

St Alban's Monthly Newsletter

APRIL 2026



Services this month

Wednesday 1 April

7.45pm Holy Week Eucharist and Reflection

Thursday 2 April – Maundy Thursday

10.3am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

7.45pm Eucharist with Serving One Another

Preceded by The Passover Meal at 6pm

Friday 3 April – Good Friday

9.30am Good Friday Service of Readings and Hymns with Communion Eucharist

Followed by Hot Cross Buns and Refreshments

Saturday 4 April – Holy Saturday

9am Morning Prayer

Followed by Easter clean up of church and grounds 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

Preacher: Assistant Minister Bill Walton

8.30am Festival Eucharist and Renewal of Baptism

Preacher: Assistant Minister Bill Walton

Sunday 12 April – Second Sunday of Easter

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist / 6.00pm Taizé Service

Preacher: The Reverend Paul Weaver

Sunday 19 April – Third Sunday of Easter

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

The 10am Service will include the Commissioning of the Wardens, Parish Treasurer, Parish Council, Parish Nominators and Synod Representatives

Preacher: The Rector

Sunday 26 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter / ANZAC Remembrance

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: Assistant Minister Bill Walton

**Sunday School is held at 10am in The Loft (above the Main Hall)
Youth Bible Study at 10am**

What's on at St Alban's during April

Wednesday 1, 22 and 29 April

Everyday English Classes at 10am. There will be a special Easter celebration and morning tea at 11am on 1 April which everyone is invited to.

Thursday 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 April

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Thursday 9 and 23 April

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

Tuesday 14 April

St Alban's Mothers Union Meeting at 1.30pm in the Seminar Room. All are welcome to attend, you don't have to be a mother. Men are also very welcome to join.

Thursday 16 April

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

Saturday 25 April

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Extra hands, of all ages, are always helpful. Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Dates for 6pm **Taizé Services** during 2026 are:
April 12, June 14, August 9, October 11 and November 8

Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection for April 2026 is now available.

Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection is produced within the parish with a thought and prayer for each day of the month, as well as weekly prayers.

The May Newsletter

Our Newsletters give more information on what is happening at St Alban's. If you know of a parish event coming up during May, would you please let the Parish Office know. The deadline for the May Newsletter is Tuesday 21 April.

The Parish Magazine

The latest magazine, February to April 2026, is still available. This is published every three months. The Parish Magazine records recent events in the parish, gives details of parish activities and publishes articles of general interest and articles which set out opinions on a range of matters the subject of discussion within the Anglican Church community. Would you like to contribute to the next edition of The Parish Magazine?

Please contact the editor Julie Evans via email julie.evans@ihug.com.au or via the Parish Office. Photographs of Parish events are also welcome. The deadline for contributions is 10 April 2026 for the next edition (May - July 2026).

Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Sunday, 22 March 2026, the following were appointed or elected:

Wardens:

Elizabeth Jenkins (Rector's Warden),
Noel Christie-David (People's Warden)
David Tait (People's Warden)

Members of Parish Council:

Ken Bock
Glyn Evans
Meredith Lawn
Christine Murray
Peggy Sanders
Amy Taylor
Gillian Taylor
John Williams
Yosua

Parish Treasurer:

Shane Christie-David

Parish Nominators:

Glyn Evans
Ruth Shatford
Peggy Sanders
James von Stieglitz

Parish Synod Representatives:

Doris Awad
Gillian Taylor

We give thanks for their willingness to serve the Parish in this way, and we ask that they receive the support of the parishioners. The minutes (unconfirmed) of the AGM are on the notice board. These minutes will be confirmed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

For Your Prayers

Parishes in our Mission Area - Beecroft, St John the Evangelist; Eastwood, St Philip; Gladesville, Christ Church; Macquarie, St George and St Dunstan; North Epping, All Saints; Ryde, St Anne; Soul Revival; West Ryde, St Columb; North Ryde, St John; Bridge, Trinity Chapel

Ecumenical Churches in our Area - Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford; Uniting Church Parishes of Epping and West Epping; Epping Presbyterian Church; Epping Baptist Church; and Epping Congregational Church.

Pray for our Parish, our Ministry Team and our Congregations - Pray for our Rector Phil in his leadership and vision for our parish, and pray our ministry team as they serve in our parish – Bill and Gloria; Doris; and Aimee and David; pray for Pastor Kian and Liza; and for Fr Simon and Lillian as they lead and develop their congregations. Give thanks for God's grace in bringing us all together to worship him, to learn from his word, and to share in fellowship with our brothers and sisters. Give thanks for the diversity of our congregation and the unique gifts with which we have been blessed.

Give thanks for the newly elected Wardens, Parish Councillors, Parish Nominators and Synod Representatives, for their willingness to serve in these roles within the parish. Pray that they will serve with integrity and faith, working collaboratively to support the Rector, staff and the congregation, and grow God's kingdom with love and humility, strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Pray that we, as members of this faith community, may each contribute our skills, talents, time and finances as we are able..

Pray for Peace in our World: 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 vulnerable, for the innocent, the mothers, the children and the elderly. Pray for guidance and wisdom and compassion for leaders and decision-makers, turning hearts from hatred to understanding..

Mission of the Month: Pray for generous support for Holy Land Institute for the Deaf.(ABM AID Good Friday Appeal) and for Christian Community Aid.

