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## WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN PARISH OF IPSWICH



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### PEW SHEET

**The Baptism of our Lord  
8th January, 2017**

### An Acknowledgement of Country

As we gather in this Parish Church, we acknowledge the Yuggera people, the traditional custodians of this land, and their elders past and present.

We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.

### TODAY'S SERVICE

**8.30 am** St Paul's ~ **Holy Communion**  
Presiding ~ Rev'd Steve McMahon

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**12.00 noon** St Paul's ~ **Sudanese Service**

Hymns: 447 Lord, your almighty word  
615 Almighty God, lift up our eyes  
194 O love how deep, how broad, how high!  
448 Blest are the pure in heart  
590 What a friend we have in Jesus

### REFLECTION: Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17

In the Gospel reading we are given an opportunity to celebrate the baptism of Christ the Messiah. He was baptized by John in the River Jordan to show us that Jesus appreciated his humanity – the essence of incarnation. This points to us that God chooses to use the ordinary to perform the extraordinary. The most important thing is to yield to the will of God for his grace to flow. John wanted to refuse to baptize Jesus because he (John) thought he was not qualified to do so from his human standpoint but when he submitted to the will of God, he did this ministry of baptizing Jesus and the River Jordan, the ordinary river. Many times we feel we are not worthy of doing a given assignment in the Church because we are entangled by our past. God is calling us to surrender our limitations and our imperfections to him and invite him to use us as he will. The baptism of Jesus also should remind us to renew our baptismal vows as we renew our faith. (ABM Pew Reflections 2017)

### Next Sunday: 15th January ~ The Second Sunday after Epiphany

8.30 am St Paul's ~ Holy Communion  
12.00 noon St Paul's ~ Sudanese Service

**Readings:** Isa. 49:1-7; Ps. 40:1-14; 1 Cor. 1:1-9; Jn. 1:29-42

Please stay for morning tea served on the verandah after the service

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## SERVICES THIS WEEK

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### Tuesday to Friday

9.00 am Lady Chapel Morning Prayer  
3.00 pm Lady Chapel Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, 11th January

10.00 am St Paul's Holy Communion

### Friday, 13th January

7.00 am St Paul's Holy Communion

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### 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**

### Mission Prayer

God of Mission,

who alone brings growth to our church,

send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,

wisdom to our actions and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

in spiritual commitment to you,

and in service to our local community,

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### TODAY

#### Choir Practice

In recess, to resume in February.

### Tuesday

10th January

#### Bible Study

1.15 pm - St Paul's Support Centre - In recess.

4.00 pm - St Paul's Conference Room

In recess, to resume Tuesday 24th January.

#### Bible Study

7.00 pm - 6 Cummins Road, Thagoona - In recess.

### Wednesday

11th January

#### Music Box

In recess until Wednesday 8th February.

#### Bell Ringing Practice

In recess, to resume on Wednesday 22nd February.

#### Bible Study

7.00 pm - 3 Murrumba Court, Flinders View - In recess.

### Friday

13th January

#### Bible Study

10.00 am - In recess, to resume Friday 27th January.

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Children's activity sheets are available from the black drawers  
in the 'crèche' area of the Church.

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**Priest-in-Charge:** The Rev Steve McMahon Phone: 3812 0377

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 Mrs Ann Wrigley  
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 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

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