



# Welcome

22 December 2024  
to 12 January 2025

*Incorporating the Parishes  
of St Paul's Ipswich &  
St Thomas' Ipswich North*

**Anglican**  
Church  
Ipswich Anglican Community

## Contact information

### St Paul's Ipswich Parish

#### Office Hours:

Monday—Friday, 9:00am—2:00pm

#### St Paul's Op Shop:

Monday—Friday, 9:00am—2:00pm

Saturday, 9:00am—12:00pm

#### Address:

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#### Postal address:

PO Box 168, Ipswich Qld 4305

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**Website:** [www.stpaulsips.org.au](http://www.stpaulsips.org.au)

**Parish phone:** (07) 3812 0377

Priest Warden: Mal Ferguson

### St Thomas' Ipswich North Parish

#### Address:

15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich Qld 4305

#### Postal address:

PO Box 2060, North Ipswich Qld 4305

**Email:** [ipswichnorth@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:ipswichnorth@anglicanchurchsq.org.au)

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**Parish phone:** 0405 649 470

Priest Warden: Chris Raymont

## 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.*

## Today's Services—St Paul's

### 7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

### 8:30am Sung Eucharist

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

### 12:30pm South Sudanese Dinka Service

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

### 5:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

## —St Thomas'

### 8:30am Holy Communion

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

## Readings for This Sunday

Micah 5:2-5a; Song of Mary; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

## Services for this week

### 6:00pm Tuesday—St Paul's Christmas Eve Family Service

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

### 5:30pm Tuesday—St Thomas' Christmas Eve Family Service

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

### 11:30pm Tuesday—St Paul's The Christ Mass (Choral Eucharist)

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks & Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

### 8:30 am Wednesday—St Paul's Christmas Day Holy Communion with Hymns

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

### 8:30 am Wednesday—St Thomas' Christmas Day Holy Communion

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

## Clergy contact information

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks 0426 067 344

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch: 0449 564 930

(Part Time—St Paul's Mon & Tues / St Thomas' Sun & Wed)

### Please note: No Midweek Services during January.

Tuesday Morning resumes  
4 February 2025.

Wednesday Morning resumes  
12 February 2025.

Friday Morning resumes  
7 February 2025.

Sunday @ 5:30 Services finish  
22 December and resume  
26 January 2025.

**Sunday 29 December 2024:  
The Holy Family**

—St Paul's

**8:30am Holy Communion with Hymns**

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

**12:30pm South Sudanese Dinka Service**

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

—St Thomas'

**8:30am Holy Communion**

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

**Readings:**

1 Samuel 2:18-20; 26; Psalm 148;  
Col 3:12-17; Luke 1:39-45

**Sunday 05 January 2025:  
The Epiphany of the Lord Jesus**

—St Paul's

**7:00am Holy Communion**

**8:30am Holy Communion with Hymns**

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

**12:30pm South Sudanese Dinka Service**

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

—St Thomas'

**8:30am Holy Communion**

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

**Readings:**

Isa 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;  
Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12

**Sunday 12 January 2025:  
The Baptism of our Lord**

—St Paul's

**7:00am Holy Communion**

**8:30am Holy Communion with Hymns**

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

**12:30pm South Sudanese Dinka Service**

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

—St Thomas'

**8:30am Holy Communion**

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

**Readings:**

Isa 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17;  
Matt 2:1-12



## Nativity

'She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins' *Matthew 1:21*.

The name 'Jesus' is the same in Greek as the name 'Joshua' in Hebrew. The name means, 'the Lord saves'. Jesus is the Son of God himself, and his salvation is from our sin and guilt, the real enemies of the human race. It is not surprising that his Christmas advent is greeted with such joy and jubilation. Think of the wonderful hymns written to celebrate it. And our gift-giving is simply a reminder that Jesus is the greatest gift of all. Christmas can be a hard time, especially for those whose families are torn apart and for those who are alone. But what we all need to remember is that when we trust in Jesus, we are never alone, for he is with us always.

**Question for thought:** Do you enjoy Christmas? Why?

We bring before you Heavenly Father, the many peoples who have had to leave their homeland due to war or persecution and are now refugees. May they find peace and security here in Australia as they struggle to cope with speaking English, but above all may they find peace with you through Jesus. AMEN.

## Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2024/11/20/pray-daily-december-2024/>

## The Anglican Communion

- The Church of the Province of Uganda
- The Diocese of Rockhampton: †Peter Grice; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Kilcoy: Jilleen Chambers
- Anglicare SQ St Martin's Residential Aged Care – Taigum
- St John's College UQ: Warden – Rose Alwyn; Chaplain – Samuel Dow; Chair of Council – John Peden; members of College Council; staff & students

## Reflections

Micah speaks of the paradox of Bethlehem, one of the least, being the birthplace of a great one who will rule over Israel. Those who knew only the insignificance of Bethlehem but who had forgotten this prophecy would criticise Jesus for his origins. The paradox remains for us, that out of smallness can come greatness.

