

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT / Mothering Sunday
15 March 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Doris Awad / Preacher: *Dr Ruth Shatford*

@ 10.00am

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

Reader: Amy Taylor / Preacher: *Dr Ruth Shatford*

EPIC Indonesian Congregation (Old Sunday School Room)

Pastor Kian Holik

Chinese Congregation combined with Choral Eucharist

while The Reverend Simon Pei is away

Sunday School in The Loft (above the Main Hall)

Youth Bible Study

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

Rector	The Rev'd Philip Lui 0413 396 435 phil@eppinganglicans.org.au
Assistant Minister (part-time)	Bill Walton - bill@eppinganglicans.org.au
Honorary Senior Associate	The Reverend Paul Weaver 0408 285 776 paul@eppinganglicans.org.au
Parish Administrator	Mrs Denise Pigot 98763362 office@eppinganglicans.org.au
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Student Ministers	Doris Awad - doris@eppinganglicans.org.au Gloria Walton
Student Ministers and Children's Ministry Workers	Aimee and David Wong
Indonesian Congregation (EPIC) Pastor	Kian Holik - kian@eppinganglicans.org.au
Chinese Congregation Pastor	Simon Pei
Caretaker	Kari Hewitt - karihewitt94@gmail.com

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

TODAY Sunday 15 March

Lenten Bible Study in the Seminar Room at 1pm.

Wednesday 18 March

10am Everyday English Classes

Thursday 19 March

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing.

11.45am Lenten study with Reverend Barbara Howard in the Seminar Room

7.30pm Bible Study at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853.

Thursday 19 March

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

Sunday 22 March

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to commence promptly at 11.45am.

Saturday 28 March

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Many of the regular helpers are currently away so extra hands, of all ages, would be greatly appreciated.

Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Making of Palm Crosses in The Seminar Room from 9.30am will be a working bee to make Palm Crosses for the following day, Palm Sunday. We would be very grateful to those who can assist. No experience necessary – tuition given. A small pair of scissors would be helpful equipment. Enquiries: Margaret Cummins 9680-4865.

Sourcing of Palms - we are looking for a source of palm branches - Please let Margaret know if you have access to palms.

Sunday 29 March

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

Today is Mothering Sunday - please refer to page 2 of the March Newsletter for details of the history of Mothering Sunday and the association with Mothers Union (MU). We thank the members of MU for leading us in Intercessions today; and we thank the members for providing the Simnel Cake which will be distributed at the conclusion of each service.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish will be held **NEXT SUNDAY 22 March 2026 at 11.45am**. Please find the relevant information on the church porch noticeboard. Nomination forms for Wardens, Parish Councillors, Synod Reps and Parish Nominators are available at the back of the church and are required by **TODAY**. Parish reports and accounts are available at the back of the church.

Passover Meal - Maundy Thursday 2 April at 6pm in the Old Sunday School Room. If you are able to help with preparations, please let the office know.

Cost has been increased to \$20 per head. More details are in the March Newsletter.

RSVP to office@eppinganglicans.org.au / 9876 3362 or leave your name on the list on the noticeboard.

The **March Newsletter** is available with more details of the activities within the parish and beyond.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Monday 30, Tuesday 31 March, Wednesday 1 April

7.45pm Holy Week Eucharist with Reflection

Aimee Wong (Monday), Gloria Walton (Tuesday) and Doris Awad (Wednesday)

Thursday 2 April Maundy Thursday

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

7.45pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Serving One Another

Preceded by Passover Meal

Friday 3 April Good Friday

9.30am Service of Readings and Hymns with Communion

Followed by Hot Cross Buns and refreshments

Saturday 4 April Holy Saturday

9am Morning Prayer

Followed by the Easter clean-up and morning tea

Daylight Saving ends - clocks are turned back one hour for an extra hour of sleep

Sunday 5 April Easter Day

5.30am The Vigil of Easter, Renewal of Baptism and Eucharist

Followed by the Easter party

8.30am Festival Choral Eucharist and Renewal of Baptism

Preacher: Assistant Minister Bill Walton

We are planning to have all these services available on Zoom for those who cannot attend.

The memorial flowers today are in loving memory of Elaine Taylor

Email address changes -

Please note Bill Walton and Kari (our caretaker) have new emails:

Bill Walton - bill@eppinganglicans.org.au / Kari Hewitt - karihewitt94@gmail.com

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

Church: Barker College; Anglican Youth Works; West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church.

ABM - Mission of the Month

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

In addition: Continue to hold in your prayers all the places where there is war, violence and upheaval; pray for the people in their fear and uncertainty, pray for comfort for those who are suffering and those who are displaced, and ask for protection for the innocent, the mothers, the children and the elderly; pray for guidance and wisdom and compassion for leaders and decision-makers.

Prayer for Lent: Lord God, throughout this season of Lent, I ask for your guidance to walk this path of spiritual discipline. Grant me the strength to commit to daily prayer and reflection, to read and meditate on your word, to commit to almsgiving, and increasing acts of kindness and service. Open my heart to the quiet whispers of your voice. During these 40 days, let me reflect on the life and sacrifices of your Son, Jesus Christ, and emerge from it renewed in spirit and commitment to your calling. Amen.

Anniversary of Death: Clarice Armstead 15/3; Marshall D'Souza 15/3; Walter Munn 15/3; Cliff Snyman 15/3; Mabel Chapman 17/3; Dudley Hughes 17/3; Max Boyley 19/3; Merrilee Arthur 21/3

FOR YOUR DIARY:

On **Sunday 26 April at 2.00pm**, there will be a Concert in the Parish Hall presented by Paul Weaver and members of the Wilson family, as a **Tribute to Bruce Wilson**, who contributed so much to the musical life of the parish. More details later.

Mission of the Month - ABM AID Lent appeal 2026 - Give Water, Give Life

Lent is a time of the desert, of wandering in a spiritual wilderness. It is also a time in which we come to recognize the importance of **water** and its place as the **source and sustainer of life**. Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are basic human rights. They should be available to everyone, everywhere – but they aren't. ABM AID works with local partners to provide communities in **Kenya, Vanuatu, Myanmar and other places** around the world with clean water. For further details, please refer to the Missions display on the narthex board, or visit website www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/lent2026/

There are a few ways to financially support ABM and AID and their partners during Lent this year. Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory envelope, or in a plain envelope marked 'ABM Lent'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use the tag 'ABM Lent', or donate funds directly at www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/lent2026/

Total Givings for 2025 as at December

Giving and donations: \$189,849 / Budget: \$206,760 / We are behind by: \$16,911

However giving and donations were up 1% on the last year which is a very promising trend which we would like to see continue into 2026.

As at the end of December 2025 we have experienced a continued increase in giving, which we are immensely thankful for.

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, The Reverend Phil Lui on 09876 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 abusereport@safeministry.org.au

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 give 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.

Zoom details for Services available by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFilyXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09>

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.
