

Welcome

26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
17 November 2024

*Incorporating the Parishes
of St Paul's Ipswich &
St Thomas' Ipswich North*

Today's Services—St Paul's

7:00am Holy Communion

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

8:30am Sung Eucharist

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

12:30pm South Sudanese Dinka Service

Rev'd Simon Arok, Rev'd Elizabeth Chol,
Rev'd Rachael Adut

5:30pm Taizé Eucharist

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

—St Thomas'

8:30am Holy Communion

Rev'd Lorraine Lynch

Readings for This Sunday

1 Sam 1:4-20; Song of Hannah; Heb 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-11

Services for this week

10:30am Tuesday Holy Communion—St Paul's Ipswich

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

7:00am Friday Holy Communion—St Paul's Ipswich

Rev'd Canon Dr Greg Jenks

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Priest Warden: Chris Raymont

Acknowledgment of Country

The Ipswich Anglican Parish Community respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners as custodians of the land and waters we share. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging, as the keepers of the traditions, customs, cultures and stories of proud peoples.

Next Sunday Services— Christ the King—The Reign of Christ

—St Paul's

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Next Sunday Readings:

2 Sam 23:1-7; Ps 132;

Rev 1:4-8; John 18:33-37

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9:30am Wednesday Holy Communion St Thomas' Ips North

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Reflections

Today's gospel was written in the context of the persecution Christians were already beginning to experience. The words are to encourage them (as well as us) in times of trial, rather than point to a timetable for God's actions in the world. Whenever we challenge injustice or speak against the powers of oppression, then the powers will fight back, but we can trust that the Holy Spirit will give us the words we need.

- Pray for Christians round the world who face persecution because of their stand for justice.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Amity Foundation, created in 1985 on the initiative of Christians in China with the late Bishop K H Ting as its founder. Its main objective has been to help develop poor areas of the country.



Opportunities for empowerment

'And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?' *Esther 4:14*

Power in the hands of the sinful people that we are, can be very dangerous. Too often it is exploited in self-service. Most of us have some power and the key to using it well is to use it in the service of others. Queen Esther had power, the power of access to the king. At the moment when her people were being persecuted, she had to decide whether to use her power or not. She saw that God had raised her up for this reason, and she put herself at some risk to save others. If we are going to become involved in the welfare of people, especially women, who are being kept in poverty and disadvantage, what should we do? Who knows whether you have not been raised up for such a time as this?

Question for thought: What can you do to foster the true empowerment of women world-wide?

We pray for the safety of women in Muyinga in Burundi as members work towards peace and reconciliation. We pray that violence in families will be broken. Give thanks for the work of the Rev'd Zan Daniels in Bendigo as she encourages prayer and action for the 16 days Against Gender-based Violence. AMEN.

Pray Daily

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2024/10/24/pray-daily-november-2024/>

The Anglican Communion

- The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- The Diocese of the Northern Territory: †Greg Anderson; Clergy and People
- The Parish of Crows Nest:
- Rainbow Town Child Care, Robina
- The Southport School, Southport: Headmaster – Andrew Hawkins; Chaplain – John Dougherty; Chair of School Council – Adam Twemlow; members of School Council; staff & students

*If you or anyone you know would like to
receive Pastoral Care please contact:
St Paul's Parish Office (3812 0377)*



Message from Canon Greg Jenks

GOING TO THE SUPPER OF THE LORD

We have several children from a number of families who have asked to be prepared for their first Holy Communion, so that they can participate fully when they come to the Altar rail with other members of their family. We hope to welcome these children to table of Jesus one Sunday before Christmas.

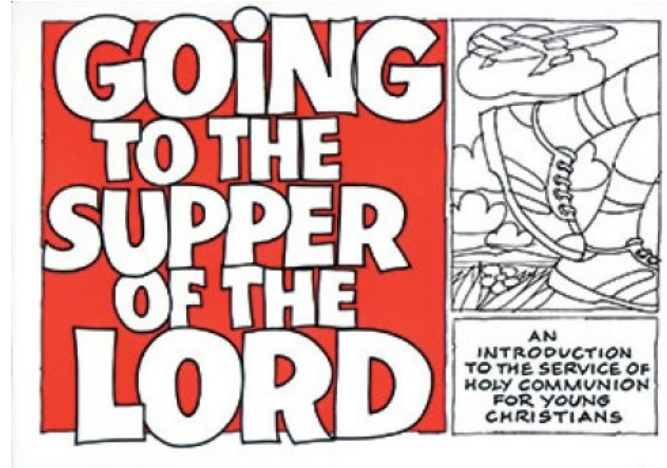
We will offer a home-based preparation program using the delightful workbook, **Going to the Super of the Lord**. I have used this book in many previous parishes and I even have a vague memory of being a member of the editorial team that first developed the Australian edition for this wonderful resource.

If you have children in your family who are ready to undertake this next step in their spiritual formation, please let me know ASAP so we can order extra copies of the books and get them started.

