

# 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.

## 5th Sunday of Easter

15 May 2022

### 8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Jane Bryant

*President: The Reverend Paul Weaver*

*Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui*

### 10.00am Eucharist

**Also available by zoom**

Reader: Derek Jones

*President: The Reverend Paul Weaver*

*Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui*

#### Join Zoom Meeting:

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

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). *A password isn't required.*

**Please keep your computer or phone on "mute" during the service.**

To mute/unmute your phone, press \*6

Please stay online for a time of fellowship.

### Morning Tea

Please stay for morning tea after each of the 8am and 10am services.



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

## From Rev'd Phil Lui

This week we are continuing our mini-series on evangelism and outreach.

Previously, we looked at Matthew 28 and our brief to "Make disciples of all nations".

Last week, we probed into Ephesians 4 and God's strategy of gifting the church with evangelists who equip *all* of God's people for the work of evangelism.

This week we will look at some methodology of outreach, drawing upon the example and words of the Apostle Paul. We will be focusing in on some verses in his first letter to the Corinthian church in 1 Corinthians 9:22-23:

*<sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I might become a partner in it.*

These verses contain a lot of wisdom for us in our context as we aim to reach a society that is multicultural, multigenerational, fragmented and disconnected in a world of consumerism and individualised social media.

I'm looking forward to exploring the implications of God's timeless wisdom for us today.

Sunday School is on

TODAY!

10am The Loft

## Pentecost - Sunday 5 June

The exciting day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the church is Pentecost. The early members were so enthusiastic for their faith as a result they were seen to have flames leaping from their heads.

**Please wear something red, white or gold to display your enthusiasm.**

We need some volunteers to read the first reading (Acts 2:5-21) on Pentecost at each of the services in various languages.

If you can read in another language, and would like to be involved, please add your name to the list which is available on the church noticeboard. On the list, you will be able to state which language you can read and which service you can attend.

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## Ecumenical Pentecost Service Epping Uniting Church

Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 7.45pm

The annual Pentecost Service of the Epping Covenant churches will this year be held on Tuesday 7 June at 7.45pm at Epping Uniting church. The preacher will be Pastor Lyn Graham (West Epping Uniting Church).

Please make every effort to be a part of this liturgy as Pentecost is a very important occasion in the Church's life. The service will also mark the annual signing of the Covenant linking our local churches in fellowship and shared activity.

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**Church:**

Kirribilli - St John the Baptist; Mowbray - Holy Trinity; Lane Cove - St Andrew;  
Longueville - St Aidan

West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church

Christian Community Aid (*Mission of the Month*)

**In our World and Community:**

Pray for our country and those seeking to be elected to our national parliament: may they seek to serve the common good, and to govern for all Australians with wisdom, honesty, compassion and integrity.

Pray for places of unrest, conflict, and humanitarian crises - Syria, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Yemen, Libya, Tigray and Ukraine: for the men, women and children suffering the emotional and economic miseries of war, conflict and oppression; the displaced, the homeless, and the refugees. Pray that there may be leaders with the strength and resolve to bring a peaceful end to conflict.

Pray for the continuing Covid situation: the ill, the carers and the fearful. Pray for members of our Parish who have Covid that they will fully recover.

Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia: as General Synod concludes pray that what unites us as the church is focusing on the mission and ministry to which we are all called as disciples of Christ. May we all love each other as Christ loved us.

Pray for our Parish, our clergy and the members of our faith community: inspire us to follow the example of our Saviour in serving one another; in reaching out to those in need; and in feeding those who hunger for the good news of salvation.

Pray for Ross and Jenny: may they travel safely and return refreshed. Give thanks for Paul and Bruce who will lead our worship, and be with Phil during this period.

**For Eastertide:**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

**Recently deceased:** Joan Booth (*her funeral was held last Friday*)

**Anniversary of Death:**

Christina Telfer 15/5; Philip Hill 15/5; Bill Futcher 16/5; John Warton 17/5;  
Alma Adams 17/5; John Bardsley 18/5; James Jones 18/5; Arlene Gellately 19/5



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**St Alban's Patronal Festival**

26 June 2022

9.30am

Preacher: Archbishop Kanishka Raffel

Refreshments in the Parish Hall will be held afterwards.

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# 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 on the last Sunday of May.

CCA has been working in our local community since 1965. It organises its work in six areas: Aged and Disability; Family Day Care; Child, Youth and Family; Community Support; Community Learning; Home Delivered Meals. In 2020 – 2021, 9900+ clients were served, 480+ children were in Family Day Care, 65000+ meals were delivered, and 1600+ food parcels were distributed by CCA. There remains **high demand on the CCA emergency food supplies** by families in need.

For more information about CCA, please refer to the display on the Narthex board, or visit website [www.ccas.org.au](http://www.ccas.org.au)

**Donations of non-perishable food** will be welcome for the Parish's celebration of Harvest Festival on Sunday 29 May. Tinned and packaged food (no glass bottles or jars please) may be left at the office or in the church narthex until Thursday 26 May. Following the Festival all the donated food will be transported from the church display to Christian Community Aid based at Eastwood.

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 ensure that you use the tag 'CCA'), or donate funds directly at <https://ccas.org.au/make-a-donation/>



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## Today's Anthem

*Handel: Glory to God in the Highest (Messiah)*

George Frideric Handel's Messiah has remained one of the composer's most beloved works. Incredibly, Handel completed this 260 page oratorio in just 24 days during the summer of 1741. The scriptural text was compiled by Charles Jennens, with the source being the King James Bible. The first performance of Messiah was on 13 April 1742.

Initially the oratorio garnered a lukewarm reception from audiences, however the work began to gain popularity over some years.