- We pray that our senses are open to see God's greatness even in the small and seemingly insignificant.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Text: Brother Christopher John SSF © Anglican Board of Mission, 2024

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



# Message from Rev'd Mpole Masemola

## Christmas greeting to the Ipswich Anglican Community

Christmas greetings to you, Ipswich Anglicans. As you may suspect, I have been following Advent services on line and am also clued up on all the preparations for Christmas. What a menu of celebration for the people of Ipswich! Thanks to Revd Greg and Revd Lorraine, Wardens and Councillors, and all the volunteers who make these important and special moments possible.

Christmas is a perpetual invitation to take part in the glorious dream we call the Reign of God, made real in the birth of a young and vulnerable Jesus in a world that knew little peace. Like Mary, we are encouraged to say 'yes!' to this invitation so that we too may give birth to the reality of Christ within and among us. The beauty of this invitation lies in its lack of borders. All are invited: young and old, tall and short, richer and poorer, male and female, those who love one way and those who love a different way, light skinned and dark skinned, the sick and the well, those celebrating in the sun and those celebrating in the snow, it is even an invitation to a life that says 'no!' to war and oppression, and invitation to a world where not one soul hungers nor thirsts ... all are invited.

What Lerato and I experienced on our recent visit tells us that Ipswich Anglicans are the sort of community that has said 'yes!' to this invitation to God's dream. May it be that the Christmas menu that is prepared brings joy, and furthers God's dream for humanity: peace and goodwill.

A very Happy Christmas to one and all. I convey Lerato's greetings. With the permission I know you will not withhold, allow me to pass your Christmas greetings to those on this side of the Indian Ocean.

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*We are closed for  
Christmas*

Parish Office Closed  
Tuesday 24th December 2024 to Sunday 12th January 2025

The Annex Closed  
Wednesday 17th December 2024 to Monday 27 January 2025

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*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!*

### Annual Reports for 2024

Can all reports from Parish Organisations and groups for both churches be emailed to the Parish Office by Friday 31 January 2025, so report booklets can be prepared for distribution before the AGM. Thank you!

[ipswich@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:ipswich@anglicanchurchsq.org.au)

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this Christmas**

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THROUGH THE OCCASION



## FOOD MINISTRY CHRISTMAS MEAL

Our annual sit-down meal for Food Ministry patrons and team members will be held **TODAY commencing at 4pm.**

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.



# IPSWICH ANGLICAN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

| Date        | Day             | Time                    | Activity/Location   | Contact  |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| 22 Dec      | TODAY           | 4:00pm                  | <b>Food Ministry Christmas Meal</b><br>St Paul's Hall, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich  | <b>St Paul's Parish Office</b><br>t. 3812 0377 |
| 23 Feb      | Sun             | 10:30am                 | <b>Annual General Meeting (New Ipswich Anglican Parish)</b><br>St Paul's Hall, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich                              | <b>St Paul's Parish Office</b><br>t. 3812 0377 |
| Weekly      | Sun             | 4:00pm-5:00pm           | Food Ministry<br>St Paul's Hall Laneway, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich  | St Paul's Parish Office<br>t. 3812 0377        |
| Weekly      | Tues            | Resumes<br>4 Feb        | Bible Study<br>St Paul's Conference Room, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich   | Rev'd Lorraine Lynch<br>m. 0449 564 930        |
| Weekly      | Thurs           | 6:00pm                  | Beginner's New Testament Greek class (every 2nd week)<br>St Paul's Conference Room, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich                         | Chris Montgomery<br>m. 0421 974 188            |
| Weekly      | Thurs           | Resumes<br>6 Feb        | Bible Study—Via Zoom<br>(Contact Rev'd Greg Jenks for Zoom Link)  | St Paul's Parish Office<br>t. 3812 0377        |
| Weekly      | Wed             | To be<br>advised        | Little Church Garden<br>Old St John's Church, 82 Blackall St, Basin Pocket  | St Paul's Parish Office<br>t. 3812 0377        |
| Weekly      | Sat             | 3:00pm<br>4:00pm Summer | Church Gardening Group<br>St Paul's Church, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich   | St Paul's Parish Office<br>t. 3812 0377        |
| Weekly      | Sun             | Resumes<br>2 Feb        | Sunday @ 5:30<br>St Paul's Church, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich  | St Paul's Parish Office<br>t. 3812 0377        |
| Fortnightly | Mon             | 6:30pm                  | New Testament Bible Study (every 2nd Monday)<br>St Paul's Church, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich   | Chris Montgomery<br>m. 0421 974 188            |
| Fortnightly | Wed             | Resume Feb<br>2025      | Holy Communion followed by Mature Group (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed)<br>St Thomas' Church, 15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich | St Thomas' Ipswich North<br>t. 0405 649 470    |
| Monthly     | 1st Sat/<br>qtr | In Recess               | Community Market (1st Sat/mth)<br>St Thomas' Garden, 15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich  | Lesley Briggs<br>m. 0404 005 088               |
| Monthly     | 3rd Fri/<br>mth | 9:30am                  | AMUA Fellowship<br>St Paul's Church, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich  | St Paul's Parish Office<br>t. 3812 0377        |
| Monthly     | 3rd Sat/<br>mth | 8:00am                  | Little Church Garden (Working Bee)<br>Old St John's Church, 82 Blackall St, Basin Pocket  | St Paul's Parish Office<br>t. 3812 0377        |
| Monthly     | 1st Sun/<br>mth | 8:30am                  | Anointing of the Sick (straight after Communion)<br>St Paul's Church & St Thomas' Church  | St Paul's Parish Office<br>t. 3812 0377        |

