

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8 February 2026

Sunday Services

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Jane Bryant

Preacher: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Also available by zoom (*details on back page*)

Reader: Sarah Weaver

Preacher: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

10.00am Sunday School in The Loft

(above the Main Hall)

6.00pm Taizé Service

The Reverend Paul Weaver

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

Monday 9 February

7.45pm Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10 February

11.30am MU Eucharist followed by lunch and a meeting in the Seminar Room. Attendees are welcome to join us for lunch in the seminar room afterwards

Wednesday 11 February

10am Everyday English Classes

Thursday 12 February

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Wednesday 18 February

Ash Wednesday Services

12noon Eucharist and Ashing and 7.45pm Choral Eucharist and Ashing

Please see the February Newsletter for more detail.

Thursday 19 February

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

Sunday 22 February

Newcomers Lunch from 12noon.

Please RSVP to Phil on 0413 396 435 if you would like to attend.

The first Taize service for this year is TONIGHT.

Dates for the rest of this year will be:

April 12, June 13, August 9, October 11 and November 8

Lenten Ecumenical Service

Thursday 19 February 11am at West Epping Uniting Cnr Carlingford Road and Orchard Street followed by light refreshments.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish will be held on Sunday 22 March 2026. Please find the relevant information on the church porch noticeboard.

Congratulations to **The Reverend Brett Hall**, episcopal assistant (EA) to our Bishop, Chris Edwards, who has been appointed as Archdeacon to the Diocese's South Sydney and Northern regions - his collation will be on February 21. Archdeacon Brett will be our preacher on Sunday 8 March.



The Memorial Flowers today are in loving memory of
Doug Pearson from Margaret and family.

The February Newsletter covering the whole month, with more details, is available in the church porch. Please ask the duty parishioner for a copy.

Morning tea - Please stay for morning tea in the Main Hall after the 8am and 10am services. Everyone is very welcome.

For Your Prayers

Church: Ryde - St Anne; West Ryde - St Columb; West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church. . Anglicare Chaplaincy - Mission of the Month

For the Church and our Parish: Pray for our Rector Fr Phil and our ministry team; pray for Pastor Kian and Liza, and the Indonesian Congregation, and for The Reverend Simon and Lillian and the Chinese Congregation. Pray that all will find here a warm welcome in our expanding community of faith - may we 'gather, grow and go' together in God's love.

Pray for God's blessing on our parish activities; on our Sunday School; our Everyday English Classes; and on our Choir.

Pray for School Chaplains and SRE teachers; and for the Anglicare Chaplains serving and meeting the spiritual needs of people in hospitals, prisons, mental health centres and aged care facilities.

In our World and our Country: Pray for peace and justice in the world; and for people to be treated with dignity and equality.

In our Community and Families: Pray for those from our parish who are sick, those facing operations, those recovering from surgery, and pray for the frail and the confused. Pray that all who are in need will receive God's grace, through the prayers, caring and compassion of the community around them.

Pray for students, teachers and administrators in our schools and all places of learning. May our children and youth be enabled to flourish, and may their curiosity be nourished in places where they feel protected and safe.

For the Week: God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Anniversary of Death: Janette Munns 8/2; Phyllis Middleton 9/2; Alister Sim 10/2; Kirsten Russell-Jones 10/2; Phyllis Evans 11/2; Gwen Farrer 12/2; Charles Gilling 12/2; Ena Rosebuck 13/2; Doug Pearson 13/2; Norma Gough 13/2; Ruth Rixon 14/2; Luke Albers 14/2; Nicholas Leyer 14/2

Mission of the Month Anglicare Chaplaincy

Alongside its wide-ranging work with people in need, Anglicare provides chaplains and chaplaincy services throughout Sydney and the Illawarra - in hospitals, prisons, mental health centres, aged care services, and in the community, ministering to people in need of personal and spiritual support. Some of us have benefited from the ministry of Chaplains at Anglicare Retirement Villages, as well as at hospitals. For further information about Anglicare Chaplaincy, please refer to the February newsletter, the display on the narthex board or visit website <https://www.anglicare.org.au/community/chaplaincy/>

There are a few ways you can financially support the Anglicare Chaplaincy ministry. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'Anglicare Chaplaincy' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'Anglicare Chaplaincy.' Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use the tag 'Anglicare Chaplaincy', or donate funds directly at <https://www.anglicare.org.au/donate> - use the pull-down menu under *Area of Support* and click on either *Chaplaincy – Hospital and Emergency* or *Chaplaincy – Prison and Community*.

St Alban's is open during the week
for prayer and reflection, when the office is open.

Total Givings for 2025 as at December

Giving and donations: \$189,849 / Budget: \$206,760 / We are behind by: \$16,911
However giving and donations were up 1% on the last year which is a very promising trend which we would like to see continue into 2026.
As at the end of December 2025 we have experienced a continued increase in giving, which we are immensely thankful for.

Mission of the Month donations received in January

\$315.00 = Bush Church Aid

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



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

Tin Bin (*hessian bag*) ... Thank you for your ongoing support. It is greatly appreciated by Christian Community Aid at Eastwood. All types of packaged food (not fresh) and bathroom supplies will be happily received.

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 give 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.



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.

Zoom details for Services available by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFpYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09>

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.
