

Confirmation

On May 14th Bishop Cam will be visiting the parish and will be taking the regular 8:30 service. This is, therefore, an appropriate time to offer the sacrament of confirmation which +Cam will administer during the service.

Confirmation is a sacrament of Christian maturity when the candidate makes a formal declaration of their belief that was (normally) made on their behalf when they were baptised. As such, the normal minimum age in the Diocese is 15 years. For those who are younger, but who still wish to partake more fully in the life and worship of the church, an admission to Holy Communion is offered which has, as its roots, the sacrament of Christian Baptism.

For both of these key moments in the life of the individual Christian, a short period of preparation is offered. I envisage that this would start just after Mothering Sunday (26th March). If you know of anyone for whom either of these would be seen as a natural "next step" on the faith journey, please see Fr. Steve to discuss it further.

In addition, those who are communicant members of other Christian Churches who wish to be in full communion with the Anglican Church can, at the service on 14th May be admitted into such communion (I was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and was admitted into the Anglican church in 1990). Again, please see Fr. Steve if you would like any further information on this.

Please pray for all of those who are discerning whether or not any of the above three steps on the journey are right for them.

Fr. Steve

Pastoral Visiting

Would you or someone you know like a pastoral visit from one of our clergy members. They are itching at the door to get out and have a chat with you. If so, contact Shireen or Joy at the office on 3812 0377, or have a chat with one of our clergy after the service.

Religious Instruction

"Religious Instruction is a Qld treasure. It gives parents the freedom to choose for their children to learn about the teachings of Christianity in a fun, supportive environment. Are your children enrolled in RI? Don't forget to pray for the RI Instructors in your church. Could you support the work financially** or become a Religious Instructor or Assistant? Talk Fr Steve, Jane Zinn or Ipswich Region CRI Coordinator Suzie Overell 0412 875 412.

ParishDirect via ANFIN - Offering by Direct Debit

Forms are available at the entrance to the church for those who would like to make their offering by direct debit. For assistance with completing the form, please email askus@anfin.com.au or phone 3838 7755. When completed and signed, the forms are to be forwarded to ANFIN Reply Paid 421, Brisbane Qld 4001.

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN PARISH OF IPSWICH



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PEW SHEET The Second Sunday in Lent 12th March, 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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Kids Time with God

10.30 am St Paul's ~ Baptism Service
12.00 noon St Paul's ~ Sudanese Service

Hymns: 351 Lift high the cross
213 Father whose everlasting love
155 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
201 King of glory, King of peace
147 To God be the glory

REFLECTION: Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

In the gospel of John we are reminded of the power of being born again, to be born of water and Spirit (v. 5). Nicodemus sought Jesus in order to understand the things of God. Attention was given to him and his questions were answered. God is calling us to subdue the flesh and our humanity to the will of God. The flesh competes while the Spirit complements! Jesus has time for you at all times and in all places. In verse 16, we are told of the unconditional love of which God is inviting you and me to partake.

Pray that we may spend enough time with Jesus as we seek answers to the many questions that we have on a daily basis. That we may grasp how high and deep and how wide and long the love of Christ is (Ephesians 3.18) (ABM Pew Reflections)

Next Sunday: 19th March ~ The Third Sunday in Lent

8:30 am St Paul's ~ Holy Communion
12:00 Noon St Paul's ~ Sudanese Service

Readings: Exod, 17:1-7; Ps. 95; Rom. 5:1-11; Jn. 4:5-42

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday to Friday

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

Wednesday, 15th March

10.00 am St Paul's Holy Communion

Friday, 17th March

7.00 am St Paul's Holy Communion

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,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mothers' Union

I have already spoken to some of you about what we are hoping to do in Mothers' Union. But for those who don't know, we're hoping to make it more accessible and useful, by holding additional meetings in an evening; possibly alternating early evenings with children invited and later evening meetings. We also hope to extend the range of activities to family friendly events and examining social issues that impact on the family.

What I'd really like is for those of you who are interested to give your names and availability to Juneau or myself, so we can choose an evening which can be attended by the greatest number of people. As to who can join, membership is limited only to those who agree with the five objects. These are: -

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

If you look carefully, it says nothing about age or gender, denomination, sexuality or marital status. The main focus is to support Christian family life, whatever shape that family comes in.

When we have a start date, I will let you know, and invite everyone to an information meeting.

Thank you,
Wendy McMahon

NOTICES

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Verna Hunt and her catering team for the refreshments provided prior to Choral Evensong last Sunday. It was appreciated very much.

Kids Time With God

Kids Time With God has restarted for 2017. We have begun using the "Living Stones" program. We now have three groups catering for children of different ages and abilities: Pebbles, Rocks and Boulders. The older children are now involved in bible readings and discussion. Three groups means we need more helpers and we have two positions vacant on the 12th and 19th of March. If you would like to help, please contact Annette Isager on 3496 1177 or 0437 722 225 or ajisag@optusnet.com.au. Thank you to everyone who has helped so far.

We also have some lovely calico bags we would like to fill with soft, quiet toys for the creche area of the church. If you have soft toys, cloth books or anything suitable please give them to Annette, Rev'd. Shelley or Fr Steve.

Lost property

A precious stone from a ring was found in St Paul's car park recently. It may have been lying there for years or just lost a few weeks ago.

