

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - 9 August 2026

Sunday at St Alban's *(Liturgical Colour Green)*

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Anne Lawson / Preachers: The Rector and David Wong (Student Minister)

@ 10.00am

Sung Eucharist and Baptisms - Also available by zoom *(details on page 4)*

Reader: Christine Murray / Preachers: The Rector and David Wong (Student Minister)

EPIC Indonesian Congregation (Old Sunday School Room)

Pastor Kian Holik

Chinese Congregation

The Reverend Simon Pei

Sunday School in The Loft (above the Main Hall)

Youth Bible Study

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

6.00pm Taizé Service - *The Reverend Paul Weaver*

Rector	The Rev'd Philip Lui 0413 396 435 phil@eppinganglicans.org.au
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Student Ministers and Children's Ministry Workers	Aimee and David Wong
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Chinese Congregation Pastor	Simon Pei - simon@eppinganglicans.org.au
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We welcome those to be baptised - Ezekiel Thevaseyan (and his parents Stephen and Mathanki, and godparents), Jan Shi and Puria Kheirdosh plus family and friends attending to support them.

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

TONIGHT - Taize at 6pm

Tuesday 11 August

1.30pm MU meeting in the Seminar Room. Join in for a Bible study. All are welcome to attend. Enquiries: Elizabeth Jenkins 0403 792 967.

Wednesday 12 August

10am Everyday English Classes

12noon-2pm Chinese Alpha Course

Thursday 13 August

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing - all welcome.

Friday 14 August

7.30pm to 9pm - **Mandarin Bible Study** led by Simon Pei held in the Seminar Room. All welcome.

Next Sunday 16 August

12th Sunday after Pentecost. Preacher: Bill Walton

Thursday 20 August

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

Saturday 22 August

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Come along and join in with others helping to maintain our grounds. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Sunday 30 August

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



The memorial flowers today
are in loving memory of Ian Robert Arnold
from Peggy Sanders and the Arnold Family.

Change to our Service Sheets

at 8am today you will receive the Service Sheet and a separate sheet with the Collects, Readings and the Hymns. Feel free to take the Readings sheet home, if you leave the Service Sheet in the porch on your way out it will be used again next week.

Census - Tuesday 11 August

The Archbishop has written to us regarding how we as **Anglicans** complete The Census. Please read the letter on the church porch noticeboard.

The Reverend Jeremy Morris

has commenced as Senior Minister of St John's Beecroft.

Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden at St Alban's was established in 1981 as a sacred place of remembrance for members of our Parish community whose ashes have been scattered there. It continues to hold deep significance for many in our community. Following a wider Diocesan review of graveyards, columbaria and memorial gardens, we have been advised that no further interment of ashes is to take place in the garden. This review is intended to ensure that all such places comply with current state government legislation, including the registration of historic and existing sites.

The Rector and Wardens are very mindful of the pastoral sensitivities surrounding this change, particularly for families who have loved ones remembered in the garden. We recognise that there are a small number of people in the Parish who are surviving spouses of those whose ashes have been interred there. The Diocese has granted discretion for a limited number of further interments in the case of surviving spouses and in exceptional circumstances. Those surviving spouses have been contacted individually to explain the change and the discretion that has been approved.

The garden will continue to be honoured and cared for as a memorial garden, and the register of those interred there will continue to be maintained. If you have any concerns or questions about this decision, please speak with the Rector or one of the Wardens.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia starts this Sunday evening with Eucharist at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne and will meet from 9 - 14 August.

The General Synod brings together elected laity and clergy from Dioceses across Australia. The General Synod exists in order to share how we relate to each other as a national Christian community.

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

Church: Beecroft - St John the Evangelist; Macquarie - St George and St Dunstan; LifeWay Lutheran Church Epping. CBM - Mission of the Month.

For Your Prayers for the Month are included in the Monthly Newsletter. Please refer to these to include in your prayers. **In addition** - there are a number of people from the parish who are in need of our prayers, so please continue to pray for those who are sick or facing surgery, those in hospital or in care - pray that they will know God's grace and comfort. Pray for medical staff and all carers.

Pray for our Rector, for our Ministry Team, and our Student Ministers. Pray for each of our congregations and for our outreach.

Pray for those who are being baptised in our 10am Service today - Ezekiel, Jan and Puria. Pray that they may know God's love and faithfulness; and find in this congregation a welcoming and loving community in which to grow their faith.

Prayer for the Week: A Prayer for The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia

We pray to you, living God, for everyone who will gather for the General Synod this week: lay people, clergy and bishops, administrative staff and visitors. Give grace to Synod members to hear your living Word, and attend to what you are saying, through the debates, discussions, legislation and resolutions. Amen

Those recently deceased: Joan Forsythe, who has been in care and was a long term parishioner, passed away on 6 August. Details of her funeral will be available once they have been arranged.

Anniversary of Death: Selina Van Derweyden 9/8; Roy Cooper 9/8; Isabel Whittington 10/8; Lance Futchter 10/8; Catherine Nyholm 11/8; Jenny Schubert 11/8; Ian Arnold 11/8; Joy Jones 12/8; Dudley Mander 12/8; Alison Macdonald 12/8; Audrey Church 13/8; Jean Burges 13/8; Edith Tagg 14/8; Dawn Nyholm 14/8; Robert Jones 14/8; John Dempster 15/8; Norman Costello 15/8; Sandra Broadfoot 15/8

Giving in offertories and donations to June 2026

Offertories and donations totalled \$111,896 against a budget of \$96,180, placing us \$15,716 ahead. This is also \$23,252 (26%) higher than at the same time last year.

These figures do not include giving from the Indonesian and Chinese congregations, as their offerings support their own ministry resources.

It is encouraging that this improvement has continued, which gives us confidence to explore increasing staff days to support the growth God has graciously given our church, and to address other areas of need in the Parish. The Wardens are thankful for this positive result in giving and continue to be greatly encouraged by it. We continue to pray that this momentum will continue, helping us remain faithful in the Parish's mission through the rest of 2026 and into 2027. The Wardens

Mission of the Month - CBM Australia

CBM Australia is part of an international Christian development organisation devoted to improving the lives of people with disabilities in the poorest places on earth. **Poverty and disability go hand in hand** creating a cycle of inequality, isolation and exclusion that leads to the most **extreme forms of poverty**. Throughout its 118-year history and over 48 years in Australia, CBM (formerly Christian Blind Mission) has developed proven community-based programs that help millions of people benefit from real, lasting change.

Please refer to the display on the narthex board, the August newsletter, or visit website www.cbm.org.au for further information.

There are a few ways for you to financially support CBM in their global ministry during these times of crisis. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'CBM' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'CBM'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use tag 'CBM', or donate funds directly at <https://my.cbm.org.au/donate>

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.

Zoom details for Services available by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFpYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpzUT09>

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.
