

St Alban's Monthly Newsletter

AUGUST 2025



Sunday services this month

3 August – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

10 August – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of Denise's 30th Anniversary in the Parish

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist / 6pm Taizé

17 August – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration of 100 years of Mothers Union in the Parish

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

24 August – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

31 August – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

St Aidan's Day / Day of Prayer for Refugees

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

Sunday School is held at 10am every Sunday in The Loft

What's on at St Alban's during August

Sunday 3 August

Organ Recital

11.30am after the 10am service

St Alban's Organ Scholars will be performing

The recital will be approximately 30 minutes long.

12 noon Mandarin speaking discussion group

Seminar Room with Jess Li, Phil and Becky Lui

Please speak with Phil for more information.

Wednesday 6 August

Everyday English Classes at 10am

Thursday 7 August

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Thursday 7 August

12 noon Women's Discussion Group RLT (Road Less Travelled), will be held at Judy's home. BYO lunch as usual. If you are interested in joining, please contact Christine Murray (0418 241 372).

7.15pm Bible Study at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853

Sunday 10 August

Celebration of Denise's 30th Anniversary in the Parish

A special morning tea will be held after the 10am service. A plate of food to go towards the morning tea would be greatly appreciated.

Tuesday 12 August

1.30pm Mothers Union will meet on Tuesday 12 August at 1.30pm in the Seminar room. Janet Austin will lead a Bible Study (no 3). More ladies are very welcome to join this group. For more details, please contact Elizabeth Jenkins on 0403 792 967.

Wednesday 13 August

Everyday English Classes at 10am

Thursday 14 August

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

7.15pm Bible Study at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853

Sunday 17 August

Celebrating 100 years of Mothers Union here at St Alban's

The 100th year anniversary of the establishment of St Alban's Mothers' Union will be celebrated on Sunday 17th August. Guest speaker at the 10am service will be Glenda McSorley, President of the Sydney Diocese Mothers' Union. Other members of the Sydney Executive have been invited to attend and there will be a special morning tea after the service. All members of St Alban's parish are encouraged to attend this very special occasion

Wednesday 20 August

Everyday English Classes at 10am

Thursday 21 August

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

6.30pm Men's BBQ Group will be held in The Seminar Room (behind the Parish Office). BYO meat for the barby, drinks, some salad or sides, to share. Enjoy getting together with other men in the parish.

7.15pm Bible Study at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853

Saturday 23 August
Organ Competition at St Alban's

1pm

Ticket Price: Adults \$10, Concession \$5 and Primary School aged children free
Tickets available through <https://www.trybooking.com/> and by EFTPOS at the door.

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Extra hands, of all ages, are always helpful.
Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Wednesday 27 August

Everyday English Classes at 10am

Thursday 28 August

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

7.15pm Bible Study at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853

Newcomers Lunch

Sunday 31 August from 12noon.

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

The Lord's Prayer during the Season of Pentecost

We commenced on the Day of Pentecost having The Lord's Prayer read for us in a language other than English during our Services, and we will continue until the twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (16 November).

In the spirit of this Season of Pentecost as we listen to The Lord's Prayer we remind ourselves of God's sending of the Holy Spirit and the gifts he gives so that we can spread the Gospel to all nations, peoples and languages.

If you would like to join those reading The Lord's Prayer on a Sunday morning this would be appreciated, please let Peggy Sanders know pmasanders@gmail.com - indicating the language and which service you attend.

Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection - for August 2025 is now available.

Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection is produced within the parish with a thought and prayer for each day of the month, as well as weekly prayers.

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 117-year history and over 47 years in Australia, CBM (formerly Christian Blind Mission) has developed proven community-based programs that help millions of people benefit from real, lasting change.

Currently more than one billion people are **living with disabilities**, and they are **unduly impacted** during times of crisis and disaster. CBM's areas of work include:

- **Preventing blindness** - preventing and treating avoidable blindness such as cataract, river blindness and trachoma.
- **Ending poverty** - helping practically by providing aids and equipment, access to much-needed treatment, learning a skill and going to school.
- **Transforming lives of people with disabilities** - influencing communities, organisations and governments to change attitudes and policies so everyone is included.

For further details, please refer to website www.cbm.org.au

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>

Mission of the Month donations received this year

\$400.00 = Anglicare Chaplaincy (January)

\$425.00 = BCA (February)

\$639.00 = ABM (March and April)

\$749.20 = CCA (May)

\$300.00 = Anglican Aid (June)

\$620.00 = House of Welcome (July)

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

For Your Prayers

Parishes in our Mission Area

Beecroft, St John the Evangelist; Eastwood, St Philip; Gladesville, Christ Church; Macquarie, St George and St Dunstan; North Epping, All Saints; Ryde, St Anne; Soul Revival; West Ryde, St Columb; North Ryde, St John; Bridge, Trinity Chapel

Ecumenical Churches in our Area

Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford; Uniting Church Parishes of Epping and West Epping; Epping Presbyterian Church; Epping Baptist Church; and Epping Congregational Church

Pray for our Parish

Pray for our Rector Phil in his leadership; pray for our Wardens and the Parish Council as they seek to envision the possibilities for our parish, and manage a path between what we would like to achieve and what we can afford to do.

Pray that we may each contribute our skills, talents, time and finances as we are able, for the good of the parish and the furtherance of God's kingdom in our parish and the community around us.

Give thanks for our Parish Administrator, Denise, for all she does to manage and support the smooth running of the parish, and for her long, and ongoing, service in the parish. Pray for Denise giving thanks for her calm nature, her patience, her caring and her friendliness.

