

Welcome

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
19 January 2025

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

Anglican
Church
Ipswich Anglican Community

Contact information

Parish Office Hours:

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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

Rev'd Cannon Dr Greg Jenks 0426 067 344

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch: 0449 564 930

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

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.

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—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

8:30am Holy Communion with Hymns

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

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 Canon Dr Greg Jenks

Readings

Isa 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; Jn. 2:1-11

Events for this week

Sunday

10:15am Music Committee Meeting (St Paul's Church)

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

Tuesday

7:00pm Joint Wardens Meeting

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 resume 2 February 2025.

Next Week in the Parish

Sunday — 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

8:30am Holy Communion (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

4:00pm Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

Next Sunday Readings:

Neh 8:1-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor. 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

Events for Next Week

Tuesday

7:00pm Joint Parish Council Meeting

Thursday:

6:00pm Beginner's New Testament Greek Class—
St Paul's Church

(If you are interested in joining the Greek Class,
please contact the Parish Office).

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 23 February 2025

Annual General Meeting
for the new Ipswich Anglican Parish
(St Paul's & St Thomas)
at St Paul's Hall,
124 Brisbane Street Ipswich

Message from Canon Greg Jenks

2025 | A Year of Hope

Welcome to worship this week as we continue our journey through the Sundays of Epiphany, that season between Christmas and Lent when we are invited to be vigilant for those epiphany moments in our everyday lives when we catch a glimpse of God at work among us. For the Ipswich Anglican community, there will be many epiphany moments as we begin our new adventure together as a united parish once more.

This is the latest chapter in the long story of Anglican ministry here in the heart of Ipswich. The present St Paul's Church was begun in 1859, but actually replaced an earlier temporary church built in 1850. However, the first resident priest arrived in Ipswich in 1849, following a land grant from the NSW Government in 1848.

At each stage we have been people of hope.

Later this year we shall commission our new Parish Priest, the Revd Mpole Samuel Masemola. Another epiphany moment. Another moment of hope.

The Diocese has also chosen Hope as its theme for this year and across the national Anglican Church we are preparing for a Season of Hope during the 50 days of Easter this year. The HOPE2025 project involves each and every parish doing at least one new thing to express the good news of Jesus in a fresh way. For the parish of Ipswich, one special project this year will be to develop our digital ministry with the several hundred people who watch the livestream of our Sunday services. This project will be led by Fionn Grieg who is now on placement in the parish as a candidate for ordination. Fionn has agreed to make this her major supervised field education project during her time with us.

We are people of faith. We are people of love. We are people of hope.

Greg Jenks

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!

Email to ipswich@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Diversity

'Now to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good'
1 Corinthians 12:7.

One of the great blessings of the Mothers Union is the way in which it unites such diverse women from all around the world. This is a product of the gospel of Jesus. We are all one in him. But it is significant also that when Christians gather, we discover that we have different gifts from the Holy Spirit. These gifts are not in opposition to each other. Some are more obvious than others. Just as a body has many different elements, so the Christian family is one but many. The key to using this diversity is love. We bring our gifts to the Lord and seek to use them as they are needed to bless, to encourage, to build up our brothers and sisters. We must not use our gifts to flatter ourselves or triumph over others. When we are tempted to misuse our gifts, we ought to return to 1 Corinthians 13 and be reminded once more of love.

Question for thought: How can I best use my gifts in the service of the Lord?

Gracious Lord, we pray for the Mothers Union in Egypt, with many members who are refugees from South Sudan and Sudan. May the groups in Cairo and Maadi be strengthened by the prayer and fellowship they share. Help them to encourage others to have faith in you. We also pray for members in the Bathurst Diocese and for Lorraine Mitchell the Diocesan President, as they encourage Christian family life in their churches. Amen.

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2024/12/18/pray-daily-january-2025/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- The Diocese of North West Australia: †Darrell Parker; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Redcliffe: Danni Clark, Philip Stewart, Chris Whittall
- Oratory of the Good Shepherd, Society of the Sacred Advent, Society of St Francis
- Toowoomba Anglican School, Toowoomba: A/g Principal – Trina Faint; Chaplaincy team; Chair of School Council - Mac Drysdale; members of School Council; staff & students

ABM Reflections

Isaiah gives hope as he prophesies the restoration and vindication of God's people and that they shall again be beautiful and restored to God's intimate presence. In the gospel we hear of a different transformation. It's a sign which reveals God's glory as water is turned into the wine of gladness.

