

Welcome

PENTECOST 20
26 October 2025

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

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

5:30pm Choral Evensong

Rev'd Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30 am Holy Communion by Extension

Lesley Briggs

Readings

Jer 14:7-10, 19-22; Ps 65; 2 Tim 34:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:15-30

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

6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday:

3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket

6:00pm Beginner's New Testament Greek Class

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

Friday:

7:00am Holy Communion—St Paul's

12:00pm Organ Recital by Ross Windsor—St Paul's

Saturday:

8:00am St Thomas' Community Markets

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



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 (2 November) All Saints Day
—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 Simon Arok, Rev’d Elizabeth Chol,
Rev’d Rachael Adut

5:30pm Taizé Service
Rev’d Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas’

8:30 am Holy Communion by Extension

Next Sunday Readings:
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Ps 149; Esp 1:11-23;
Luke 6:20-31

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 2 Nov)

Sunday:
4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Tuesday: 10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul’s
Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

Wednesday:
10:30am Holy Communion—Bundaleer Lodge
3:00pm Little Church Garden—Basin Pocket
6:00pm Beginner's New Testament Greek Class

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

Friday:
7:00am Holy Communion—St Paul’s

Saturday:
7:30am Men’s Fellowship Breakfast—St Thomas’
9:00am Holy Family in Egypt Workshop—St Thomas’
2:00pm Organ Recital by Jacob Fowler—St Paul’s
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 Mpole Masemola

Shaping Our Prayers: Borrowing God’s Eyes

Dear Friends,
In recent weeks, I’ve found myself reflecting on the nature of prayer. A paraphrased thought from the esteemed theologian Dorothee Sölle (b. 1929, d. 2003) keeps resonating within me: To pray is to borrow God’s eyes. While this notion may seem mystical, it has profound and practical implications for our spiritual lives and interpersonal relationships.

Imagine for a moment what it would mean to perceive the world through God’s eyes. If we could see ourselves as God sees us—beloved and cherished—our self-image would shift dramatically. Rather than dwelling on our flaws or insecurities, we would embrace our inherent worthiness and love. This awareness could cultivate immense healing and growth within us.

Now, let’s extend this vision outward. What if we viewed nature through God’s eyes? Recognizing the intricate beauty and Interconnectedness of creation would inspire greater respect and stewardship of the Earth. We would begin to appreciate not only the magnificence of a sunset or the delicate balance of an ecosystem but also our role in preserving it.

Furthermore, imagining our neighbors through God’s eyes could radically alter our interactions. We might begin to see their struggles and joys with compassion, paving the way for deeper connections. Our communities could transform, fostering an environment where love and understanding flourish.

Finally, envisioning how God perceives others, especially those we struggle with, challenges us to cultivate empathy and forgiveness. In doing so, we can transcend barriers and become instruments of peace in a fragmented world.

Suggestions for Shaping Our Prayers

- 1. **Visualise Divine Perspective:** As you pray, take a moment to envision God’s eyes. Ask for the ability to see yourself and others through God’s love and grace.
- 2. **Nature or Park Walks as Meditative Practices:** While walking in nature or stalling in your nearest park, reflect on how God views the world. Use this time to connect with creation, appreciating its beauty and fragility.
- 3. **Pray for Others:** Regularly include prayers for your neighbors and community members. Pray for the insight to perceive their struggles and joys from God’s perspective.
- 4. **Seek Empathy and Forgiveness:** In challenging relationships, work on some focused prayers asking for God’s eyes to see the person’s heart. This practice might just encourage compassion and grace over resentment.

Something tells me that this and similar manners of praying comes close to how Jesus prayed. My prayer for you and me: that God may enable us to borrow the same sort of eyes each time we pray.
Yours in Christ’s service, Mpole

The New Creation

'Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone the new is here!' (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Jesus preached the coming kingdom of God. In his death, resurrection and ascension the kingdom arrived. It is not here in its fullness yet, as sin and evil still exist and even we who are new creations in him are not free from sin. But we can see the power of the new creation at work in the way in which Christians care for those around them, not least the most lowly. That is why prison ministry is so important, and we should pray and be interested in it. No-one is more vulnerable than those in gaol. It is one of the features of Mothers Union that we have a ministry to the sick and suffering. This reflects the character of the Lord Jesus himself and the work of his Spirit in our hearts.

Question for thought: How do I love my neighbour as myself?

Gracious God, we pray for our sisters in Glasgow and Galloway in Scotland as they offer support to prisoners and their families and to families affected by domestic abuse and human trafficking. May they have opportunities to share your love and care in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2025/09/25/pray-daily-october-2025/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Church in Wales
- The Diocese of Wangaratta: †Clarence Bester; Clergy and People
- The Parish of St John's Cathedral: Peter Catt, Julia Van Den Bos, Jessica Grant, Ann Solari, Gemma Dashwood, Jamee-lee Callard, Selina McMahon, John Morgan, Bruce Maughan, Mary Roberts, Alwyn Hayes, Alan Sandaver, Libbie Crossman, Linda McWilliam, Bruce Boase, Graham Dorman, Nicole Colledge, Ann McGuinness, Paul Mitchell, Stewart Perry, George Markotsis, †Bill Ray, †Doug Stevens, Eleanor Mancini, Ros Clifton, Marian Free, Ross Burnett, Greg Jenks, Gary Harch, Richard Tutin, Daniel Hobbs, Brian Hughes, Cheryl Selvage, Lauren Martin
- Anglicare SQ Mission, Research and Advocacy

ABM —Celebrating 175 Years

Wednesday 29 October 2025 marks the 175th anniversary of the formation of what became the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM). This will be an opportunity for all Australian Anglicans to acknowledge, honour and celebrate the past 175 years and lay a new foundation to propel ABM and AID into the next 175 years.

For more information visit: <https://www.abmission.org/175th-anniversary/#story>

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

Year's mind

Lillian (Rain) McGill
Betty Bedford
Shirley Horne
Myrtle Soar
Richard Lostroh
Thomas Willocks
Elmo Heck
Amy Goebel
Brian Diehm
Cecil Stewart



For Direct Parish Offerings
please scan the above
QR Code

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 Australia**

St Thomas' Community Market

15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich

Saturday 1 November 2025
8am - 12pm

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



More Information contact Lesley Briggs 0404 005 088

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



2ND SATURDAY OF MONTH
@ 7:30 A.M

NEXT EVENT - 8 NOVEMBER 2025

ST THOMAS' HALL,
17 LAWRENCE ST, NORTH IPSWICH



WORKSHOP AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

THE HOLY FAMILY IN EGYPT - THE STORIES, PLACES, MYTHS & LEGENDS



November 8th
From 9am

Contact Lesley Briggs on 0404005088 to Register
No Cost to attend

FREEDOM AND IMAGINATION



Jacob Fowler presents
The 'Stylus Phantasticus'

Organ Works by

G. Frescobaldi,
J. J. Froberger,
M. Weckmann,
and D. Buxtehude

Guest Performer
Nic Wallace



8TH OF NOVEMBER, 2PM

St. Paul's Anglican Church
124 Brisbane St. Ipswich



All Saints Day will be held on Sunday 2 November during the 8:30am Holy Communion. St Paul's Church will be remembering and reading the names of loved ones who have died. At the back of the church is a list for adding your loved ones names or alternatively, contact the Parish Office.