Enquiries: Parish Office 3812 0377.

Morning Tea Roster

We are urgently in need of volunteers to set up for morning tea after the 8.30am service on Sundays. This entails setting up and then clearing up afterwards. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office. You can be on the roster once a month/fortnight or as often as you can. Biscuits, tea, coffee and cordial are provided by the parish.

Pastoral Care

If you are aware that someone sitting near you hasn't been in church for a while or you know someone who is unwell, in hospital, has been in hospital or even a bit 'down' at the moment, please let me know or leave a message at the office and I will follow them up. Rev'd. Shelley 3201 29

TODAY

Choir Rehearsal

10.30 am in the hall due to the baptism service.

The choir is preparing for the upcoming Easter services. As some choristers will be away your help would be appreciated. If you are available please contact Helen Colledge 0417 407 955 for details, it would be wonderful to have some Easter music.

Tuesday

14th March

Bible Study

4.00 pm - St. Paul's Conference Room

Contact Rev'd. Shelley.

Wednesday

15th March

Music Box

9.30 am - 11.00 am in St. Paul's Hall.

Bell Ringing Practice

St Paul's Church, 3.15 pm - 5.00 pm. For more information, phone June Suthers 3201 6162.

Friday

17th March

Bible Study

9:30 am St Paul's Conference Room

Contact Rev'd. Shelley 0419 656 037.

Today's Baptisms

Kace Jones

Jordan Jeffers

Karen-Anne Parlett

Harrison Perkins

Please uphold the following people in your prayers for healing:

Sue Voogt

Arthur Harris

Matilda Aagten

Barbara Dunton

Caroline Johnston

Lyn Johnston

Daniella Jansen

Henry Jansen

Karen McLucas

Dawn Pearce

Neil Gibson

Julia Hall

Audrey Steele

Carolyn Burt

Mary Young

Jackie Retschlag

Gaile Rankine

Jim Schabe

Joan Ploetz

Iris Omeara

Nigel Kemp

Eleanor Jones

Isabel Larcombe

Douglas Cameron Irene Eastwood

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

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev Steve McMahon Mob: 0415 771 345

Honorary Assistant Clergy:

Priests: The Rev Dianne Leitch Phone: 3282 3121
 The Rev Dr Donald Stewart A.M. Phone: 3813 0320
 The Rev John Chol Daniel Majok Mob: 0469 070 049
 The Rev Simon Goch Arok Mob: 0470 304 869
 The Rev Elizabeth Adol Chol Mob: 0469 372 890

Assistant Curate: The Rev Chris Bate Mob: 0429 112 127

Deacons: The Rev Michele Knight Mob: 0419 656 037
 The Rev Peter Mayen Mob: 0469 628 997

Lay Hospital Chaplains: Mrs Sue Buchanan
 Mrs Ann Wrigley
 Miss Jayne Ware

Honorary Principal Organist: Mr Ross Windsor Mob: 0412 009 916

Choir Director: Mrs Helen Colledge Mob: 0417 407 955

Parish Secretary: Mrs Shireen Kuhn Phone: 3812 0377
 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Admin. Officer: Mrs Joy Sampson Phone: 3812 0377
 (Thursday, Friday)

Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 9.00 am to 2.00 pm

E-mail: admin@stpaulsips.org.au Fax: 3281 6098
Website: www.stpaulsips.org.au

St Paul's Variety Market Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 2.00 pm
 Saturday 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

St Paul's Support Centre (Tuesday 9.30am - 3.00pm) Phone: 3812 9266

PEW SHEET DEADLINE Wednesday 2pm, at the parish office.

DATE CLAIMERS

Celebration of Music Concert ~ Saturday 18th March at 5pm

The concert will be held at All Saints Church, 144 Brisbane Road, , Booval. The programme features instrumentalists, vocal items by choirs and individuals and a dance. Refreshments will follow after the concert.

Cost is \$10 adults and \$5 children. The proceeds to be shared between SU Chaplaincy in schools and All Saints' Parish. All are welcome and please invite your friends to come along as well.

Mothers' Union - Diary Dates

19th March
 MU Project, Africa.

26th March
 Mothering Sunday

Thursday 30th March at 2.00pm - CPR Course

St Paul's Variety Market are offering a CPR course as a requirement of Work Place Health and Safety. All volunteers are invited to take part if they wish as it is not compulsory. The course will be held on Thursday 30th March at 2.00pm and will take approximately 1 hour. Please add your name to the list in the shop if you are interested.

Quilt and Craft Display 3rd May to 7th May 2017

Our annual Quilt and Craft show is coming up and we need your help in providing a wide variety of items to sell on our daily stall. Examples might be plants, crochet, knitting, cushions, scarves, floor rugs, handkerchiefs, coat hangers, dolls clothing, jams, pickles, cakes, lollies, woodwork, metalwork, collections, unusual craft and anything that you think our customers who have a wide range of interests might buy. Our theme this year is "Australiana" and if you have items to display or suggestions they would be very welcome. Please call me if you would like more information. Verna Hunt, Convenor, St Pauls Quilt and Craft Display. Ph:0409 062 485.

Years Mind

Keith Hall

George Roots

Phyllis Stuve

Dulcie Wells