The workbook will be supported by a set of videos that I made for this program when we were using it at the Cathedral Grafton and at Clarence valley Anglican School for students in Years 3 and 4. The 8 videos can be found at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEmfwHXHedvGyFgDj2oPv_uM4IE17yTX7

If anyone wishes to donate the costs of these books that would be most welcome. They cost around \$12 each and we have ordered 10 copies at this stage.



To Donate to Archbishop's November Appeal, please visit

<https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/november2024/>

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY RESIGNS

You may have seen the news reports in the last few days concerning the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The official statement by Archbishop Justin Welby can be read at the link below.

Archbishop Justin has resigned due to his failure to report allegations of abuse by a prominent Evangelical clergyman in the Church of England. There is no suggestion that Justin Welby had been involved in the abuse behaviour, but rather that he had failed to act in accordance with the church's own safeguarding principles. Please continue to hold all victims of abuse in your prayers, along with the Archbishop who has now paid a heavy personal price for what he himself has described as a "shameful failure" on his part. This is also a time for us to renew our commitment to be a safe faith community for everyone, and especially children and other vulnerable persons.

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/statement-archbishop-canterbury-0>

ARCHBISHOP'S 2024 NOVEMBER APPEAL

ENHANCING PRIMARY EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES



You are invited to support the growth of St Mark's Children's Learning Centre as it provides an educational future for hundreds of local children.

This exciting new project is enabling the expansion of St Mark's Children's Learning Centre in the Episcopal Church's Diocese of Santiago in Isabela Province. Once complete, the Centre will offer classes from Nursery to Grade 7 (currently offering Nursery to Grade 2). As Diocesan Bishop Frenzel Ray Piluden said when he visited ABM late last year:

"We have asked for help from ABM AID to build a two-storey building housing eight classrooms on the site of our existing Children's Learning Centre. We plan by the end of 2028 to have all the elementary school grades, up to and including Grade 7. Each year we plan to build an additional classroom for the following year's students."

Please donate to this project if you'd like to play a part in the educational future of hundreds of young Filipino children.



PRAYER

Bless, O Lord, all who are involved with the expansion of St Mark's Children's Learning Centre in the Episcopal Church's Diocese of Santiago: the architects and builders, the diocese and the donors, the teaching staff, parents and the children.

We give you thanks for the classrooms that will be built, as well as toilets, a laboratory, and a library. We give you thanks that those who live with disabilities will find the buildings accessible.

We give thanks that the Episcopal Diocese of Santiago intends to teach the students about the Five Marks of Mission in the curriculum.

May the children find that they have increased opportunities because of what they have been taught in the learning centre.

May the teaching staff begin to receive adequate recompense for their work.

May the Campus Endowment Fund sustain the school for years to come.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Image 1: An artist's impression of the finished school building. Image 2: Progress is made.



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

All are invited to attend the Mothers Union event for the **16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence** to be held at **St Paul's on Friday 29 November 2024** commencing **9:30am** with a candle lighting service.

The service will be followed by morning tea and guest speakers from Anglicare who will tell of the various services provided locally in support of families.

Please help send the message- "No More 1 in 3"

IPSWICH ANGLICAN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

| Date | Day | Time | Activity/Location | Contact |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| 29 Nov | Fri | 9:30am | 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence St Paul's Church, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich | St Paul's Parish Office t. 3812 0377 |
| Weekly | Sun | 4:00pm-5:00pm | Food Ministry St Paul's Hall Laneway, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich | St Paul's Parish Office t. 3812 0377 |
| Weekly | Tues | 11:30am | Bible Study "Ephesians—Life Together in Christ" St Paul's Conference Room, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich | Rev'd Lorraine Lynch m. 0449 564 930 |
| Weekly | Thurs | 6:00pm | Beginner's New Testament Greek class (every 2nd week) St Paul's Conference Room, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich | Chris Montgomery m. 0421 974 188 |
| Weekly | Thurs | 7:00pm | Bible Study—Via Zoom "Pilgrim" (Contact Rev'd Shelley Knight or Parish Office for Zoom Link) | St Paul's Parish Office t. 3812 0377 |
| Weekly | Wed | Time to be advised | Little Church Garden Old St John's Church, 82 Blackall St, Basin Pocket | St Paul's Parish Office t. 3812 0377 |
| Weekly | Sat | 3:00pm 4:00pm Summer | Church Gardening Group St Paul's Church, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich | St Paul's Parish Office t. 3812 0377 |
| Weekly | Sun | 5:30pm | Sunday @ 5:30 St Paul's Church, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich | St Paul's Parish Office t. 3812 0377 |
| Fortnightly | Mon | 6:30pm | New Testament Bible Study (every 2nd Monday) St Paul's Church, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich | Chris Montgomery m. 0421 974 188 |
| Fortnightly | Wed | 9:30am | Holy Communion followed by Mature Group (2 nd & 4 th Wed) St Thomas' Church, 15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich | St Thomas' Ipswich North t. 0405 649 470 |
| Monthly | 1st Wed/ mth | 10:00am | Coffee on Wednesdays' (CoWs) (1st Wed/mth) St Paul's Church, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich | St Paul's Parish Office t. 3812 0377 |
| Monthly | 1st Sat/ mth | 8:00am | Community Market (1st Sat/mth) St Thomas' Garden, 15 Lawrence Street, North Ipswich | Lesley Briggs m. 0404 005 088 |
| Monthly | 3rd Fri/ mth | 9:30am | AMUA Fellowship St Paul's Church, 124 Brisbane Street Ipswich | St Paul's Parish Office t. 3812 0377 |
| Monthly | 3rd Sat/ mth | 8:00am | Little Church Garden (Working Bee) Old St John's Church, 82 Blackall St, Basin Pocket | St Paul's Parish Office t. 3812 0377 |
| Monthly | 1st Sun/ mth | 8:30am | Anointing of the Sick (straight after Communion) St Paul's Church & St Thomas' Church | St Paul's Parish Office t. 3812 0377 |

