

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 1 February 2026

Sunday Services

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Elizabeth Jenkins

Preacher: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

10.00am Choral Eucharist

Prayers and Blessing for students, teachers and all involved in education
Also available by zoom (details on back page)

Reader: Gillian Taylor

Choir Motet: Saint Richard's Prayer by St Richard of Chichester

Preacher: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

10.00am Sunday School in The Loft

(above the Main Hall)

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

We welcome back Fr Paul Weaver who has been Acting Rector for the Parish of St George's, Paddington since October 2024.

We also welcome back the Parish Choir.

Today we pray for all students and teachers, for school chaplains, and for those who are Special Religious Education (SRE) teachers in our schools. We pray for principals in their leadership, and all who are wellbeing and support staff, and administrative and operations staff caring for our children and their families. We pray too for all places of learning - for staff and students in Universities, TAFE Colleges, other vocational colleges and in the various theological and ministry training colleges. We pray for those involved in leading and attending our Everyday English Classes here at Saint Alban's and in other parishes.

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

Wednesday 4 February

10am Everyday English Classes resume at 10am.

Thursday 5 February

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

12.00pm The first meeting of the **RLT Women's Discussion Group for 2026** will be held at Christine's home. New members are very welcome. Enquiries to Christine on 0418 241 372.

Sunday 8 February

First Taize Service for the year at 6pm

Wednesday 18 February

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES.

12noon Eucharist and Ashing and 7.45pm Solemn Eucharist and Ashing

Please see the February Newsletter for more detail.

New Chinese Congregation - Please see the notice from the Rector and the Wardens in the February Newsletter.

The Parish Magazine - the new edition of the magazine is available today. Please collect your copy from the duty parishioners in the church porch.

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

Thoughts for Prayer and Reflection: The February 2026 *Thoughts for Prayer and Reflection* is available in the porch and soon on the website.

Taize service dates for this year will be:

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

Lenten Ecumenical Service

Thursday 19 February 11am at West Epping Uniting

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish will be held on Sunday 22 March 2026. Please find the relevant information in the February Newsletter about the changed requirements for nominations to leadership positions.

For Your Prayers

Church: North Ryde - St John; Robert Menzies College & Trinity Chapel, Macquarie; Epping Uniting Church; The Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford. Anglicare Chaplaincy - Mission of the Month

For the Church and our Parish: Pray for the church in England and for the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Sarah Mullally, following her confirmation as Archbishop as she takes up her appointment and prepares for her installation.

Pray for our Rector Fr Phil and our ministry team - Assistant Minister Bill and Student Ministers Doris, Gloria, Aimee and David. 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.

As our regular and new ministries and activities commence, we may be considering how we can each best serve our faith community, and God.

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 where there is conflict; for calm and justice where there is brutality and repression; and for the flourishing of First Nations Peoples. Pray for leaders who encourage and promote peace, harmony, and caring for the vulnerable over hate, division and greed.

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: Heavenly Father, I come before you with gratitude for a new week. I surrender my plans, worries and responsibilities into your loving hands, trusting that you go before me. Grant me wisdom to make right decisions and strength to navigate any challenges. Cover my thoughts with your peace, and let your presence guide my steps each day. In Jesus' name. Amen

Anniversary of Death: Jean Poole; Beryl Matthews; Ronald Joseph; John Oliver; Anthony de Boos 1/2; John Chapman 2/2; Irene Middleton 3/2; David Bryant 4/2; Alfred Howe 7/2; Douglas Wickremsinghe 7/2

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.

Congratulations

To Kari (our caretaker) and Esmarie who had a baby boy on 13 January 2026. If you would like to help them with a meal, you can leave a non returnable container in the main hall kitchen freezer. Please label what the meal is and who it is for and the date it was frozen.

Lighting a candle at St Alban's

The Pastoral Care Committee have organised cards (next to the votive candles) to send to loved ones in need.

*Lighting a candle is a prayer -
when you have gone it stays alight as a symbol of love and hope, of light and warmth,
uniting your prayers with the prayers of the whole Church of God.*

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=VGpWNXRMcFILYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09>

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.
