

## CONFIRMATION

On May 14<sup>th</sup> 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 (26<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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 to 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](mailto: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 Third Sunday in Lent 19th 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**

12.00 noon St Paul's ~ Sudanese Service  
4.00 pm St Paul's ~ Sacred Space

Hymns: 569 Guide me O thou great redeemer  
447 Lord, your almighty word  
339 O sacred head sore wounded  
580 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
433 Christ is our cornerstone

**REFLECTION:** Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

In the gospel reading, the discourse between the Samaritan woman and Jesus shows us how the division between the Jews and the Samaritans was terminated (in v. 9b we read that the Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans). After the discussions and when the Samaritan woman discovered her definition from Jesus' standpoint, she turned an Evangelist and she went to her home city and invited all to 'come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' (v. 29). We are being called to tell about Jesus and invite people in our places of work, in our homes and in the market to come and see the Messiah.

*Give thanks for the work and witness of all those whose lives point others towards Jesus.*

*(ABM Pew Reflections 2017)*

**Next Sunday: 26th March ~ The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

8.30 am St Paul's ~ Holy Communion  
12:00 noon St Paul's ~ Sudanese Service

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

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

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## SERVICES THIS WEEK

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### Monday to Friday

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

### Tuesday, 21st March

9.00 am St Mary's Holy Communion

### Wednesday, 22nd March

10.00 am St Paul's Holy Communion

### Thursday, 23rd March

9.30 am St Paul's Mothers' Union Service

### Friday, 24th March

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,

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

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### 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

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### Years Mind

Mary Fitzgibbon  
Hilda Sigston

Ethel Thompson  
John Reath  
Lyla Thomson

Christina Joseph  
Colin Roberts

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## NOTICES

### 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 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](mailto: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.

### Lenten Study Books - Spare copies

Spare copies of the Lenten study book, "Being Disciples" by Rowan Williams, are still available. If you would like a copy for your private studies, please ask Rev'd. Shelley or Rev'd. Chris for a book. The cost is \$11.50.

### 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 0419 656 037

### 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.

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## TODAY

### Choir Rehearsal

**10.30 am . St Paul's Church**

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

21st March

### Bible Study

4.00 pm - St. Paul's Conference Room  
Contact Rev'd. Shelley.

### Parish Council

St Paul's Conference Room 7.00 pm.

### Wednesday

22nd 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.

### Thursday

23rd March

### Mothers' Union

St Paul's 9.30 am. Phone Juneau Limpus 3389 6925 for more information.

### Bible Study

7.00 pm - 3 Murrumba Court, Flinders View  
Contact Des Hunt 0419 775 918

### Friday

24th March

### Bible Study

9.30 am St Paul's Conference Room  
Contact Rev'd. Shelley 0419 656 037.

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*Please uphold the following people in your prayers for healing:*

Sue Voogt	Arthur Harris	Matilda Aagten	Irene Eastwood
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
Ben Wilson	Pat Krause	Douglas Cameron	

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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 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

### Mothers' Union - 26th March 2017.

**Mothering Sunday** - Retiring collection for MU Project, Africa.

### 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.

### Servers' and Liturgical Assistants' Workshop - Saturday, 1st April

From time to time it's good for all those who operate in the sanctuary to get together to ensure that we are all assisting in worship in the same way. This is particularly appropriate for the special services during Holy Week which are a change to the norm. So, I invite all those who are servers or L.A.'s **or who are interested in joining our serving team**, to come along to a "workshop" on **Saturday 1st April at 2pm** in church. It will also be an opportunity for us all to find out why we do the things we do when serving Our Lord and The Church in this particular vocation.

Fr. Steve

### Quilt and Craft Display 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### "Proms at St Paul's"

Rehearsal schedule for the upcoming Ipswich Festival concert.

1.4.17	Saturday	at	3.00 pm
12.4.17	Wednesday	at	7.00 pm
22.4.17	Saturday	at	3.00 pm
6.5.17	Saturday	at	2.00 pm till 5.00 pm at West Moreton Anglican College
12.5.17	Friday	at	Afternoon rehearsal concert at night

Choristers welcome, please contact Helen Colledge 0417 407 955 for registration and music for Handel's Hallelujah chorus, Vivaldi's Gloria, Parry's Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory.