

Welcome

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
04 October 2026

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

Today—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

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 Afternoon Eucharist

Ven. Mpole Masemola

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion by Extension

Chris Rayment

Readings

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps 19; Philippians 3; Matthew 21:33-46.

Events for this week -

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 Bible Study: Break Open the Word

1:30pm CRI – Tivoli State School

Wednesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—Bundaleer Lodge

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:

7:30am Men's Fellowship Breakfast

4:00-5:00pm Choir Rehearsal—St Paul's



Contact information

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St Paul's Church

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St Paul's Op Shop:

Monday—Friday: 9:00am—2:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am—12:00pm

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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 11 Oct - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

St Paul's -

7:00am Holy Communion

Ven. Mpole Masemola

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

Chris Montgomery, Stephen Harrison (Anglicare)

11:30am South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Elizabeth Chol, Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Prayer & Praise

Keith Gibson

St Thomas'

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

Ven. Mpole Masemola

Next Sunday Readings:

Exodus 32:1-4; Ps 106:1-6, 20-24; Philippians 4;
Matthew 22:1-14.

Events for Next Week (from Sunday 11 Oct)

Sunday: 4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Monday: 6:30pm New Testament Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:30am Holy Communion—St Paul's

Following Service Bible Study: Break Open the Word

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 by Extension—St Paul's

9:00am AMUA Branch Meeting – St Paul's

Saturday:

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 Rev'd Mpole Masemola

Ubuntu in Our Parish: No One Does Church Alone

At the 2026 Clergy Muster, I was invited to speak about *Ubuntu*, a philosophy rooted in the cultures of Southern Africa. It is often expressed as *umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu*: "A person is a person through other people." Or, to put it in parish language: none of us is the whole Body of Christ - however many rosters we appear on.

We began with a name-card game. Everyone's name was written on a card and scattered around the room. In the first round, we searched silently for our own names. It was slow, lonely and surprisingly competitive for a gathering of clergy.

In the second round, we could talk. Rather than hunting for our own cards, we picked up the nearest one, called out the name and passed it along. Very quickly, every card found its owner. Our names came back to us in somebody else's hands.

That is not a bad picture of parish life. We can arrive at church focused on finding *our* thing: our preferred pew, music, morning tea mug or committee position. Ubuntu asks a different question: Whose name, need or gift can I help find its place?

This does not mean everyone must agree. A parish practising Ubuntu will still have different opinions about worship, priorities and the correct strength of the coffee. Healthy community is not sameness. It honours each person's dignity, makes room for quieter voices and refuses to use "community" as a polite word for control.

Ubuntu also challenges the assumption that the priest and six dependable volunteers should do everything until Jesus returns - or until the photocopier finally defeats them. The parish is not an audience receiving ministry from a few exhausted performers. We are partners, each with gifts to offer and burdens that sometimes need sharing.

Galatians 6 captures the balance: carry your own load but bear one another's burdens. Everyone carries a backpack; nobody should be left beneath a grand piano.

Ubuntu invites us to become a parish where ministry is given, received and shared. I am because we are - and church works much better when "we" means all of us.

Four questions to take home:

1. Who in our parish might be carrying a grand-piano-sized burden?
2. Where are we behaving like customers rather than partners?
3. Whose gift or voice needs more room in parish life?
4. What is one job we could share before its current holder quietly escapes?

Mpole

By supporting marriage and family life, especially through times of adversity, we tackle the most urgent needs challenging relationships and communities.

Our members are not all mothers, nor all women. Single, married, parents, grandparents, and young adults just beginning to express their social conscience.

For all 4 million members what Mothers' Union provides is a network through which they can serve Christ in their own community - through prayer, financial support and actively working at the grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs.

Vision:

Our vision is of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships.

Objectives:

- To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
- To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
- To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service
- To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- To help those whose family life has met with adversity

If you are interested in joining AMUA Ipswich Parish, please see Leanne Ferguson.

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/08/27/pray-daily-september-2026/>

The Anglican Communion

- Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- The Diocese of Ballarat: †Garry Weatherill; Assistant Bishop – †Scott Lowrey; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Grovely: Stephen Briggs, Deborah Hay, Robert Hay
- NQ Lotus Glen Correctional Centre: Jim Tsang, Clare Norris
- Canterbury College, Waterford: Principal – Daniel Walker; Chaplain – Dan Talbot; Chair of College Council – Toni Bache; members of College Council; staff & students

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



Prayers for Healing

Long Term:

Margaret Murphy
Kade Johnson
Jan Mundt
Barbara Hayward
Nicole Woodward
Tina Moore
Louise Gardner
Jackie Cornish
Kathy Chevalier
Don Rossiter
Hellen Bongomin
Jan Grieve
Rebecca Parry
Marge & Gary Seymour
June Pidgeon
Nadine Muller
Reg Bond
Lesley Briggs
Short Term:
Don Roberts
Esther
Annette Moore
Cheryl Marsh
Marj Kaye
Peter Forbes
John Dickens
Sophie Sowerby
John Rossiter

Year's Mind

Jack Mathieson
Duncan Robson
Dorothy McAdam
William Statham
Valerie Scott
Robyn Luxton
Edna Mandel
Edith Bentley
Mary Wadley
John Eastwood
Alfred Evans
Colleen Young
Ted Smith
William Mahoney



For Direct Parish Offerings please scan the QR Code

October Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Home Away from Homelessness**.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST



2ND SATURDAY OF MONTH

@ 7:30 A.M

NEXT EVENT - 10 OCTOBER 2026

ST PAUL'S HALL, 124 BRISBANE STREET IPSWICH



Women's Breakfast

Saturday 24 October 2026



*Mystery Guest
Speaker*

**St Thomas'
Church Hall**

8:30am

\$10 per person

RSVP: Lesley Briggs
0404 005 088
(for catering
purposes)

WORKSHOP - THE APOSTLES LIVES, MINISTRIES & DEATHS AFTER JESUS' ASCENSION



**SATURDAY
14 NOVEMBER
2026
9:00 am**

**REGISTER
WITH
Lesley Briggs
0404 005 088**

**St Thomas' Church,
15 Lawrence Street North Ipswich**



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St Thomas' Church

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Sunday 18 October 2026.

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