

Epping Anglicans

Parish of Saint Alban's, Epping
with Saint Aidan's, West Epping

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

Seventh Sunday of Easter and Sunday after Ascension Day
The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
17 May 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Anne Lawson / Preacher: *David Luis (Anglicare - Northern Region)*

@ 10.00am

Choral Eucharist - Also available by zoom (*details on page 4*)

Reader: Sue Armitage / Preacher: *David Luis (Anglicare - Northern Region)*

EPIC Indonesian Congregation (Old Sunday School Room)
Pastor Kian Holik

Chinese Congregation
The Reverend Simon Pei

Sunday School in The Loft (above the Main Hall)

Youth Bible Study

Combined Church Fellowship with morning tea in the main hall after services

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Chinese Congregation Pastor	Simon Pei - simon@eppinganglicans.org.au
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More information about Services and Events and other information about the Parish is in the Monthly Newsletter, which is available in the Porch, and on the website

What's coming up at St Alban's...

Wednesday 20 May

10am Everyday English Classes

Thursday 21 May

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom (*link on back page*)

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing - all welcome.

6.30pm **Men's BBQ Group** will be held in The Old Sunday School Room (behind the Parish Office).

Friday 22 May

7.30pm to 9pm - **Mandarin Bible Study** led by Simon Pei held in the Seminar Room. All welcome.

Next Sunday 24 May

Day of Pentecost. Preacher: The Rector

Sunday 31 May

Newcomers Lunch from 12noon. Please RSVP to Phil on 0413 396 435 if you would like to attend.

We welcome David Luis who is preaching at both services this morning and thank him for his ministry.

David and his family live in the Hills area and love to see churches partner with Anglicare and the valuable services it offers to engage with the needs of our city, so that people will know Jesus.

In his role in Anglicare, David builds partnerships between Anglicare and local churches in the Northern region, he will also be building up and supporting Op Shops.

<https://www.anglicare.org.au/church-partnerships/partnership-team/>

Next Sunday is the Day of Pentecost - the liturgical colour is red - so you can change your name badges, and **please wear something red, white or gold to display your enthusiasm.**

Pentecost

Readers for Day of Pentecost (Next Sunday 24 May)

On the Day of Pentecost it is customary to have volunteer members of the congregation join together in the reading of verses from Acts, Chapter 2 in **languages other than English**, while standing in the congregation.

Peggy Sanders (0413 481 854, pmasanders@gmail) has emailed those who have read last year. If you have not been contacted already, and would like to volunteer to do this **please add your name to the list on the noticeboard TODAY**, or contact Peggy, and you will be sent more information.

It is good to have as many voices and languages as possible.

St Alban's Patronal Festival

SUNDAY 21 June 2026 at 9.30am (*one service only*).

Preacher: Bishop Chris Edwards



A celebratory luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall afterwards. All three congregations will be joining (English, EPIC and Chinese).

If you are able to make a plate to share (cultural dish), or a cake or slice for dessert, please leave your name on the list on the church porch noticeboard.

Ecumenical Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Wednesday 20 May at 11am

Epping Uniting Church will host a Service followed by a light lunch at Epping Uniting Church, Corner of Chester and Oxford Streets, Epping. All welcome, come and celebrate our unity in faith. For more details see the Notice Board and the May Newsletter

Equip Women is an annual conference run by women for women to spend time together from all denominations learning from God's word. This year's topic is "Undeserving: the mystery of mercy," focussing on the book of Jonah. Women from our area will meet at Epping Presbyterian Church on Sat 20 Jun 9:30AM-3PM, and some women from St Alban's have attended for a few years now. Cost \$30 including morning tea, lunch and a booklet for the day.

Contact Gloria gloria.walton@student.moore.edu.au or Becky.

F o r Y o u r P r a y e r s

Church: Bush Church Aid; Chaplains at Royal North Shore Hospital; Berowra - St Mark; Epping Uniting Church; The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford. CCA- Mission of the Month.

For Your Prayers for the Month are included in the May Monthly Newsletter. Please refer to these to include in your prayers.

In addition - pray that our ecumenical service for christian unity this week will bring us together fostering unity through humility and love with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and provide an opportunity for Christian fellowship .

Prayer for the Week: God of light, you have called us out of darkness into your light. May our response to your call lead us to actively seek reconciliation and share your light in the world. Amen.

Anniversary of Death: John Warton 17/5; Alma Adams 17/5; John Bardsley 18/5; James Jones 18/5; Arlene Gellately 19/5; Lory Rutherford 23/5; Scott Jeffery 23/5.

Mission of the Month - Harvest Festival in support of Christian Community Aid

Please support the work of CCA, culminating in Harvest Festival to be held on **Sunday 31 May**. CCA has been delivering services in the Epping and Eastwood area for over 60 years. Its focus is to be "problem solvers and game changers combating against poverty, violence, discrimination, and inequality. United we work for the health, wellbeing, education, safety, and financial stability of every person in our community." Donations of **non-perishable food** are welcome for Harvest Festival. Tinned and packaged food (no glass bottles or jars please) may be left at the office or in the church narthex **until Thursday 28 May**.

Cash donations are also welcome. Use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'CCA' next to the stamped date) or a plain envelope marked 'CCA'. Alternatively transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account (please use tag 'CCA'), or donate funds directly at <https://ccas.org.au/make-a-donation/>

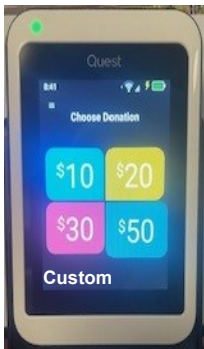
St Alban's is open during the week
for prayer and reflection, when the office is open.

Name Tags: Gloria is still distributing name tags - if you haven't collected yours, please check on the table as you come into church, or check in with her.

A booklet '*Guidelines for Funeral Service*'
has been produced as a caring initiative by our Pastoral Care Committee.
If you would like one, copies are available at the back of each church.
Also consider carefully if you have a will and if it is current.

Total Givings for 2026 up to February

Giving and donations: \$29,380 / Budget: \$35,720 / We are behind by: \$6,340
However giving and donations were up \$1,211 (4%) on the last year
which is a very promising start to the year.



EFTPOS Terminal

St Alban's has now made it even easier to make a donation by installing a 'Tap and Go' machine which is placed at the back of the church. Simply select an amount for your once-off donation and tap your debit or credit card. There are four set amounts - \$10, \$20, \$30, \$50 or a custom amount where you can choose your own number (up to \$99). If you would like to donate more than \$99, please tap twice.

Pick which amount you would prefer then tap your card.

Please consider paying your offertory directly into the church account.

The details are:-

St Alban's Account
BSB No: 032 081
A/c: 000024

Please indicate which service you attend.

Offerings for EPIC Indonesian congregation, please specify EPIC in the reference.

Offerings for the Chinese congregation, please specify 'Chinese' in the reference.

If you wish give to the Mission of the Month or any other specific cause (eg Assistant Minister/Student Minister Fund), please indicate it on your direct transfer.

During the blessing of the gifts of the people, we are including the offertory made to the Parish by direct transfer; handed in to the office, and the offertory made using the EFTPOS Terminal at the back of the church.

Zoom details for Services available by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFpYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09>

Passcode 389867 if required. Dialling in: 8015 6011. Meeting ID: 825 1618 2389 followed by # (and another # - there isn't a participants number). **Please keep your computer or phone on "mute" during the service.** To mute/unmute your phone, press *6. Please stay on line for a time of fellowship.
