

Welcome

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER
19 April 2026

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

Today—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion

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11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Choral Evensong

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion

Rev'd Brian Hughes

Readings

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

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:

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

Anglican
Church
Ipswich Anglican Community

Contact information

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St Paul's Church

Address:

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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 (26 Apr) 4th Sunday of Easter
—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 Afternoon Eucharist

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30am All Age Service with Holy Communion

The Ven. Mpole Masemola

Next Sunday Readings:

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:1-10; John 10:1-10

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 26 Apr)

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

6:30pm Parish Council

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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

Saturday:

8:00am St Thomas' Community Markets

(Set up from 7am)

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

Message from The Ven. Mpole Masemola

"Within your wounds, hide me. Let me never be separated from you."

A deep wound has cut through our community. Just before 10 a.m. on Sunday, as Lerato and I were driving to church for a baptism, we heard a heartbreaking report on the radio about the tragic loss of a young girl the night before. We could not have known then how close to home that sorrow would be.

Arriving at church, we were met by Bishop Daniel Abot, who shared the devastating news: the seven-year-old mentioned on the radio was Adior Kuer Keer. She had drowned at Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve in Chuwar on Saturday. The Kuer Akech family are our fellow parishioners in the Dinka congregation. Though Adior was young, she was known for her love, gentleness, shyness, and remarkable maturity.

Lerato and I visited the family as soon as we could. Relatives and members of the Dinka community had already gathered in support—each heart heavy with grief. In that moment, the only words that came to mind were from the *Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)* prayer: "Within your wounds, hide me. Let me never be separated from you."

My prayer is that this wound—felt so deeply by the Kuer Akech family, the Dinka community, and our parish—may find a place of healing within Christ's own wounds. Where our words and actions fall short, may Christ's infinite care and compassion sustain us. May the memory of Adior's love, shyness, kindness, and quiet strength remain among us as tokens of God's love revealed through her brief yet radiant life.

Adior will be laid to rest on 2 May 2026, with the funeral held at St Paul's Church, Ipswich. Our deepest condolences go to the Kuer Akech family. Those who wish and are able to make a financial contribution to help the family lay Adior to rest and to support her grieving family over the days ahead may do so here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/our-lovely-shy-and-caring-7yearold-girl-miss-adior>

May Adior's young soul live forever in the perpetual light of God.

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.

Caring for creation and community

'Six days do your work, but on the seventh do not work so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and so that the slave born in your household and the foreigner living among you may be refreshed' (*Exodus 23:12*).

When God created us as his image-bearers, we were given a mandate to steward the world. Sin has made us exploit the world and not care for it as we should. One of the ways in which we can be a blessing to our family and the society around us is to ensure that they have the benefit of weekly rest from their labours. But there are many other ways as well. It is no accident that the RSPCA had Christian origins, for the care of animals is also part of the human responsibility.

Question for thought: How do I express my care for the world including others?

Loving Lord, we bring before the situation in DR Congo and pray there will be an end to persecution and the instability that it brings. We pray for members in the Dioceses of Kinshasa and Kisangani as they support their communities. Help them to stand firm in their faith in you in the midst of conflict and provide practical and the pastoral care to the many who are victims of the conflict. May they know that 'The Lord is their Shepherd' who cares for them. Amen.

Pray Daily

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

The Anglican Communion

- The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
- The Diocese of Perth: †Kay Goldsworthy; Assistant Bishops – †Kate Wilmot, †David Bassett, †Hans Christiansen; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Bulimba: Paul Mitchell, Sharon Mitchell, Greg March
- Mathew Hale Public Library
- Toowoomba Anglican School, Toowoomba: Principal – Nick Johnstone; Chaplaincy team; Chair of School Council – Mac Drysdale; members of School 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)

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

Pastoral
CARE

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

Elsie Quinn
Delsie Jarvis
Mavis Reath
Kenneth Cribb
Les Faint
Glenice Bowles
Millicent Wells
Maurice Hawkins
Dorothy Collins
Terry Turnbull
Edward (Ted) Ware
Leslie Jones
Marion Ware
James Foreman
John Grice
Ramona Stevens

Rest in Peace

Adior Kuer Keer



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**

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 2026
7pm for 7:30pm start

@ Ipswich Incinerator Theatre,
15 Burley Griffins Drive, Ipswich
Tickets \$28 each including Supper

Tickets on Sale now via Parish Office—3812 0377!

Director: Alison Lees

Assistant Director: Robyn Flashman

This is Hamlet, but not as you know it! What if a feminist from the 21st century drops into Shakespeare's "Hamlet" and encourages Ophelia to control her own destiny? This interloper even challenges Shakespeare, who makes an appearance, that his female characters have more options in life than madness, suicide, or marriage!

Adult Themes
Rated PG