

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Vision: To be a city on a hill - a worshipping community,
loving Jesus and the people around us.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Season of Creation

29 September 2024

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Ruth Shatford

President and Preacher The Reverend Phil Lui

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Also available by zoom

Reader: Gillian Taylor

President and Preacher The Reverend Phil Lui

At 10am, while Sunday School is in recess,
The Loft will be open and the service will be streamed
if parents would like to utilise this area with their children.

Join the 10am Service by Zoom:

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

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Passcode 389867 if required. If you are dialling in, the number is: 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.

Morning tea

Let us continue our fellowship commenced during the Eucharist by joining together over morning tea in the Main Hall after each of the 8am and 10am Services. Everyone is very welcome.



*In Covenant with the communities of
the Roman Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford, Epping Uniting Church
and West Epping Uniting Church*

From Paul Weaver:

As many of you have heard, I was recently asked by Michael Stead, Bishop of South Sydney, to take on the role of Acting Rector of St George's Paddington, whose Rector has recently resigned due to ill-health.

After talking with Sarah and with Phil, as well as praying and reflecting on the implications of this request, I concluded that it is right for me to take on this responsibility. The parish of Paddington has a number of things in common with our own parish, and it is hoped that I will be a good fit. How long I will be there I do not know, but I assume that it will be well into next year. Hence I won't be with you at Sunday services for quite some time.

Sarah and I have two weeks on a family holiday, and I will commence at Paddington on Sunday 13th October, a few days after we return to Sydney. It will be a part-time position, which will enable me to still do a few things for our Parish in the background, and hopefully to join you on occasions, mainly on weekdays. I will continue to lead our Taizé services, and perhaps get to some of our Men's Barbecues. I spoke last Tuesday at the Ecumenical Service, and I will still be playing at the Sunday afternoon concert next month.

Sarah will continue to come regularly to St. Alban's and maintain her various ministries, and I will certainly want to keep up-to-date with what is happening in our parish. St Alban's will continue to be what I regard as my home church. Please pray for me and for the people of St. George's, as I will certainly be praying for you.

I am grateful to Phil for his understanding and support, and I am confident you will continue to give him your loving support. May God's blessing be with us all as we go forward into his future.

Special Assistant Minister Campaign for 2025

To meet the growth and the Gospel opportunities that God has been putting before us, we are running a special financial campaign to put on an assistant minister. The amount that needs to be raised to put someone on for 2025 is \$60,000. We are running this as a special campaign because as we step out in faith, the hope is that as we grow, those who are new will help supply what we need to support this person in 2026 and beyond.

Again our church family has responded in a generous way with \$7130 being donated in the last week and now the total amount raised sits at \$53,080. Amazing! It is an encouraging time to be at St Albans and to be part of a fellowship that loves God, with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and seeks to love others with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to share the hope and the blessings that we have in Him. On behalf of everyone, to those who have given what they can I want to say thank you and praise be to God.

I truly believe this is the next concrete step we need to take towards a bright and thriving future for our parish, as we seek God glorified and I would like to invite everyone, to prayerfully consider what they can joyfully give towards this financial campaign. If you would like to give towards this, please label your giving "Assistant Minister", whether you are giving via envelopes or electronically so that we can keep the parish updated on how we are going.

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

Mission of the Month Act for Peace

Act for Peace is the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. As part of the ACT Alliance, Act for Peace works with local organisations around the world, saving lives when disaster strikes and helping to build long-term change.

Today there are more than **120 million people displaced** due to conflict and disaster, more than at any other time in history. During the past year Act for Peace has assisted local partners in 19 countries in the funding of 35 life-changing projects, improving the lives of more than 286,000 people.

Every day, Act for Peace's local partners are there to support and stand with **refugees**. They will never stop showing kindness, often at great personal sacrifice, to help find a safe permanent home for the people uprooted by conflict and disaster. It's through these acts of kindness over the long-term that ultimately mean people find safety.

This gives refugees hope, but it also gives us all hope. Despite the difficult times we are living through, people are stepping up to meet the challenge, sharing the burden with those struggling to survive. Please help share the burden and **turn despair into hope** for refugees and displaced people.

