

# 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.

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 27 October 2024

### 8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Elizabeth Jenkins

President: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

Preacher: *The Reverend Brett Hall, Executive Assistant to Bp Chris Edwards*

### 10.00am Choral Eucharist

**Also available by zoom**

Reader: Meredith Lawn

President: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

Preacher: *The Reverend Brett Hall, Executive Assistant to Bp Chris Edwards*

### 10.00am Sunday School in The Loft

(above the Main Hall)

*Amy Taylor, Children's Ministry Worker*

### 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*

## **The Rector's Letter**

There are a few encouraging developments and changes I and the wardens mentioned last Sunday.

### **The Rectory**

The wardens and I have talked over a number of options, as to what we should do with our vacant rectory. The fundamental aim is that we are good stewards of the resources God has given us and as we have weighed up different options, our criteria of comparison has been:

1. We want to preserve the intention of the rectory. Therefore we want to use it in a way that it continues to be part of the life of the parish and to enable and bless the ministry of the church.
2. We hoped that it could continue to be a place of residence of ministry staff.
3. We wanted it to be a place where we could help those in need.
4. At this point in time we also need it to be a source of income for the parish to enable us to sustain our budget for 2025 and beyond, but maximising income has not been our main priority.
5. We wanted to do something with the property that is inline with our values and complements our direction as a church.

As we have weighed up the various options, the wardens have done due diligence around the rules and laws about what we can do and assessed the limitations of what can be done.

In an answer to prayer, God has provided an option that achieves what we want for the property. Later this year we expect that the rectory will be used as a women's shared house. In line with St Alban's strong tradition of supporting women in ministry, we expect at this stage that most of the women who will be living in the rectory will be young women training for ministry. One of the women who will be living in the house will be a Student Minister with us at St Alban's. She will be going into her second year of Bible College and the expectation is that she will be a contributing member of our church, who will be trained by Becky and I and given opportunities to gain experience and have opportunities to serve. I look forward to formally introducing her to our community, when she commences her term of Student Ministry with us.

### **The Rectory Kitchen renovations have been completed!**

It is right to express our great thanks to Mark Taylor and Mark Gibbs for the many hours, weeks and months they have put into retrofitting a secondhand kitchen donated by the Chang family. They have done an amazing job.

### **Children's Ministry.**

At the end of last year our beloved Amy Taylor let us know she planned to step aside from the role of children's ministry worker in 2025. It must be acknowledged that Amy has done a wonderful job and has grown our children's ministry significantly in her time in the role. However after six years of faithful service, she has decided to pass on the ministry to someone else so that she might be able to be more part of our Sunday service at 10am.

This now creates a large gap in our ministry portfolio and over a critical ministry in the future growth of our church. Having said this I am delighted to announce that Kari Hewitt, our caretaker, will be taking on some theological study next year and we expect him to come on to the ministry team as a Student Minister to serve our church as our new Children's and Youth Worker. Kari has had experience leading youth and teaching in the context of primary and secondary SRE. Please join me in praise to God for His provision of Kari to fill this role, and for Amy's six years of service to the children of this parish.

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

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## Mission of the Month Banksia Women and Rough Edges Saint John's Darlinghurst

Saint John's Anglican Church, Darlinghurst is in a strategic location to reach out with innovative ministries to the many homeless people of East Sydney. Parishioners may recall that the Senior Associate Minister at Saint John's Darlinghurst, The Reverend Martin Robinson, preached at Saint Alban's Epping in August last year.

Their grass-roots charity **St John's Community Services** (SJCS) extends love to people throughout the community in very practical ways. Initially synonymous with the drop-in centre Rough Edges, SJCS also operates Legal Services, Banksia Women and an education program, Urban Insight.

