

**St Thomas' Anglican Church,
North Ipswich
Organ Restoration Appeal**

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**St Thomas'
Anglican Church**



St Thomas' Church was built in 1887-89 and opened and consecrated by Dr Webber, the Bishop of Brisbane on 11th March 1889. Professor Burton, organist and choir-master in 1892 advised on the purchase of the James Cole Pipe Organ.

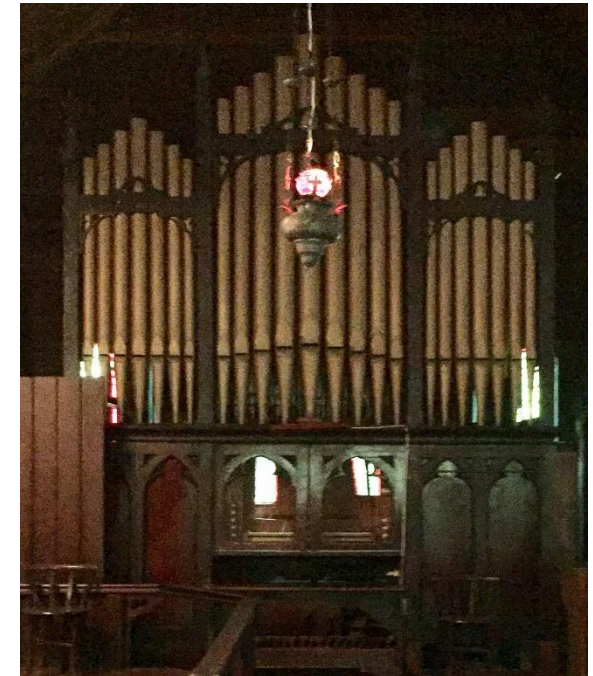
St Thomas' Church is a well-maintained building with a beautiful timber interior. It currently has a congregation of around 80 adults and 20 children, and employs a part time priest.

An extensive fully documented history of the organ by Dr Geoffrey Cox, can be found at

**[www.ohta.org.au/organs/organs/
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**ORGAN RESTORATION
APPEAL
1878 James Cole
Manchester**

The Pipe Organ at
St Thomas' Church



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The pipe organ at St Thomas' Anglican Church, North Ipswich, was built by James Cole of Manchester and installed in 1878 at the Wesleyan Church, Albert Street Brisbane. It was replaced in 1889 by a much larger instrument for their new church and was moved to St Thomas' in 1892 by prominent organ builder B.B. Whitehouse of W.H. Paling & Co.

Of just eight pipe organs imported into Queensland in the 1860s and 1870s, **this is the only one to survive with its original mechanical action intact. It is the only James Cole Organ to have been exported to Australia.**

The organ is not in good condition. It is barely playable and requires a major restoration. However, if and when restored, it will complement the interior of this historic church and provide a rare opportunity in Queensland to hear and play an instrument of the period with such musical integrity.

The St Thomas' Church Organ Restoration Appeal is being coordinated through the Organ Historical Trust of Australia (OHTA) ACN 005 443 372 which is able to offer tax-deductibility for donations received to the appeal through its listing in the Federal Government Register for Cultural Organisations. Official Tax Receipts for donations will be issued.

APPEAL TARGET

The target for the St Thomas' Organ Appeal is \$195,000 for the work specified above which will cover removal, restoration (to conform to the NSW Heritage Pipe Organ Conservation and Maintenance Guide) and relocation at St Thomas' Church.

THE ORGAN BUILDER

The work is to be carried out by Hargraves Pipe Organs Pty Ltd (Victoria) a firm directed by Mr Campbell Hargraves who trained in New Zealand with the South Island Organ Company Ltd and has been actively involved in many successful organ restorations both in New Zealand and Australia.

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