
WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN PARISH OF IPSWICH



(Inc. St John's - Basin Pocket)
124 Brisbane Street, Ipswich
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PEW SHEET **The Fourth Sunday in Lent** **26th 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

Thanksgiving ~ From the Service Sheet

Kids Time with God

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

Hymns: Please see the service sheet

REFLECTION: 1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41
In the gospel reading, the disciples were convinced that either the parents or the blind man himself had sinned for him to be in that situation. Jesus corrects this philosophy by affirming that the blind man would manifest the works of God (v. 3). We are cautioned by Jesus not to wish people away but allow God to use them as he wills. In Luke 4.18 Jesus declares: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; [and] to set free the oppressed." God uses our limitations and challenges to create a better world that will honour and glorify him at all times and in all places. *Pray that God will give us grace to see his ministry and will in the lives of people living with disabilities. Give thanks for all the sources of spiritual refreshment in your life.* (ABM Pew Reflections 2017)

Next Sunday: 2nd April ~ The Fifth Sunday in Lent (Passiontide Begins)

8:30 am St Paul's ~ Holy Communion

12:00 noon St Paul's ~ Sudanese Service

4:00 pm St. Paul's ~ Prayers for the Parish

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130: Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

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, 29th March

10.00 am St Paul's Holy Communion

Friday, 31st 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.**

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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. 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

Years Mind

Noel Barnes
Daphne Allan
Emmie Ploetz

William Harland
Earle Williams

Ted Bowe
Harry Ploetz
Reese Cathro

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Wednesday 3rd to Sunday 7th May 2017 ~ Quilt and Craft Display

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.

Friday 12th May ~ "Proms at St. Paul's"

St Paul's Anglican Church will proudly present a "Proms" concert as its 2017 Ipswich Festival event on Friday 12 May starting at **7:30 pm**. The programme, in keeping with Proms tradition, will have a mix of classical, sacred and secular music. It will feature our historic pipe organ, string and brass orchestra and well-known choral items performed by choristers from St Paul's and other choirs including the West Moreton Anglican College Chorale, all under the direction of Mr Neil Flottmann. The concert's major work will be the much loved Vivaldi Gloria for choir, soloists and orchestra. There will also be some rousing favourites for audience participation that includes Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance and Parry's Jerusalem.

The concert will be presented in two halves with a 20 minute interval where complimentary refreshments will be served on the church's beautiful front lawn. Tickets priced at \$35 adults and \$25 concession can be purchased on-line through TryBooking.com.au or from the St Paul's Church office.

Please support this concert and invite your family, friends and neighbours to it as well so that we can again have a full house like last year's Organ Dedication concert.

NOTICES

West Moreton Anglican College Prep Open Day - Tuesday 28th March

The purpose of this morning is to give prospective families an opportunity to learn about Prep at WestMAC. The morning will commence at **8:45 am** with an information session and there will be an opportunity to ask questions, meet the teachers and visit the Prep classrooms and tour the Junior School Campus. Refreshments will be available from 10 am.

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.

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

28th March

Bible Study

4.00 pm - St. Paul's Conference Room

Contact Rev'd. Shelley.

Wednesday

29th 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.

Bible Study

7.00 pm - 3 Murrumba Court, Flinders View

Contact Des Hunt 0419 775 918

Friday

31st March

Bible Study

9.30 am St Paul's Conference Room

Contact Rev'd. Shelley 0419 656 037.

Today's retiring collection is for the MU Project Africa

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	

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

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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

<p>PEW SHEET DEADLINE Wednesday 2pm, at the parish office.</p>

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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.

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

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" next **Saturday, 1st April at 2pm** in the 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

Saturday, 1st April - Introduction to Gateball

To be held at the North Ipswich Bowls Club, Pine & Canning Streets at **8 am**. Gateball, the new croquet like game now being played in 27 countries, is faster, more fun and easy to learn. Parishioner and friends are all welcome. All you need is flat shoes, a hat and \$5.00. Sign-up sheet at church entrance. All enquiries to Ron Stokes Phone: 32018845.

Thursday 6th April - MU Information Evening

Mothers' Union would like to invite everyone to an information evening, with film, fun activities and light refreshments. To be held in St. Paul's Parish Hall at **7pm**.

"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 WestMAC
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.