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Ipswich Anglican Community and its home city

The Ipswich Anglican Community is a vibrant, multi-centered parish serving the heart of one of Queensland's most historic and culturally diverse cities. Formed on 1 January 2025 through the coming together of the former parishes of Ipswich (St Paul's) and Ipswich North (St Thomas's), we are legally known as the *Anglican Parish of Ipswich* but publicly and pastorally live out our shared life as the Ipswich Anglican Community.

Situated just 40 kilometers southwest of Brisbane, the City of Ipswich blends rich heritage with contemporary renewal. Its gracious old buildings, strong community spirit, artistic energy, and excellent schools and hospitals make it a dynamic home for ministry. Our parish has long contributed to the region's educational and spiritual life, including the founding of West Moreton Anglican College in 1994—a continuing partnership rooted in Anglican values of faith, learning, and service.

We are an intentionally inclusive community shaped by the Five Marks of Mission—evangelism, discipleship, compassion, justice, and stewardship. Our life centers on three worshipping congregations: St Paul's Church, Ipswich (CBD), St Thomas's Church, North Ipswich, and The South Sudanese (Dinka-language) Congregation.

Together we celebrate a unity enriched by cultural, liturgical, and generational diversity as we serve the city with creativity, integrity, and hope.

Ministry Opportunity

The Ipswich Anglican Community is excited to welcome expressions of interest for the role of Assistant Priest. We are building a dynamic ministry team to serve a vibrant, growing, and diverse community in the heart of Ipswich – a place where heritage meets renewal, and faith takes shape in creative, participatory, and life-giving ways.

About You

You are an ordained Anglican priest with grounded experience in parish ministry, someone who brings both pastoral compassion and strong communication skills to every interaction. You thrive in collaborative settings, valuing the shared energy and insight that come from working as part of a team. You carry a deep sensitivity to the richness of human diversity—across cultures, generations, and expressions of sexuality—and you approach this diversity with respect and openness. At your core, you support a Christian ethos shaped by the depth and wisdom of Anglican tradition.

Key Responsibilities

- Share in leading worship, pastoral care, and sacramental ministry across parish centres
- Contribute to faith formation and discipleship ministries for children, youth, and families
- Take part in nurturing community partnerships and outreach initiatives
- Support a widening spectrum of worship expressions
- Work collaboratively with the clergy, volunteers, parish staff, and lay ministry teams

Position Details

- Part-Time: 3 or 4 days per week, including Sundays
- Based across St Paul's and St Thomas' Churches and various aged care facilities



Our Ministry Team

Our ministry is led by a collaborative and dedicated team:

- **Priest-in-Charge:** The Venerable Mpole Samuel Masemola
- **Assistant Curate:** The Reverend Allana Wales

South Sudanese Clergy:

- The Reverend Elizabeth Arok
- The Reverend Rachael Adut

Office Staff:

- Mrs Susan Rea – Office Manager
- Mrs Christine Taylor – Administration Assistant
- Mr Jacob Nuer – Dinka Community Liaison

Music and Artists-in-Residence:

- Dr Ross Windsor – Organist-in-Residence
- Dr Catherine (Cate) Carter – Composer-in-Residence
- Mr Jacob Fowler – Choir Director

We are also supported by four priests with Permissions to Officiate and more than forty faithful volunteers serving across worship, pastoral care, music, hospitality, and community ministries. Our parish life thrives because of this shared commitment to ministry and mission.



Worship and Community Life

Worship is the heartbeat of our community. Across our centres, services range from quiet weekday communion to rich choral liturgy, intergenerational worship, and vibrant cultural expression.

St Paul's Church (Ipswich CBD)

- Sunday Eucharist at 7.00 a.m. and 8.30 a.m.
- Afternoon services at 5.30 p.m.
- Average Sunday attendance - 95
- Mid-week Said Communion on Tuesdays and Fridays

Worship at St Paul's includes choral Eucharist, Evensong, informal afternoon services, Prayer & Praise, and occasional Agape meals. Our choir, organists, and musicians bring depth and beauty to parish worship.

St Thomas's Church (North Ipswich)

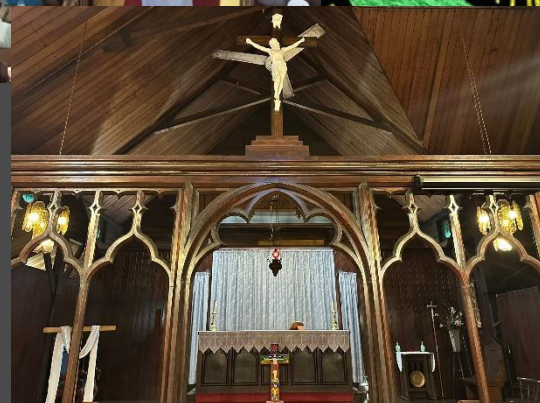
- Sunday Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.
- Average Sunday Attendance - 32
- Mid-week Communion on alternate Wednesdays

These gatherings foster warm, all-age community connection and relaxed fellowship.

