

Welcome

TRANSFIGURATION
15 February 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 (incl Kids Time with God)
Rev'd Mpole Masemola

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

5:30pm Compline
Rev'd Allana Wales

—St Thomas'

8:30am All Age Service
Rev'd Allana Wales

Readings

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Events for this week -

Sunday: 4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Monday: 6:30pm New Testament Study—St Paul's

Tuesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's
Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word
6:30 pm Shrove Tuesday—St Thomas'

Ash Wednesday:

7:00am Holy Communion—St Paul's
9:30am Holy Communion—St Thomas'
3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket
6:00pm Holy Communion—St Paul's

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

Friday:

7:00am Holy Communion by Extension—St Paul's
9:30am Lent Study—St Thomas' Hall

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



Contact information

Parish Office Hours:

Monday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm

Parish Office phone: (07) 3812 0377

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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

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Rev'd Allana Wales 0422 132 906

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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 (22 Feb) 1st Sunday in Lent

—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

8:30am Holy Communion (Joint Service)

(incl Kids Time with God)

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'

NO SERVICE—Joint Service at St Paul's.

Next Sunday Readings:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-21;

Matthew 4:1-11

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 22 Feb)

Sunday:

10:30am Annual General Meeting—St Paul's

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

6:00pm Beginners New Testament—St Paul's

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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

9:30am Lent Study—St Thomas' Hall

Saturday:

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

Message from Rev'd Mpole Masemola

Walking Together with Christ – from the mountain top to the wilderness.

We stand this Sunday on sacred ground, where the brilliance of Transfiguration meets the approaching wilderness of Lent. The mountaintop glows with heaven's radiance—Jesus' face shining like the sun, God's voice breaking through the cloud: *"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him."* Yet even as the light dazzles, the call is clear: we are not to build tents and stay; we are to rise, return, and follow.

Transfiguration is not an end—it is a beginning. It is the whisper of resurrection within the shadow of the cross. The same Jesus who reveals divine glory also invites us into divine humility. Lent, therefore, is not a season of gloom but of grace-filled awakening. To walk these forty days is to walk into deeper truth, where repentance blossoms into renewal, and obedience becomes joy.

As a parish, we too journey together—faith seeking understanding, community seeking communion. On Shrove Tuesday, 17 February 2026, at St Thomas' (6:00pm for 6:30pm), we gather to share pancakes before the fast.

Then on Ash Wednesday, 18 February, we mark our brows with gentled ashes: 7:00am and 6:00pm services at St Paul's; 9:30am at St Thomas'. Dust we may be, but dust beloved by God. On Sunday, 22 February, we will meet as one family for a Combined Service and AGM at St Paul's - a time for vision, thanksgiving, and service. On Saturday, 7 March, come aside for a Half-Day Retreat: "Journey Through Lent with Jesus" at St Thomas'. Morning tea provided; phone Lesley (0404 005 088) to register.

And every Friday morning, 20 February–27 March (the exception being 6 March when there will be no study), Rev'd Allana leads us through *A Cross in the Heart of God* by Dr Samuel Wells, 9:30–11:00am at St Thomas' Hall—a study of love at the centre of suffering.

Let us walk this Lenten road bathed in Transfiguration light—eyes on Christ, hearts open, spirits alive—for the glory of the mountain still warms the path through the wilderness. Wishing all a fruitful Lent.

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.

Forgiving Love of Christ

'The son said, "Father I have sinned against Heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the Father said, "Let's celebrate. This son of mine was dead and is alive again; was lost and is found"' *Luke 15:21&24*

Sometimes it's hard to forgive, especially when the offence is bad. Hence when we see ourselves for who we are, rather like the prodigal son of the parable of Jesus, finding the forgiveness of God when we turn to him is the most joyous experience possible. The son is completely restored into his family, such is the forgiveness he finds. But, you do know that there were two sons in the story. The second son relies on his own goodness to have a standing with his father. He scorns his brother rather than welcoming him. Often, we are like that, proud of our achievements and goodness. Unaware that we too are sinners in need of forgiveness.

Question for thought: Which brother am I most like?

Heavenly Father our hearts are heavy with the ongoing troubles in South Sudan. We pray for our members in the Diocese of Benitu as they serve you by caring for those who have basic needs like food, seeds and tools but also those directly affected by the conflict. We thank you for their commitment and perseverance and their deep trust in you. Amen

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/01/22/pray-daily-february-2026/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
- The Diocese of Melbourne: †Ric Thorpe; Assistant Bishops – †Genieve Blackwell, †Bradly Billings, †Paul Barker, †Kate Prowd; Clergy and People
- The Parish of New Farm: Olaf Anderson, Ian Mundy, Timothy Booth
- Riverwalk Robina ELC
- St Paul's School, Bald Hills: Principal – John O'Sullivan Williams; Chaplains – Nicki Colledge & Mark Leam; staff & students



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



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

Abigail Statham
Peter Maxwell
Stuart De Courcey
Roy Jansan
Shirley Fields
Laurie Lever
Steven Lumsden
Ev Oram



For Direct Parish Offerings
please scan the above
QR Code

February Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Bush Church Aid**

Shrove Tuesday

is being held on **Tuesday 17 February 2026**
at St Thomas' Church at 6:00pm for 6:30pm start.
St Thomas' is bringing savory pancakes
& St Paul's sweet pancakes.
(Please RSVP attendance to the Parish office
—for catering purposes)

Ash Wednesday Services

on **18 February 2026**

are being held at both churches
7:00am St Paul's;
9:30am St Thomas';
& 6:00pm St Paul's.

Everyone is Welcome!



World Day of Prayer 2026
Focus on **Nigeria**



World Day of Prayer
will be held at
**St John's Lutheran
Church, Ipswich
on Friday 6 March
2026 at 10am.**

This year's service has
been written by the
women of Nigeria on
the theme of "I will
give you rest: Come".



Basin Pocket Community Garden Open Day

- FREE Sausage Sizzle
- Children's activities
- Bring your friends, neighbours & family - All Welcome!
- Live Brass Band Performances
- Toilet on site

'Come explore our community garden and
enjoy our green space together.'

Saturday, 14 March 2026
11 am - 3 pm

82 Blackall Street, Basin Pocket

Sunday 22 February 2025

COMBINED SERVICE

followed by the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

for the Ipswich Anglican Parish
at St Paul's Church
124 Brisbane Street Ipswich
(Nomination Forms and AGM Reports
available at back of each church)

Half Day Lent Retreat



'Journey Through Lent with Jesus'

Saturday 7th March
from 9am.

at **St Thomas Church**

Morning Tea provided. No cost to attend.
Please ring Lesley on 0404 005 088 to register.

Youth Lenten Reflection Evening Come to your Cathedral!

On Friday 20 March, a Lenten Reflection Evening will be held at St. John's Cathedral, Ann Street, Brisbane, for people aged 11-17.

The event will begin in the Darnell Room
(in St. Martin's House, adjacent to St. John's Cathedral)
at **6.30pm** with dinner.

After a time of discussion and worship, the evening will finish with the beautiful choral Nocturnes service in the Cathedral at **9pm**. Parents and friends are invited to attend the Nocturnes service, and the event will end at around **10pm**.

Registration is helpful for catering purposes, but not essential.
After 5pm, free parking is available on the St. John's Cathedral site.

For more information, please email Canon Julia Van Den Bos
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or Rev'd Allana Wales allana.wales@anglicanchurchsq.org.au