For further details, please refer to www.actforpeace.org.au

There are a few ways to financially support Act for Peace in their global ministry:

- Donate funds directly at www.actforpeace.org.au
- Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag '[Act for Peace](#)'.
- Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your offertory envelope (please write 'Act for Peace' next to the stamped date), or in a plain envelope marked 'Act for Peace', and deposit in the collection box at church.
- Drop off your monetary donation to the Church office on Tuesday or Thursday morning; deposit it in the Church office mailbox any time; or mail a cheque to PO Box 79 Epping 1710 – please make the cheque payable to the Saint Alban's account and attach a separate note that the funds are intended for Act for Peace.



Thoughts for Prayer and Reflection:

The October *Thoughts for Prayer and Reflection* are available in the porch and on the website.

**St Alban's is open
during the week**

for prayer and reflection, when the office is open.



Church:

Wahroonga - St Andrew and St Paul; Abbotsleigh School; Waitara - All Saints;
Cremorne - St Peter; Greenwich - St Giles; SCECGS Redlands School
The Epping Blue Church (Korean congregation who meet at St Aidan's)
Act For Peace (Mission of the Month)

In our World and Community:

Pray for those continuing to suffer as a result of the devastation of typhoon, landslide and flooding – pray for comfort for those who are mourning and pray that the needs those who are homeless and displaced will be met, and rebuilding of communities can begin.

As the horrors of terror and war continue, pray for all who are living in the shadow of fighting and destruction, especially pray for the children and the aged. Pray for those who mourn. Pray for those who have to leave their homes and communities to find shelter. Pray that there will be leaders who can bring about the end, rather than the escalation, of these conflicts and humanitarian crises.

Pray for Act for Peace as they support and stand with refugees around the world. Pray for refugees and asylum seekers everywhere: those displaced, those living in makeshift camps, those seeking a safe haven, and those who have lost all hope. Pray that those who seek refuge here will find a welcome and a safe haven.

Pray for those in our families and communities who are ill, undergoing or recovering from surgery and all who need additional care and love – especially the frail or confused, or the dying. Pray for compassion, patience and skill for all who treat and care for those in need.

Pray for students and teachers for a relaxing and refreshing break.

Pray for our parish, for Phil in his leadership of the parish as our Rector, may he be blessed with wisdom, strength and discernment. As we seek to do God's will in our parish, pray for our Wardens and Parish Council in their decision making. Pray that we may each give generously of our skills, talents and financial resources in God's service, thanking God for his blessings bestowed on us.

Pray for Fr Paul and the people of the Parish of Saint George's Paddington, as they settle in to worship and parish life together.

Pray as we continue to reflect on the wonder of God's creation, we will find more ways to care for the fragile planet.

Prayer for the Week:

God our Shepherd, in every generation you call ministers of your word and sacraments. Equip them to preach the gospel, to care for your people and to show forth the fruit of the Spirit in their lives; in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Those being married:

Shaveen Goonewardene and Kithma De Silva on Friday 4 October at 2pm

Anniversary of Death:

Bill Gough 29/9; Grace Harms; Ralph Esau; Albert Thiele 1/10;
John Jewell 1/10; Ruth Jurd 1/10; Gertrude Haywood 3/10; David Parsons 4/10

We are a parish committed to pray regularly for peace in the world, and to pray for all those caught up in the misery and dislocation of war, violence and oppression. We pray for the people of Ukraine, the people of Israel and of Palestine, including those soldiers and citizens who have been drawn into wars not of their making.

Prayer for peace and hope in the midst of the ongoing Israel-Gaza conflict, and the ongoing war in Ukraine

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine, and in Ukraine.

O God, we pray for all your suffering children. Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the fearful and comfort the grieving. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding and healing may begin.

Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The next meeting of the **RLT Women's Discussion Group** will be held at Deirdre's home on Thursday 3 October at 12noon. Please bring your lunch as usual.

Mothers Union Meeting

Tuesday 8 October
1.30pm in the Seminar Room

Ruth Shatford will be leading a bible study on 1 Corinthians 15 "True Certainty".
All welcome.