Dinka-language Congregation at St Paul's

- Sunday Eucharist at 11.30 p.m.
- Average Sunday attendance - 85

Joyful singing, dancing and a youthful demographic shape this vibrant worshipping congregation.

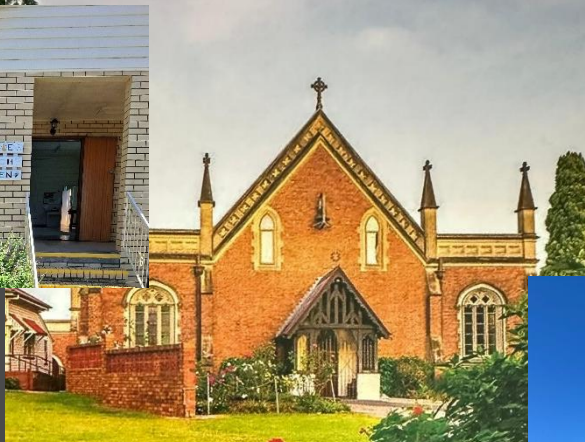


Our Facilities

We steward a beautiful suite of heritage and ministry spaces:

- **St Paul's Church (1859):** Queensland's oldest Anglican church, with a renowned J.W. Walker Pipe Organ, chapels, and significant historic features.
- **Parish Office (former Rectory):** A welcoming timber house with meeting spaces, verandas, and gardens.
- **Parish Hall (War Memorial Centre, 1963):** A multipurpose facility hosting parish events, community activities, and the St Paul's Op Shop, which contributes over \$100,000 annually to ministry.
- **St Thomas's Church (1889):** A heritage timber church with halls, gardens, and space for community markets and activities.
- **Rectory at Raceview.**
- **Little Church Garden (Basin Pocket):** A repurposed church site for community events, gardening and education.
- **Pine Mountain Cemetery:** A serene 19th-century burial ground still in use today.

Ongoing improvements include refurbishing the War Memorial Hall, cemetery memorial-garden planning, garden development at St Thomas's, and technology upgrades.



Parish Life and Ministries

Within the Ipswich Anglican Community, ministry is a vibrant expression of shared discipleship that touches every corner of our common life.

Through **music and the arts**, our faith finds voice and celebration in events such as the annual Proms, organ recitals, Choral Evensong, and the lively Big Band Spectacular. Our Artists in Residence program further enriches worship and community by nurturing creativity and reflection.

Our **children and families ministry** helps nurture young faith through Kids Time with God, dedicated Children's Ministry programs, and inclusive All Age Services. Resources like Faith@Home support families as they grow together in discipleship beyond Sunday worship.

In **outreach and mission**, the community extends Christ's compassion through the Ipswich Anglican Food Ministry, St Paul's Op Shop, and the Little Church Garden programs. Pastoral visiting, aged care ministry, and home Communion bring comfort and connection to those unable to gather in person, while Religious Instruction in schools shares the hope of the gospel with children and young people.

Our **fellowship groups**—including the Mothers' Union, Men's Breakfast Fellowship, Bible study groups, and Mature Fellowship—provide spaces for faith, friendship, and mutual encouragement.

The community gathers for **special events** that celebrate creativity and togetherness, from craft shows, markets, and fashion events to Proms, Carols, and the annual Martyrs' Day commemorations.

Beyond our walls, we actively participate in **civic life**, building partnerships with the local council, joining in community festivals, and engaging in interfaith collaborations that foster understanding and unity across Ipswich.

Together, these ministries reveal a community rooted in organic discipleship and alive with the spirit of fellowship, service, and creativity.





Invitation

Why Join Us?

The Ipswich Anglican Community is a welcoming, forward-looking gathering of people who are open to growth and positive change. It is a place where individuals are encouraged to bring their own personality and passions into the life of the parish, shaping a community that reflects the gifts of its members. Here, ministry stretches naturally across generations and cultures, creating connections that are both meaningful and diverse. At its heart lies a shared commitment to justice, compassion, and worship that embraces creativity and depth.

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Our Vision and Future

We envision a parish that is a lively centre of Anglican spirituality, heritage, and service—a community grounded in prayer, worship, learning, and justice.

Key priorities (Mission Action Plan 2024–2026):

- Deepening unity across English-speaking and Dinka congregations
- Strengthening discipleship for all ages
- Developing *Sacred Stories* to shape future mission
- Embedding Safe Ministry practice
- Redeveloping the War Memorial Hall and enhancing communications technology
- Growing community partnerships and cross-cultural engagement
- Establishing the Ipswich Anglican Heritage Foundation
- Advancing an inter-faith initiative in the Little Church Garden

With gratitude for God's grace in this season of renewal, we look with confidence to the Spirit's leading in our shared mission.



Big Band Spectacular

Carols on the Lawn