Refer <https://stjohnsanglican.org/> and <https://www.sjcs.org.au/>



### **Rough Edges**

Rough Edges is a drop-in centre running providing meals and community to those experiencing homelessness. Today Rough Edges is open two days and six nights per week. There is a community of 140 volunteers who run the night service and support the day service. Further details at <https://www.roughedges.org.au/> Donate at <https://www.roughedges.org.au/donations>

### **Banksia Women**

In 2020 [SJCS](https://www.sjcs.org.au/) expanded their service offering to incorporate Banksia Women for women who have experienced domestic and family violence or abuse at any stage in their lives. The program provides evidence-based health and wellbeing programs, and legal services which support and empower women so they can rebuild their lives. [Further details at www.banksiawomen.org.au](https://www.banksiawomen.org.au/) Donate at <https://www.banksiawomen.org.au/donate>



### **Roughtober**

This month, Saint John's Community Services is conducting a major fundraiser *Roughtober* 'to stand in solidarity with people doing it tough'. We are invited to do this by sleeping rough or by choosing a single pair of shoes to wear for the month. 'Sign up, get sponsors and make a real difference in people's lives.' Further details at <https://www.roughtober.org/>

There are a few ways you can make a general donation to SJCS:

- Donate funds directly at <https://www.sjcs.org.au/donate>
- Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag 'SJCS'.
- Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your offertory envelope (please write 'SJCS' next to the stamped date) or in a plain envelope marked 'SJCS' and deposit in the collection box as you arrive for a service at Saint Alban's.
- 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 Saint John's Community Services (SJCS).

**Church:**

Shore School; Willoughby - St Stephen; Willoughby Park - St John & St James; CMS (Chinese Anglican Church) in Northern Region  
Fr Paul and the people of the Parish of Saint George's Paddington  
Banksia Women and Rough Edges (Mission of the Month)

**In our World and Community:**

Pray for those continuing to suffer the horrors, misery, grief, trauma and displacement caused by conflict, terror and war. Pray for an end to the humanitarian crises, may urgently needed supplies be made available to those in need. Pray for leaders who will bring about the cessation of hostilities. Pray that peacekeepers and humanitarian aid workers may be able to ease the suffering, particularly of the aged and the young.

Pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar providing relief to the vulnerable people who have been displaced from their homes. Pray for those in many areas of the world who have been forced to flee their homes. Pray for those suffering loss of homes, loss of livelihoods, and trying to survive in a new place far from home.

Pray for those in our community who are abused and suffering pain in body, mind, and spirit; those who have been betrayed by those they should be able to trust, and all who are living in fear and in dangerous situations. Pray for organisations seeking to provide safe places and comfort for those in need, particularly women and children.

Pray for the various ministries of St John's Darlinghurst for the outreach of Rough Edges and Banksia Women. May they be generously supported.

Pray for those in our parish community who are sick, the frail or confused, and pray for God's comfort for those whose earthly life is drawing to its close. Pray for the families of those who have recently died that they too may be comforted and supported in their loss.

Pray for students undertaking examinations at this time, calm their nerves that they may they be enabled to give of their best.

Pray for our Rector and for our parish and all who worship here that we will continue to serve Christ and each other; may we feel a renewed commitment and seek ways to give generously of our skills, talents and financial resources in God's service.

**Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty God, in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the face of all perplexities we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Those recently Deceased:**

Ian Telfer on 13 October 2024

Robert (Bob) Taylor on 23 October 2024.

His funeral will be held at St Alban's on Monday 4 November 2024 at 1pm.

**Anniversary of Death:**

Tony Hunt 27/10; Spencer Bough 27/10; Dorothy Lee 28/10; Zoe McWhite 28/10; Pat Scully 31/10; James Wright; Fred Bell; Beatrice Couch 1/11; Charles Johnson 1/11; George Lavis 1/11; Judith Johnson 1/11; Thelma Tagg 2/11; Gordon Howitt 2/11

*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.

## **ALL SOULS' SERVICE THIS Tuesday 29 October 7.45pm**

At Saint Alban's we hold our All Souls' Eucharist Service on a Tuesday evening close to November 2 which is All Souls.