Handel's setting of the famous words is strikingly simple and effective: "Glory to God, glory to God in the highest". In great contrast, "goodwill towards men" is sung in a fast sequence of entries in imitation. After the song the angels disappear, diminuendo, gradually thinned out in instrumentation, with more and more rests, and always rising.

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## CLASSICAL FAVOURITES FOR PIANO

Sunday 29 May at 2pm

St Alban's Main Hall

**Paul Weaver (Pianist) and Bruce Wilson (Duo Pianist)**

Beloved music by Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, Debussy, Dvorak and more.

Donations invited to support the work of "Rough Edges" ministry of St John's Darlinghurst.

Flyers are available at the back of the church if you would like to pass a copy on to others.



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## Zoom Prayer Meeting

We will be continuing the Parish Zoom Prayer meeting at 7.15am on Wednesday mornings focusing on this period between Easter and Pentecost.

If you would like to join us, use the Sunday morning Zoom Church link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389> Meeting ID: 825 1618 2389

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## RLT

The next meeting of RLT Women's Discussion Group will be held on Thursday 2 June at 12.30pm at Judi's home. Please bring your lunch as usual.

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## Pastoral Care

If you or anyone you know needs pastoral care, you may call John Griffin-Miller, our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, on 0408 190 254. John can also be contacted for items to be sent 'In the Loop'.

If you notice that someone has been missing from church, could you take a minute to just make a note of it and drop it into the parish office (or in the letterbox in the door). It could make all the difference.

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## Jam and Pickles (*and sometimes fresh eggs*) ...

are available to purchase from the back of the church on Sundays and Thursdays or the church office (on Tuesday and Thursday mornings). The proceeds go to support Pastoral Care.

The jam and pickle makers thank parishioners for their generosity in supplying empty jars. However, at present we have a surfeit so would respectfully ask **no more jars please** for the time being unless you are returning a jar in which you purchased one of St Alban's jams or pickles.

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## STAMPS

Thank you to everyone who have dropped off stamps. ABM and BCA benefit from the sale of stamps.

If you are able to trim the stamps this would be helpful as both organisations prefer the stamps to be trimmed owing to a lack of volunteers.



*The Council of Christians and Jews of NSW*  
**SHOAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

'A Christian Perspective'

for Christians and all people of compassion to remember 1933-1945

Tuesday 31 May 2022 at 6pm

The Great Synagogue, Sydney

Entry via 166 Castlereagh Street

Guest speaker: Rev'd Dr Patrick McInerney

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Pew  
Reflections  
ἘΓΧΕΙΡΙΔΙΟΝ  
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Acts 11.1-18;  
Psalm 148;  
Revelation 21.1-6;  
John 13.31-35



Today's epistle reading tells of a vision had by Peter whereby he learnt of God's plan to integrate not only Jewish people but also Gentiles into the Church. Peter's response to this was to ask, 'who was I that I could hinder God?' If I were to examine myself, would I find areas of my life where I had hindered God, either out of ignorance or prejudice?

- .Jesus Christ, hell's Destruction, may I not be an impediment to your mission, but rather may I conform my mind to yours.
- .Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Kenya.

*Text: Robert McLean © Anglican Board of Mission 2021*

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## **"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](mailto: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.

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Please send items to be considered for next Sunday's bulletin by  
**Wednesday at 2.30pm.**

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# WHAT'S ON...

## Monday 16 May

Office closed

## Tuesday 17 May

9.00am Staff meeting

11.00am Ladies Bible Study led by Elizabeth Jenkins via zoom (*link below*)

## Wednesday 18 May

7.15am Prayer meeting via zoom (*link below*)

## Thursday 19 May

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom (*link below*)

10.30am Service of Anointing and Prayers for Healing (Rev'd Phil Lui)

## Friday 20 May

The link for the above zoom meetings is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389>

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



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## Parish Roll

Are you new to the Parish or have your details changed? If so, would you kindly let Denise know your new details by email or phone (see back page) and if you are new, kindly fill in a form on the welcome desk.

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## Name Tags ...

For our fellowship, it would be helpful to wear your name badge. If you don't have one, there are two styles to choose from. A magnetic badge at a cost of \$10 (those with pacemakers should talk to their doctor beforehand) and a clip style for \$8.

If you would like to purchase one, please contact Denise in the church office.

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## Catch Up on Sermons

On the Epping Anglicans website, you can find sermons preached most Sundays, and some others prepared by the clergy and other preachers over recent years.

Reflect on sermons you have heard recently, read sermons you did not hear at the time, and go back to earlier sermons as well.

You are invited to make use of this easily-accessible resource.

[www.eppinganglicans.org.au](http://www.eppinganglicans.org.au)

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## Next Sunday Services

6th Sunday of Easter

22 May 2022

### 8am Eucharist at St Alban's

Preacher The Reverend Phil Lui

### 10am Eucharist at St Alban's *(also streamed)*

Preacher The Reverend Phil Lui

## Office arrangements

Bp Ross and Jenny are currently away on leave until Sunday 29 May.

While they are away, you may contact Rev'd Phil Lui on 0433 456 987 or the parish office.

The office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can still contact Denise on the office phone on Wednesdays and Fridays.

## 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, we are including the offertory made to the Parish by direct transfer.

## Parish Directory

**Parish Office** (at St Alban's)

**Address** - 3 Pembroke Street Epping 2121 (PO Box 79 Epping 1710)

**Phone** - 9876 3362

**Rector (on leave)**

Bishop Ross Nicholson

**Assistant Minister**

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**Parish Administrator**

Mrs Denise Pigot 98763362  
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**Children's Ministry Worker**

Amy Taylor

**Choir Director**

Chris Czerwinski

**Website** - [www.eppinganglicans.org.au](http://www.eppinganglicans.org.au)