Anniversary of Death – Joyce Rogers; Fred Rogers; Diana Bowman; Edward Carden; Lenore Carden; Gladys Ranyard; Valerie Woodman 1/4; Sheila Dummer 2/4; Grahame Doggett 4/4; Jack Guthrie 5/4; Betty Chapman 6/4; Bill Greenhalgh 6/4; Don Down 6/4; Barbara Jones 7/4; William Hull 7/4; Alan Friend 7/4; Edna Hart 8/4; Bill Baldwin 8/4; Flo Jarvis 9/4; Diana Dodd 9/4; Starr King-Mason 10/4; Chris Trevers 12/4; Marie Davis 13/4; Jeff Brownlow 13/4; John McIntyre 13/4; Jo Moen 14/4; Maurie Vane 15/4; Ronald Bunker 15/4; Bill Jeffery 15/4; Possum Boyd 16/4; Olivia Rubera 16/4; Joan Hayes 16/4; Arthur Boyd 16/4; Ronald Pike 17/4; Charlie Rudd 18/4; George Perry 20/4; Dora Perry 20/4; Lily Daniels 20/4; Chitranganie 21/4; Manie Dwyer 22/4; Florence Contini 22/4; Don McIntyre 24/4; Beryl White 24/4; Marjorie Howe 25/4; Reginald Wright 28/4; Ralph Hindley 30/4; Alexandra Smith 30/4; Kate Newth 30/4; Adrian Newth 30/4

Mission of the Month Good Friday Gift 2026 Anglican Board of Mission



ABM (Anglican Board of Mission - Australia) and AID (Anglicans in Development) invite you to support their **Good Friday Gift** appeal, which continues the Lenten tradition of sacrificial giving and compassion.

In the city of Salt, Jordan, the **Holy Land Institute for the Deaf** is a beacon of hope. Run by the **Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem**, it is a school where Deaf, Deafblind and hearing children learn side by side. Last year, the institute became the first integrated school in Jordan, bringing together children who have long lived in parallel but separate worlds. Their classrooms are places where reconciliation is taught in every shared activity, every gesture of sign language, every moment of learning.

To assist the Institute transform its classrooms into fully accessible, interactive learning spaces, **your Good Friday Gift** will assist in providing

- Interactive screen boards and supportive technology that allow visual, sign-friendly, participatory teaching
- Training for teachers to use new technology and offer research-based, integrated instruction
- Inclusive environments where every child, regardless of ability, can engage, communicate and thrive.

For further details, please refer to the Missions display on the narthex board, or visit <https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/goodfriday2026/> where there is a short **video** about the school made by the Friends of the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in the UK.

There are a few ways to financially support the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf. Please place your Good Friday Gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your ABM weekly offertory envelope, or in a plain envelope marked 'Good Friday Gift'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use the tag 'Good Friday Gift', or donate funds directly at <https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/goodfriday2026/>



Harvest Festival in support of Christian Community Aid (Mission of the Month)

Please support the work of Christian Community Aid as our Mission of the Month, culminating in Harvest Festival to be held at Saint Alban's on **Sunday 31 May**.



CCA is a non-denominational not-for-profit community service organisation that 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.”

For more information about the CCA Community Hub, please refer to the display on the Narthex board, or visit website www.ccas.org.au

There remains high demand on the **CCA food pantry** by families in need. Donations of **non-perishable food** are welcome for the Parish's celebration of Harvest Festival on Sunday 31 May. 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**. Following the Festival all the donated food will be transported from the church display to the CCA Community Hub.



So that CCA can make bulk purchases and buy perishable food as required, **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/>

A Concert in Tribute to Bruce Wilson

Sunday 26 April
2.00pm

St Alban's Parish Hall

Music for piano, flute, clarinet, bassoon, trombone and electric bass with members of Bruce's family and Paul Weaver.

All welcome

Donations invited to Anglicare Sydney



"IN THE LOOP" - Communication and Prayer

Many members of the parish will be aware of our system of rapid communication to inform parishioners, by email, when a situation of need has occurred within the parish, such as emergencies, funerals, illness or other significant events. This enables a group of concerned people to pray for members of the congregation and their loved ones, in times of particular need.

If you would like to ask for prayer through "In the Loop", contact Barbara Meintjes as below. If you are sharing information or asking for prayer for someone else, it is important to have their agreement, and to let Barbara know that you have their agreement. If you wish to join the group of parishioners who are "In the Loop", please contact Barbara Meintjes on barbarameintjes@hotmail.com.

Members of "In the Loop" are asked to be discreet in their use of information they receive. At all times the use of information in "In the Loop" will be at the discretion of the Clergy.

Volunteers Needed: Share Your Gifts and Serve!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to get involved, meet others, and contribute to our parish community? We believe everyone has unique gifts and talents, and we have many opportunities for you to put them to use for God's glory.

We are currently seeking volunteers for the following ministries:

- **Welcoming Team:** Greet fellow parishioners and visitors, helping everyone feel welcome and at home.
- **Hospitality Team:** Assist with breakfast or morning tea on a Sunday.
- **Tech/Media Team:** Assist with zoom and presentation slides during services.
- **Maintenance Team (including Garden Maintenance):** Help keep our church a safe and welcoming physical environment.
- **Flower Guild:** Help beautify the church with others capable people.

How to Get Involved

If you're interested in any of these roles or want to learn about other opportunities, we'd love to connect with you.

Please contact the Parish Office (details on back page).

Your time and talent are a blessing to our church.

Office Arrangements

The Rector will be away on leave after Easter from Friday 10 April to Thursday 16 April 2026.

Zoom details for Sunday 10am Service

<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.

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.

PARISH STAFF

Rector: The Reverend Philip Lui 0413 396 435 - phil@eppinganglicans.org.au

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Parish Administrator: Denise Pigot 98763362 - office@eppinganglicans.org.au

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Student Ministers: Doris Awad - doris.awad@student.moore.edu.au
and Gloria Walton

Student Ministers and Children's Ministry Workers: Aimee and David Wong

Indonesian Congregation (EPIC) Pastor: Kian Holik
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Chinese Congregation Pastor: Simon Pei - simon@eppinganglicans.org.au

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