Mothers Union Brunch (Free)

Saturday 19 October
St Alban's Main Hall at 10am

Guest speaker: Lisa Boyd, who is the Chaplain at Westmead Children's Hospital.
Come and join us and bring a friend.

FABULOUS MUSICALS

Sunday 20 October 2024 at 2.00pm
St Alban's Main Hall

A concert of enjoyable music from the great musicals
with Karen Callaghan (Soprano), Lachlan Roots (Baritone), and Paul Weaver (Piano)

Donations invited to the House of Welcome in its ministry to refugees and asylum seekers. Cash donations can be made on the day, or make your donation through the website.

The program will also be presented at Alan Walker Village, Carlingford,
on Sunday November 3rd at 2pm:
donations to Christian Community Aid, Eastwood.

On Thursdays we have two opportunities to pray for healing, for ourselves and for others. At **9.30am** there is a time for **Reading, Reflection and Prayer for Healing** by Zoom.

At **10.30am** there is a **Eucharist with prayers for Healing in the Church**.

If you, or someone you know is unwell, please join us at one of these services.

Mission of the Month
donations received in August and September

\$280 = CBM (August)

\$820 = Act for Peace (September)

This amount has been donated through the Parish accounts and do not include donations made by parishioners directly to each mission.

You are invited to
Prayer and Reflection Using the Songs of Taize led by A Taize Brother

Evening Prayer

St Patrick's Cathedral

Cnr Victoria Road & Marist Place Parramatta

Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 7.00pm

Quiet Day

Willoughby Uniting Church

10-12 Clanwilliam Street Willoughby

Saturday 26 October 2024 9.00am – 2.00pm

Sunday Prayer

St James' Anglican Church

173 King Street Sydney

Sunday 27 October 2024 at 2.00pm



ABM Sydney Auxiliary

Invites you to

A SPECIAL LUNCHEON

To support students at the Bishop Newton School of Theology PNG.
Guest Speaker is Meagan Schwarz: ABM Key Relationships Manager

Tuesday 15 October 2024 at 11am

Christ Church St Laurence Hall

505 Pitt Street Sydney Opposite Murray Coach Office

RSVP to ABM office info@abmission.org.au / 9264 1021 or Jane Bryant 9894 0439

Bulletin notices: Please send items to be considered for next Sunday's bulletin by **WEDNESDAY at 2.30pm** to the office.

Daylight Saving

begins NEXT SUNDAY (6 October) at 2am. Don't forget to put your clocks FORWARD one hour.



WHAT'S ON...

Monday 30 September

Jerome, priest and biblical scholar

Office closed

Tuesday 1 October

9.00am Staff meeting

Wednesday 2 October

7.30pm Choir practice

Thursday 3 October

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

12noon RLT at Deirdre's home

Friday 4 October

Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher

Phil's day off

2.00pm Wedding

The Rector will be on leave from Friday 4 October and will return Tuesday 8 October 2024.

**If you are a NEWCOMER, to St Alban's,
we would like to make contact with you.**

To do this please scan the QR code and we will be in touch.



Safe Ministry

The Parish of St Alban's with St Aidan's Epping NSW is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people, particularly within its own community.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact the Rector, Rev'd Phil Lui on 02 9876 3362 or email phil@eppinganglicans.org.au

You can also contact the Diocesan Safe Ministry Team on 02 9265 1604 email info@safeministry.org.au or to report abuse 1800 774 945 email abuserreport@safeministry.org.au



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.

Next Sunday Services
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
6 October 2024

8am Eucharist with Hymns

President and Preacher: The Reverend Bruce Hunter

10am Choral Eucharist

(also available by Zoom)

President and Preacher: The Reverend Bruce Hunter



At the back of St Alban's are enlarged service sheets and bulletins.
If you would like a copy, please ask the duty parishioners.

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. If you wish some of your giving to go to the Mission of the Month or any other specific cause, 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. Otherwise, the offertory box is located in the aisle at each service and brought forward for the blessing of the gifts. We also have an EFTPOS terminal at church for a once-off donation.

Parish Directory

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