Pray for those from our Parish who are in need:

Pray for those from our parish community who are ill, undergoing surgery, or in need, and those who are confused or fearful. Pray for those who care for the sick, the elderly or the infirm, may they have an abundance of patience and compassion. May all know the comfort of God's healing grace.

Pray for our World

Pray for those in the midst of war, conflict and those suffering upheaval in their lives. Pray for the many who starving and unable to care for their families, particularly the aged and the children. Pray for the humanitarian workers trying to ease the suffering of others.

Pray that the leaders of nations will be moved to bring an end to these crises in the world. Pray that people with influence will see the importance and urgency of working for peace, so that all people will be treated justly and with fairness.

Anniversary of Death for August

Jean Stanton; Harry Carruthers; Edward McKillop; Dennis Meintjes 1/8;
John Oxley 1/8; Monica Irving 2/8; Hamish and Kenneth Alexander 2/8;
Sheila Hale 2/8; Neville Jansz 5/8; Nell Fairbairn 8/8; Ellen Johnson 8/8;
Selwyn Gilling 9/8; 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 Burgess 13/8; Edith Tagg 14/8;
Dawn Nyholm 14/8; Robert Jones 14/8; John Dempster 15/8; more on next page

Norman Costello 15/8; Sandra Broadfoot 15/8; Barbara Bell 16/8; Mary Bien 16/8; Frank Horley 16/8; Noreen Kemp 16/8; Thomas Gray 17/8; Brian Sculley 17/8; Don Craig 17/8 Bessie Couch 18/8; Claine Currey 18/8; Vera White 19/8 Gail Simpson 19/8; John de Boos 19/8; Vera Richardson 20/8; Aaron Simmons 20/8; Gladys Hughes 22/8; Ovidiu Demetrescu 22/8; Beatrice Sylvester 23/8; George Cummins 23/8; George Lonsdale 24/8; Lionel Goff 24/8; Ross Sellers 25/8; Clarice Harsum 25/8; William Arcus 27/8; Nona Ashley 27/8; Edward Tagg 28/8; Alan Gordon 28/8

Encouragement Cards

The Connect Cards have now been replaced by Encouragement Cards.

These cards can be found in the holders on the back of the pews or in the church porch. These cards are available for parishioners to communicate words of encouragement and thanks to those at St Albans, prayer requests, feedback on the service or sermon, or perhaps you would like to bring something to the attention to the ministry staff.

Encouragement Cards are also for new or visiting people as a first step to help the community welcome you and to also find out more about St Alban's.

Altar Linen

There are a number of parishioners who look after the small items of linen used during services and we value their assistance.

The Altar Cloths are larger items and Peggy Sanders is currently looking for a recommendation for a commercial laundry to wash, starch and iron the Altar Cloths (like linen tablecloths) for a reasonable price. If you have a recommendation please let Peggy know 0413 481 854, pmasanders@gmail.com

Breakfast and Morning Tea Volunteers

More volunteers are needed to help with this important outreach. If you could give some of your time on a Sunday, please call Elizabeth Jenkins on 0403792967 or email her elizabethjenkins86@yahoo.com.au for more information.

ABM 175th Anniversary Choral Evensong and Celebration Dinner

This year the Anglican Board of Mission is celebrating its 175 years.

If you would like to attend the Choral Evensong at St James King Street and Celebration Dinner on Wednesday 29 October 2025, you should book for the dinner now. The details are at: <https://www.abmission.org/events/175dinner/>

Big thanks to Mark Taylor for helping maintain St Alban's property. Recently he installed door seals in the church to keep the chilly weather out as much as possible and just painted anti slip coating on the steps to the main hall.

National Grandparents Conference

Saturday 23 August

St Paul's Castle Hill, 421 Old Northern Road Castle Hill and online

9am to 4.30pm

<https://ngmlegacy.com.au/2025-conference/>

For many grandchildren, their grandparents play a unique and influential role in their lives. This conference is designed to help grandparents be encouraged and inspired to invest in the lives of their grandchildren in ways that only grandparents can.

\$85 per person for in person regular attendance

\$28 per person live stream (online) attendance

LIVE STREAM / Online Attendance

- Your link for watching the conference will be sent as a **SEPARATE email** in the week leading up to the conference.
- If you are unable to watch the conference on the day (or can only watch some of the sessions), your link will remain active until **11pm on Monday 22nd September**.
- If you are joining with others to watch the conference, please ensure **each person** viewing the conference has registered.

Enquiries: Ian Barnett ngmpastor1@gmail.com / 0413 136 737

Fire and Rescue NSW

In the past few months Fire and Rescue NSW have identified an alarming spike in residential structure fires within the Northern Sydney community. Fire and Rescue NSW is encouraging all members of the community to take extra precautions to stay safe from home fires during winter.

Below are several important resources from Fire and Rescue NSW:

- **Free Home Fire Safety Visits:** FRNSW offers free safety visits where they will test and even replace your smoke alarm for no charge. With your permission they can also offer free tailored safety advice.
- **Home Fire Escape Plan** – guidance to help families plan a safe exit in case of a fire.
- **Home Fire Safety Checklist** – focused on the most common area where house fires start.
- **Lithium-ion Battery Safety** – increasingly relevant with the widespread use of rechargeable devices.

Further information: visit fire.nsw.gov.au or contact your local fire station.

A notice with QR codes is on the church noticeboard.

**Zoom details for Sunday 10am Service
and Thursday 9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing**

<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.

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.

PARISH STAFF

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