026

ST PAUL'S HALL, 124 BRISBANE STREET IPSWICH



Christmas Closures - Please note the Op Shop closes on Friday 18 December and the Parish Office closes Thursday 24 December 2026. Both reopen 11 January 2027

-JOIN US FOR OUR-

Ipswich Anglican Community

Parish Christmas Dinner

Sunday | 13 DEC | 6:00 pm for 6:30 pm start

For all Ipswich Anglican Community Parishioners and families

St Thomas' Church Hall
15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich

RSVP to the Parish Office
on 3812 0377
(for catering purposes)

ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

25TH NOVEMBER - 10 DECEMBER

EACH YEAR, FROM 25 NOVEMBER, INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN TO 10 DECEMBER, WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY, THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN CALLS FOR ACTION AGAINST ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST PERSISTENT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS – VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.

Almighty and everlasting God,
We pray to you for those who suffer from gender-based violence.
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.
We pray that we may see the end to such evil and a new day of peace and sacrificial love.
And this we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus.
Amen

