

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.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

28 July 2024

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Jane Bryant

President: The Reverend Paul Weaver

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Also available by zoom

Reader: Meredith Lawn

President and Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

10.00am Sunday School in The Loft

(above the Main Hall)

Amy Taylor, Children's Ministry Worker

Join the 10am Service by Zoom:

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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

Please stay for morning tea and fellowship in the Main Hall after each of the 8am and 10am services. Everyone welcome.



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

Phil's letter:

As we are reading Paul's Letter to the Ephesians it is an opportune time to enrich our understanding of what it means for us as a church to be part of the Body of Christ. This is a familiar idea to us as we say every week 'We are the Body of Christ' at our Greeting of Peace to one another, may be for those of us who are new to church, I'm also mindful that the meaning of this declaration is not intrinsically obvious, nor are the depths of all its theological, community and individual implications. As we work our way systematically through the letter of Ephesians we will look at what it means for us as we declare 'We are the Body of Christ'.

Throughout this series there will be three practical ways you will be invited to respond to this part of God's Word. Firstly, you will be invited to fill in a survey, so that all parishioners can have the opportunity to contribute their thoughts and ideas to the vision and direction of our church. Secondly on Sunday 8 September, we will be having a special "Thanks and Giving Service" when we will spend time giving thanks to God for what he has been doing in our church and individual lives.

And thirdly, please join with me in praying fervently for our church over these coming weeks.

Yours together in the Body on Christ, Phil Lui

Thoughts for Prayer and Reflection:

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



The memorial flowers today
are in loving memory of
Graham Croker
from Jocelyn, Andrew and Jennifer

Bp Ross:

On Saturday 20 July Bp Ross was commissioned as the Dean of Saint Paul's Cathedral Rockhampton.

There are some photographs on the Facebook of the Anglican Church of Central Queensland. <https://www.facebook.com/anglicanchurchcq.org.au>

Prayer at the time of choosing a new Rector

Bountiful God, give to this parish of Saint Alban a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to the parish nominators, Ruth, Meryl, Peggy, Glyn and James; Bp Chris and the diocesan members of the Nomination Board wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



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

Church:

Christ Church Northern Beaches; Freshwater St Marks; Warriewood Brook Retirement Village Aged Services; The Mission to Seafarers; Retired Clergy LifeWay Lutheran Church Epping; Parish of St John the Baptist, Epping, UK
The House of Welcome (Mission of the Month)

In our World and Community:

Pray for refugees and asylum seekers: pray that those who are seeking to settle in Australia will find here generous hearts. Pray for the House of Welcome, and other organisations, providing practical and emotional support and assistance. May they be well supported in their work.

Pray for all people suffering from war and conflict: may they be held in God's loving care and protection and given the strength to endure this hardship. Pray that the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate violence and oppression will be changed, and that leaders will advance efforts towards peace. May leaders show wisdom and courage and may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

Pray for schools and places of learning – give students, teachers and administrators patience, a love of learning and a desire for all to be able to perform to their very best ability. May our schools be safe places where God's love is evident in the respect shown to all. Pray for Amy and our Sunday School.

Pray for those from our parish community, or known to us, who are unwell, frail or confused. Pray that they will experience God's calming spirit. Pray for caregivers, give them hearts of compassion, and help them to know how to reassure the anxious; and help them to listen and assist in finding answers to their concerns. When they need comfort, help them to communicate care and understanding.

Pray for women and children around the world who are experiencing violence of any kind. Pray for governments to rule wisely and to make and enforce laws to protect women and children from violence. Pray for support agencies that they may have the resources they need to provide for the rights of victims. Pray for comfort and healing to all those who suffer.

Pray for our Parish and our faith community. Pray for our Acting Rector Phil in his leadership of the parish, and for our Wardens. Pray that we will continue to serve Christ and each other, may we seek ways to give generously of our skills, talents and financial resources in God's service.

Prayer for the Week:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary of Death:

Norm Pacey 28/7; Stanley Keough 29/7; Graham Croker 30/7;
Annette Sheather 30/7; Margaret Sim 31/7; Jean Stanton; Harry Carruthers;
Ted McKillop; Dennis Meintjes 1/8; John Oxley 1/8; Monica Irving 2/8;
Hamish and Kenneth Alexander 2/8; Sheila Hale 2/8

Mission of the Month

The House of Welcome

The House of Welcome at Granville assists and supports **refugees** and **asylum seekers** in the areas of housing, employment, community connection as well as case work. It provides shelter, a resource/referral centre, medical and legal support, and assistance in finding emergency and permanent accommodation, gaining employment and enrolling in English classes.

Its impact has been in the areas of:

- * *Housing* 95 people housed every night
- * *Employment* 200 people assisted with employment
- * *Casework* 440 people provided with emergency assistance and assisted in developing plans centred on their individual needs
- * *Foodbank* 5405 food parcels and financial distributions to people in need
- * *Social enterprise* eight trainee job placements and 9400 satisfied catering customers
- * *Advocacy* 35+ meetings with political representatives.

The Pastoral Care Committee of our Epping parish has actively supported The House of Welcome during the past several years, among other national and international refugee organisations.

