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# WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN PARISH OF IPSWICH



(Inc. St John's - Basin Pocket)  
124 Brisbane Street, Ipswich  
PO Box 168, Ipswich 4305



## **The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 17th September, 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 SERVICES**

**8.30 am**

**St Paul's ~ Holy Communion**

Presiding ~ Revd. Steve McMahon

**12.00 pm**

**St Paul's ~ Sudanese Service**

**Prayers for the Parish at 4.00 pm will not be held today.**

*Hymns*

47

O God, our help in ages past

580

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

372

Jesus lives! Your terrors now

602

O love that wilt not let me go

446

Glorious things of you are spoken

**REFLECTION:** . Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14.1-14; Matt.18.21-35.

We continue to hear Jesus' instruction to the community, as he reminds Peter, as leader of the church, how often he should forgive by telling the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. 10,000 denarii was the equivalent to about 200,000 years' wages! How bountiful is our heavenly Father's mercy that he might forgive us, if we only ask. The parable serves as a powerful reminder: we must remember to forgive, as we too are forgiven.

*Pray that we might be witnesses of the good news of God's magnanimous forgiveness, and extend that grace to others.*

*Give thanks for the Anglican Communion Office, and for all the work they do on behalf of Anglicans worldwide.* (ABM Pew Reflections 2017)

**Next Sunday: 24th September ~ The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

8.30 am

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12.00 pm

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**Readings:** Exod. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil. 1; Matt. 20:1-16

Please stay for morning tea served on the veranda 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, 19th September

9.00 am St Mary's Holy Communion

### Wednesday, 20th September

10.00 am St Paul's Holy Communion

### Friday, 22nd September

7.00 am St Paul's Holy Communion

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Please uphold the following people in your prayers for healing:

Sue Voogt	Madge McLennan	Trish Carthers
Barbara Dunton	Caroline Johnston	Lyn Johnston
Daniella Jansen	Henry Jansen	Karen McLucas
Dawn Pearce	Neil Gibson	Julia Hall
Audrey Steele	Carolyn Burt	Pat Krause
Jackie Retschlag	Gaile Rankine	Jim Schabe
Joan Ploetz	Iris Omeara	Lillian Weber
Eleanor Jones	Judy Hewitt	Douglas Cameron
Lenore Richards	Richard Alridge	Bella Johnson
Paula Boegheim	Lee Schabe	Barry French



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### St Paul's Mothers' Union Prayer Circle

If anyone at any time would like a special prayer said for a family member or situation, please take advantage of your Mothers' Union intercessors and contact Juneau Limpus via the office with your prayer requests.

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### Years Mind

Frederick Hall	Trevor Jeffrey	Norman Cuffe
Errol Jones	John Dow	Robert Slocombe

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Well, for one thing, Matthew could do something that few people could do in those days: he could write. It is because of this gift that we have his Gospel record today. Without him we wouldn't have the stories of the healing of two blind men or the man who was demon-possessed and mute. Without Matthew we wouldn't have the story of the visit of the Magi or the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. And St. Peter's holding of the keys of heaven would be a mystery to us.

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## Weekly Activities

### TODAY

**10:15 am** Choir Rehearsal  
In recess, to resume on 8th October in the parish hall. Contact Helen Colledge.



### Tuesday

19th September

#### Study Groups

**1:30 pm** Support Centre  
Contact ~ Margaret Hertweck

**4:00 pm** St Paul's Conference Room  
In recess.

#### Parish Council

**7.00 pm** St Paul's Conference Room

### Wednesday

20th September

**Music Box** for young children  
In recess. Return date to be advised.



#### Bell Ringing Practice

In recess, to resume on 4th October.



### Friday

22nd September

#### Bible Study

**9:30am** Conference Room  
What is the Christian View of the world? The Beatitudes? Contact ~ Revd. Shelley Knight

#### Reminder to Mother's Union members

**Thursday 28th September, 9.30am Service followed by meeting at St Paul's.**

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## Today's Baptisms

Junhao Zhang

Luke Allen

Louis Chriscoli



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

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<u>Priest-in-Charge:</u>	The Rev Steve McMahon	<b>Please direct all enquiries to Clergy through the Parish Office</b>
<u>Assistant Curate:</u>	The Rev Chris Bate	<b>Phone: 3812 0377</b>
<u>Deacons:</u>	The Rev Michele Knight The Rev Peter Mayen	For a pastoral visit, phone 0419 656 037
<u>Parish Secretary:</u>	Mrs Shireen Kuhn (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)	Phone: 3812 0377
<u>Admin. Officer:</u>	Mrs Joy Sampson (Thursday, Friday)	Phone: 3812 0377
<u>Office Hours:</u>	Tuesday to Friday	9.00 am to 2.00 pm
<u>Email:</u>	admin@stpaulsips.org.au	Fax: 3281 6098
<u>Website:</u>	www.stpaulsips.org.au	
<u>St Paul's Variety Market</u>	Monday to Friday Saturday	9.00 am to 2.00 pm 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
<u>St Paul's Support Centre</u>	Tuesday	9.30am - 3.00pm

Yes we are on Facebook now. If you have a Facebook account search for us at St Paul's Anglican Church, Ipswich, and like our page. [www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Anglican-](http://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Anglican-)



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

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