This special service provides an opportunity to remember our loved ones who have died (whether the loss is recent or long ago). During the service you may light a candle on the Altar and, if you wish, to bring a flower to place on the Altar.

The list of people to be remembered will be placed at the Altar.

There is an existing list of those associated with St Alban's who are remembered annually, there is also an opportunity for you to add names - the sheet is on the noticeboard in the porch. **Please add names by TODAY.**

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### **Donations from Fabulous Musicals**

\$583 was raised from last Sunday's concert and this will be sent to the House of Welcome. Well done Paul, Lachlan and Karen.

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

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### **Donations from MU Brunch**

\$413.70 was raised from the recent MU brunch and these funds will be sent to Anglicare for their Chaplaincy work.

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The next meeting of the **RLT Women's Discussion Group** will be held at Margaret's home on Thursday 7 October at 12noon. Please bring your lunch as usual.

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### **ABM Bear Naming Competition**

Thank you to all the parishioners who supported this fund raiser for the Bishop Newton School of Theology in PNG. The amount raised overall was \$800 00. The winning names were "Bella" and "Ibeza". Unfortunately no one from St Albans was lucky enough to win a bear. Thank you again, Jane Bryant.



## Special Assistant Minister Campaign for 2025

We have almost reached the target of \$60,000. The total amount raised currently sits at **\$58,870**. To those who have given what they can, thank you and praise be to God.

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### Christmas Stall

A Christmas stall will be held on **Sunday 15 December** after both the 8am and 10am services. Donations for the stall (craft, jams cakes etc) will be greatly received. Please leave these in the church foyer or the parish office.



Enquiries to Elizabeth Jenkins.

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### New service setting for 10am Choral Services

Over the next few months the choir will be gradually introducing the *St Anne's Mass* by the Scottish composer Sir James Macmillan.

Sir James is one of the UK's leading composers of both orchestral and sacred music. His anthem [Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?](#) featured in the funeral service of Queen Elizabeth II.

You can listen to the [Kyrie](#), [Gloria](#), [Sanctus](#) and [Agnus Dei](#) of the *St Anne's Mass* on YouTube.

This morning the *Kyrie* will be sung from the *St Anne's Mass*, and the [The Lord's Prayer](#) will be the setting by Patrick Hawes.

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### St John's First Aid Training Course

We are planning on running a course on CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) during the day here at St Alban's (date yet to be organised). The course is suitable for anyone wanting to learn the skills to perform CPR, maintain their competence, or refresh their existing skills.

The course takes 2 1/2 hours and does not require any other certification or training to have been completed previously and is suitable for new students.

The cost is \$85 and there is a maximum of 18 people. If you would like to take part in the training, please let Denise know either [office@epinganglicans.org.au](mailto:office@epinganglicans.org.au) or 9876 3362.

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### Mission of the Month donations received in October

\$585 = Banksia Women and Rough Edges - St John's Darlinghurst

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

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### New offertory envelopes are now available

at the back of the church for those who chose to give this way.

If you prefer to give via bank transfer,  
the account details are on the back page of this bulletin.

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# WHAT'S ON...

## Monday 28 October

**SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES AND MARTYRS**

*Office closed*

## Tuesday 29 October

9.00am Staff meeting

7.45pm All Souls' Service

## Wednesday 30 October

**James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, martyr**

7.30pm Choir practice

## Thursday 31 October

**Martin Luther (d 1546) and other Continental Reformers**

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

## Friday 1 November

**ALL SAINTS**

***Phil's day off***

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## Office arrangements

Denise will be on leave this week, Tuesday 29 October and will return Wednesday 6 November.

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**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.**



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## 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](mailto:phil@eppinganglicans.org.au)

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

### ALL SAINTS' DAY

3 November 2024

#### 8am Eucharist with Hymns

President: The Reverend Phil Lui

Preacher: Dr Ruth Shatford

#### 10am Choral Eucharist

*(also available by Zoom)*

President: The Reverend Phil Lui

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

for prayer and reflection, when the office is open.



### 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

### Parish Office

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