

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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY Australia Day Observation 25 January 2026

Sunday Services

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Margaret Foster

Preacher: *Bill Walton, Assistant Minister*

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Also available by zoom (details on back page)

Reader: Christine Murray

Preacher: *Bill Walton, Assistant Minister*

10.00am Children's Holiday Program in The Loft (above the Main Hall)

Rector

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Bill Walton

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Gloria Walton

Aimee and David Wong

Indonesian Congregation (EPIC) Pastor

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Caretaker

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

Sunday 1 February

During our 10am Service we will have Prayer and Blessing for students, teachers and all involved in education. We will also welcome back our choir following their well deserved break during January.

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.

New Congregation Opportunity

Over many years the Parish has recognised that that there is a large Chinese Australian community within Epping that we have not been able to appropriately minister to. The Rector with the Church Wardens and Parish Council are currently considering an opportunity to establish a new congregation to meet that need. Some of the detail is still being worked through. We hope to make a commencement announcement in the coming weeks.

The congregation will be led by an ordained Anglican minister and fully integrated within the broader Parish. We envisage that it will operate in a similar manner to EpiC (our Indonesian congregation). Some of you may have questions and we will share more information as we clarify arrangements. This is a wonderful opportunity and an answer to many years of prayer.

The Rector and Wardens.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish will be held on Sunday 22 March 2026. You are reminded that there are changes to the Nomination Process for Office Holders which is outlined on page 3 of the January Newsletter.

Would you like to help with English Classes this year?

We are in need of someone to assist with hall arrangements, equipment and attendance. English Classes run on Wednesdays during the school term. If you would be interested in filling this role, please let the Parish Office know.

January Newsletter

Copies are still available at the back of the church. If you have anything to contribute to the February Newsletter, please send to the office by Tuesday 27 January.

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: Hunters Hill Parish; North Epping - All Saints; LifeWay Lutheran Church. Bush Church Aid - Mission of the Month

For the Church and our Parish: Pray for our Rector Fr Phil and our ministry team - Assistant Minister Bill and Student Ministers Doris, Gloria, Aimee and David. Pray for them as they plan together for serving our parish community. Pray for Pastor Kian and Liza, and the Indonesian Congregation.

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

Pray for the people of St George's Paddington and for the Commissioning Service for Bishop Stuart Robinson, commencing today as the new Senior Minister at St George's.

Pray for School Chaplains and SRE teachers as they prepare for the new school year.

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 that in our country there will be a healing of divisions and the setting aside of differences, pray that we may work for the common good, promoting empathy, and encouraging service to the vulnerable.

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 families, students and teachers as they prepare to return to places of education.

For the Week: Bounteous God, we give you thanks for this ancient and beautiful land. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice. Pour out your Holy Spirit to fill our nation with love, healing, and understanding, helping us to see each other as you see us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary of Death: Dorothy Partington 26/1; Nicholas Brayner 26/1; Lionel Nash 26/1; Gertrude Simmons 27/1; Roger Holloway 29/1; Kate Hindley 30/1; Derrick Evans 30/1

Mission of the Month

Bush Church Aid

The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia, an association within the Anglican Church, has a priority in mission to the isolated, remote urban and rural people of Australia. Please refer to the display on the narthex board, the January Newsletter, or visit website www.bushchurchaid.com.au for further information.

There are a few ways for you to financially support BCA. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'BCA' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'BCA'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use the tag 'BCA', or donate funds directly at www.bushchurchaid.com.au/donate.



Office arrangements:

The Parish Office will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays during January.

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.