Prayers for healing

Austin Quilliam
Lyn & Lenny Johnston
Daniella Jansen
Darren Parry
Dawn Pearce
Debbie Slipper
Del Jackson
Eleanor Jones
Gaile Rankine
Gillian King
Glenda Faint
Harry Nielsen
Henry Jansen
Iris Omeara
Jan Grieve
Janice Cracknell
Jayne Ware
Jeannette Ridder
Julia Hall
June Woodward
Karen McLucas
Lucy Caldwell
Margaret Simmons
Michael Byrne
Neil Gibson
Pat Faint
Trish Carthers
Desley Silman
Jessica Rider
Alice Atkinson
Marion Corry
Hilary Barrett

Year's mind

Edna Carr
La Bella Rofe
John Treadwell
Pam Heit
Violet Rodgers
Florence Rock
Edith Lilley



St Paul's

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An Inclusive Anglican Presence in the Heart of the Ipswich Community.

Hymns & Music

Introit: **Hymn 92** Sing to God with joy and gladness

Offertory: **Hymn 659** My Shepherd

Mission: **Hymn 687** God gives us a future



LITTLE CHURCH GARDEN UPDATE

The Little Church Garden has been progressing well. We have had more plumbing work done, the stair railings and bannisters have been built and are being painted. The front railings have been painted too. Many thanks for the generous help of Lazar Lubin, Builder and Andrew Zischke, Dentist.

We have a photo opportunity by the front gate by a fairy garden. Come visit and pop your head into a sunflower.

Many seedlings were donated recently and they were gratefully received. We have regular donations of materials for our compost bins and worm farms. Thanks also to the people who donated stepping stone. Sadly, the mulberry tree was damaged in a storm and has been very much reduced.

John has been concreting an edge to his garden beds. Some pumpkins (crossed with triflids) are doing particularly well. Some seedlings have bolted to seed since the stormy season started. The food forest is doing well. Most of its plants are trees and perennials.

At the garden our work is fairly constant but with an expanding membership we manage and have fun too. We have 23 wooden pallets in surplus to our needs if anyone would like some. If anyone can give us stable manure it would be welcome in the garden and compost. If need be it could be picked up.

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**



Containers for Change: You can lodge your containers at the office building or continue lodgment of your own recyclables quoting St Paul's ID **C10219498** at any recycling centre and this payment will go directly to the St Paul's account.

MINISTRY WITH FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Over the past several months, a working group established by Parish Council has been reviewing the way we respond to Baptism requests as a first stage in a wider review of our ministry with families, children and youth. These include:

- Updated information on the website
- Information kit for Baptism families (able to be downloaded from the Baptism page)
- Direct personal contact by either Lorraine or Greg
- Interviews with the family, often in their home but sometimes at the church
- Individualised service booklets for the Baptisms
- Encouraging families to choose and decorate their own Baptism Candle
- Encouragement for families to prepare a prayer expressing their hopes for God's blessing on their child

The main focus of the review now turns to the development and implementation of a proactive program to encourage and support families as they provide the primary spiritual formation and faith education for their children.

We are using the research of John Roberto, who suggests a multi-faceted approach to encourage lifelong faith education centered on the home but supported—and extended—by the church. The general set of “domains” for this part of the project can be seen in the following model (although we might now understand COMPASSION to include EARTH CARE):



The faith@HOME has been one of our first areas of focus. A set of dedicated web pages has been developed on the church website, with curated resources to support parents in nurturing the spiritual development of their children. You can find these resources at:

<https://www.stpaulsips.org.au/faith-at-home>

The project team has identified some ideas for a few of these domains, and we are encouraging different members of the project team to explore any of the domains in which they have a particular interest.

The project team is also very conscious of the need for us to engage with the Dinka community. With a large number of Baptisms being planned over the next few months, they also have special issues relating to preparation for the families, ongoing faith formation support, as well as future activities for children and youth. We are going to look for ways to engage them in this project.

We are also beginning to dream dreams about a Children and Families Minister as part of the ministry team for the new parish being formed together with St Thomas Church.

This is a big project but it holds great promise for a renewed and more effective ministry with families and children.