- May our eyes be open to the signs of God's glory in the world around us, in miracles small or great.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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

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
Hilary Barrett
Kade Johnson
Jan Mundt
Barbara Hayward
Heather James
Coralie Dart
Ollie King
Jane Prasser
Angela Lawrence
Gerard Flannery
Nicole Woodward
Barry Blake
Jackie Cornish
Kathy Chevalier
Cheryl Marsh

Year's mind

Mildred (Maisie) Roots
Henry (Roy) Hill
Arthur Ryan
Beryl Renton
Ernest Herron
Damien Pollock
Paul Fields
Doreen Zinn
Leonie Van Dyken Schabe
Mavis Collins
Prisca Barrow-Dowling
Elwyn Lilley
Kevin Little

January Mission Giving: Our giving to mission work outside the Parish via the Planned Giving envelopes will go to help support the work of **Hummingbird House Hospice for Children.**

Back to School

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

2nd February 2025
 St Thomas' Church @ 8:30am
 St Paul's Church @ 5:30pm



CAUTION PEDESTRIANS

Please be aware of potential risks associated with carparks.



Pedestrian Guidelines

- Stay aware of your surroundings and watch for cars.
- Wait in a safe area, if waiting for a lift.
- Avoid conversations in car parks.
- Refrain from looking at or listening to devices while walking stay alert to your environment.
- Anticipate that drivers may not see you; be prepared to wait a few extra seconds before proceeding.

Driver Guidelines

- Focus on your surroundings and drive slowly in car parks; don't rush.
- Be aware of areas outside your direct line of sight, such as spaces between parked cars and behind trees and walls.
- Always check behind your car before and after starting your journey.
- Observe pedestrian walkways and other zones marked in the car park.

THREE OPTIONS FOR BIBLE STUDY

The Bible is an incredible source of wisdom and encouragement for us in our lives as disciples of Jesus. From the beginning of February we are offering a number of opportunities for Bible Study in more depth within the parish.



MONDAY EVENING: THE GOSPEL OF MARK (Commences 3 February)

Meeting on alternate Monday evening at 6:30pm. Read the NT together in English with insights from the Greek text. Facilitator: Chris Montgomery. For those wishing to study NT Greek, there is an option of another class on Wednesday evenings during the first half of the year.

TUESDAY MORNING: BREAK OPEN THE WORD (Commences 4 February)

Each week after the Tuesday morning Eucharist, you are welcome to join us in the Old Rectory for an in-person Bible study session. Facilitator: Canon Greg Jenks

THURSDAY EVENING: THE TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY (Commences 6 February)

Join us by Zoom each Thursday at 7.00pm as we explore the readings for the coming Sunday. This online study groups is especially designed for Liturgical Assistants and Readers rostered for the following Sunday service, but it is open to anyone from the parish and everyone is most welcome to participate. Facilitator: Canon Greg Jenks. Please note that the Revd Mpole Masemola will lead these sessions during Lent (6 March onwards), so this is an excellent way for people to meet the new Parish Priest. The Zoom link for this group is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88628550585?pwd=q3zrpJ6KWmCTaXjEHGw08EyhzbqUdY,1> (Meeting ID: 886 2855 0585 and Passcode: 992107)

LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS, INTERCESSORS AND READERS ROSTER FOR ST PAUL'S CHURCH

The next roster for the 8:30am service commences on 9th February 2025. If you feel called to be an intercessor or reader please contact me. For intercessors your prayers will become our prayers and having a diversity of intercessors means that there are things that we as a church can take to God that otherwise would not have happened. Readers also have a special place in our worship. The roster will be compiled after Sunday 26 January and is expected to run through to March. For the roster I need to know your availability throughout the year. All liturgical assistants and members of the Ipswich Anglican Community are welcome to share in these parts of our worship. Des Hunt—dvhunt@bigpond.com