For further information, please refer to the display on the Narthex board or visit <https://www.houseofwelcome.org.au/>

There are a few ways you can financially assist The House of Welcome.

- Donate funds directly at <https://www.houseofwelcome.org.au/donate>
- Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please tag as 'House of Welcome'.
- Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your offertory envelope (write 'House of Welcome' next to the stamped date) or in a plain envelope marked 'House of Welcome' and deposit in the collection box in the church
- 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 the church office at 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 The House of Welcome.



The House of Welcome

Thanks to the kindness of John Griffin-Miller we were able to deliver seven magnificent rugs and eleven beanies to The House of Welcome on Monday morning.

This donation was gratefully received, and thank you to all those who continue to knit loyally for the outreach, that we are able to provide warmth to those not so fortunate as ourselves.

If you would like to knit strips/squares/beanies (no pompoms on top) in acrylic yarn we would be delighted to have your contribution.



The strips are often knitted with scraps of yarn left over from other projects which when joined up form a very colourful, warm and practical rug to bring comfort to someone at this chilly time of the year.

The strips are 60 inches (150 cm) measured on a smooth surface - such as a table top, not on carpet. They are knitted with No.7 or No.8 needles and are sixty stitches in width.

Margaret Cummins

Mission of the Month donations received in July

\$505 = House of Welcome (so far for July)

These amounts have been donated through the Parish accounts and do not include donations made by parishioners directly to each mission.

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.

The next meeting of the **RLT Women's Discussion Group** will be held at Christine's home on Thursday 1 August at 12noon. Please bring your lunch as usual.



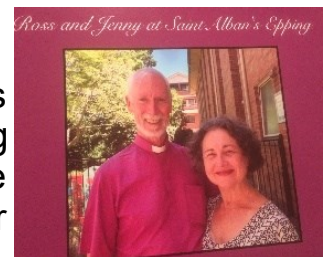
Three miracles in one reading – Jesus feeds the crowds, Jesus walks on water, and a boat turns up immediately at the shore of the land to which the disciples were heading. It's very easy to disparage miracles in our modern day. We like to rationalise much of what happens around us. But despite all that, miraculous things happen around us every day: the birth of a baby, the beauty of a flower, the love of a spouse or friend. Sure, these *can* be explained rationally, but isn't it better to know, for example, how love *feels* rather than being given a lecture about testosterone, oestrogen dopamine, norepinephrine, serotonin, oxytocin and vasopressin. Sorry, didn't mean to kill the moment!

- Lord, help us to see the miracles that occur all around us day by day. Help us never to lose our sense of wonder.
- Give thanks for the Church of North India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

Text: Robert McLean @ Anglican Board of Mission, 2024.

Commemorative photo book reprints

Ross and Jenny love the photobook that was prepared for them as one of their farewell gifts. The copy doing the rounds at morning tea will eventually go into the church archives, but a few people have indicated that they would like to purchase a copy for themselves. Ross and Jenny don't mind if extra copies are made!



If you would like to purchase a copy, Gillian Taylor can place an order over the next couple of months. They will cost between \$50 and \$60, depending what special offers are available from Snapfish at the time. Please let Gillian know either at church, phone 0412 724 516 or email mgt2@ozemail.com.au if you would like a copy.

St Alban's Bookmarks

In 2023 for the celebration of the Centenary of the church building, a set of bookmarks were produced depicting some of the windows in the church.

A display of them can be found on the church noticeboard. If you would like to purchase one or more, please enquire at the Parish Office. \$2.50 each or 5 for \$10.00

St Alban's Sound System

A new amplifier has been installed which has improved the sound quality in the church. This is the first step to upgrade the AV system. If you would like to contribute towards the cost (\$2500) of this equipment, the bank details are on the back page of this bulletin. Thank you if you have already contributed.

Donations

Thank you to those who have given to the recent requests in the bulletin for financial assistance for the new AV system, air conditioner in the choir loft and votive candles.

So far we have received: Air conditioner - \$250, AV system - \$225 and Candles - \$150.

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 29 July

Mary and Martha of Bethany

Office closed

Tuesday 30 July

William Wilberforce, social reformer

9.00am Staff meeting

Wednesday 31 July

Joseph of Arimathea

10.00am ESL

7.30pm Choir practice

Thursday 1 August

Holy men and women of the Old Testament

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

12noon RLT at Christine's

Friday 2 August

Phil's day off

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.

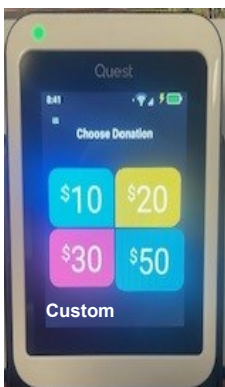


Safe Ministry

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 Acting Rector Rev. Phil Lui on 02 9876 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 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
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
3 August 2024

8am Eucharist with Hymns

President: The Reverend Paul Weaver
Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

10am Choral Eucharist

(also available by Zoom)

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Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

Bulletin notices: Please send items to be considered for next Sunday's bulletin by **WEDNESDAY at 2.30pm** to the office.

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

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