## Prayers for healing

Austin Quilliam  
Lyn & Lenny Johnston  
Daniella Jansen  
Darren Parry  
Dawn Pearce  
Debbie Slipper  
Del Jackson  
Eleanor Jones  
Gaile Rankine  
Gillian King  
Glenda Faint  
Harry Nielsen  
Henry Jansen  
Iris Omeara  
Jan Grieve  
Janice Cracknell  
Jayne Ware  
Jeannette Ridder  
Julia Hall  
June Woodward  
Karen McLucas; Lucy Caldwell  
Margaret Simmons  
Michael Byrne; Neil Gibson  
Pat Faint; Trish Carthers  
Desley Silman; Jessica Rider  
Alice Atkinson; Marion Corry  
Hilary Barrett

## Year's mind

Norman Whyte  
Eveline Procter  
Pamela (Ella) Brown  
Grahame Briggs  
Ashley Fenton  
Joan Shkardoon  
Sydney Gibbs  
Sybil Morgan  
Ada Ryan  
Ken Fraser  
Jean Rex  
George Chant  
Marjory Slocombe  
Cyril Suthers  
Kay Guymer  
Ernest Lock  
Hilda Stidston  
Ernest Weatherhog  
Cyril Bellingham  
Gladys Stephens  
Thelma Mezger  
Shirley Barnes  
Denise Hartwell  
George Moody  
George Bell  
Emily Taylor  
Lorna Edwards



# St Paul's

22 December 2024—12 January 2025

*An Inclusive Anglican Presence in the Heart of the Ipswich Community.*

## Christmas for Children



**St Paul's Anglican Church • Ipswich**  
**Tuesday, 24 December @ 6.00pm**

Celebrate the holy magic of Christmas Eve at St Paul's Church Ipswich as we set up the Christmas crib for the Midnight Service.

Children are encouraged to come in costume as shepherds, wise people, stars, angels, sheep, Mary and Joseph as we tell the Christmas story and sing lots of familiar carols.

In preparation for the 2025 Op Shop reopening, there will be an Op Shop Cleaning Day on **Friday 10 January**. If you are available to give some time to help, it would be appreciated.



**Christmas Bowl**

Please use this link to make your gift to the **2024 Christmas Bowl** appeal and have it count as part of our total parish giving this year. We already have more than \$600 given through St Paul's Church, so let's take this total to a whole new level this year.

<https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/46794>

You can also simply scan this QR code with your phone to make a digital payment direct from your device.



## PARISH PRAYER

Renew in us, O God, the zeal of Your love.  
Let our parish come alive with the power of Your Spirit.

Where we have failed, forgive us;  
where we have persevered, encourage us;  
where we are in doubt, direct us.

Help us to see new opportunities of witness and service,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen**



**Containers for Change:** You can lodge your containers at the office building or continue lodgment of your own recyclables quoting St Paul's ID **C10219498** at any recycling centre and this payment will go directly to the St Paul's account.

## Important Diary Notes & Notices continued

The Parish is in the process of conducting a Key Audit. **All Key Holders need to contact the Parish Office on 3812 0377 with their key inscriptions for an update of the register.** Thank you for your co-operation.



### Celebrate Advent and Christmas at St Paul's Church, Ipswich



#### **NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

Sunday, 22 December @ 5.30pm



#### **FAMILY SERVICE**

Christmas Eve @ 6.00pm

#### **MIDNIGHT SERVICE**

Christmas Eve @ 11.30pm

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Wednesday, 25 December @ 8.30am



#### **CHRISTMAS @ HOME**

Visit our **faith@HOME** page for ideas for celebrating Advent and Christmas within your home.



#### **CHRISTMAS BOWL**

Make a difference in someone's life with your gift to the annual Christmas Bowl Appeal.

[www.stpaulsips.org.au/christmas-worship](http://www.stpaulsips.org.au/christmas-worship)

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