

Epping Anglicans

Parish of Saint Alban's, Epping
with Saint Aidan's, West Epping

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
23 August 2026

Sunday at St Alban's *(Liturgical Colour Green)*

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Giles Rowling / Preacher: The Rector

@ 10.00am

Sung Eucharist - Also available by zoom *(details on page 4)*

Reader: Sue Armitage / Preacher: The Rector

EPIC Indonesian Congregation (Old Sunday School Room)
Pastor Kian Holik

Chinese Congregation
The Reverend Simon Pei

Sunday School in The Loft (above the Main Hall)

Youth Bible Study

Combined Church Fellowship with morning tea in the main hall after services

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

Wednesday 26 August

10am Everyday English Classes

12noon-2pm Chinese Alpha Course

Thursday 27 August

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing - all welcome.

Friday 28 August

7.30pm to 9pm - **Mandarin Bible Study** led by Simon Pei held in the Seminar Room. All welcome.

Next Sunday 23 August

St Aidan's Day, 14th Sunday after Pentecost and Day of Prayer for Refugees.

Preacher: The Reverend Paul Weaver

The Rector will be preaching at the Indonesian Congregation Service (EPIC) at 10am.

Friday 28 August

6.30pm-9pm Youth join the Regional Youth Event at Arden - Assistant Minister Bill Walton for more information.

Sunday 30 August

Newcomers Lunch from 12noon. Please RSVP to Phil on 0413 396 435 if you would like to attend.

The memorial flowers today are in loving memory of Beatrice Sylvester
from her family.

Regional Youth Event

On Friday 28 August members of our Youth will be joining with other youth groups in our local Ryde/Epping region for Encounter 26, to be held at Arden. This should be an evening of fun, food and learning. Pray that our youth will be encouraged and grow in their faith through this event. For more information, and for anyone wanting to join, please talk with Assistant Minister, Bill Walton.

Communion Service in Commemoration of the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea. Saturday 5 September, at 11am here at St Alban's, followed by lunch in the Hall.

Please join with members of parishes across Sydney and ABM supporters as we host this service and lunch. The Martyrs were clergy, teachers, and medical staff serving as missionaries who were killed as they attempted to stay with the people they had been serving as the war came to New Guinea. Here at St Alban's we feel a close association as two of the Martyrs were parishioners here for a time; we honour them in our Martyrs' Chapel, and in a window on the northern wall, and more recently in the acceptance of a 'Reconciliation Necklace' - the story of which is told in the Chapel.

Breakfast and Morning Tea: After our 8am and 10am services we have combined Church Fellowship over refreshments - if you would like to contribute there is a collection box on the serving counter.

Change to our Service Sheets - today you will receive the Service Booklet and a separate sheet with the Collects, Readings and the Hymns. Feel free to take the Readings sheet home, if you leave the Service Booklet in the porch on your way out it will be used again next week.

Ecumenical Service and Lunch

Wednesday 2 September

at 11am at Our Lady Help of Christians Oxford Street, Epping

Celebrate the Season of Creation, Living Water with our ecumenical neighbours and friends. Please see the details on the Notice Board.

Newsletter:

More information about Services and Events and other information about the Parish is in the Monthly Newsletter, which is available in the Porch, and on the website

If you know of a parish event coming up during **September and October**, would you please let the Parish Office know. The deadline for the September and October Newsletter is Tuesday 25 August.

F o r Y o u r P r a y e r s

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

For Your Prayers for the Month are included in the Monthly Newsletter. Please refer to these to include in your prayers.

In addition - Pray for our Parish: each of the congregations and ministry groups. Pray for our Rector, members of our Ministry Team, our Wardens and Parish Council. Pray for our Youth and their leaders. Pray for our Parish Administrator as she prepares those who will look after her roles while she is on leave during September and October. Pray for all those in the parish who are in need of our prayers - pray for those who are sick, injured, facing surgery, recovering from surgery or hospitalisation. Pray that knowing God's grace will be a comfort to them and their family and carers.

Prayer for the Week: O God, fount of all wisdom, give us the light of your Spirit, that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God, we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever Amen.

Those recently deceased: Joan Forsythe. Fr Paul will conduct her funeral/memorial service at Northern Suburbs Crematorium, at 10.45am on Saturday 29 August. After the service there will be a time to share in refreshments at the Skyline Lounge near the Chapel. Please let people know these details. Please continue to pray for Joan's family.

Anniversary of Death: 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

St Alban's is open during the week

for prayer and reflection, when the office is open.

Office arrangements - Denise (our Parish Administrator) will be going away on six weeks leave commencing 12 September. If you have any items for upcoming bulletins or the September/October newsletter, would you please send them to Denise asap. This will greatly help the parishioners covering her position while she is away.

Giving in offertories and donations to June 2026

Offertories and donations totalled \$111,896 against a budget of \$96,180, placing us \$15,716 ahead. This is also \$23,252 (26%) higher than at the same time last year.

These figures do not include giving from the Indonesian and Chinese congregations, as their offerings support their own ministry resources.

It is encouraging that this improvement has continued, which gives us confidence to explore increasing staff days to support the growth God has graciously given our church, and to address other areas of need in the Parish. The Wardens are thankful for this positive result in giving and continue to be greatly encouraged by it. We continue to pray that this momentum will continue, helping us remain faithful in the Parish's mission through the rest of 2026 and into 2027. The Wardens

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 118-year history and over 48 years in Australia, CBM (formerly Christian Blind Mission) has developed proven community-based programs that help millions of people benefit from real, lasting change.

Please refer to the display on the narthex board, the August newsletter, or visit website www.cbm.org.au for further information.

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>

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.

Offerings for EPIC Indonesian congregation, please specify EPIC in the reference.

Offerings for the Chinese congregation, please specify 'Chinese' in the reference.

If you wish give to the Mission of the Month or any other specific cause (eg Assistant Minister/Student Minister Fund), 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.

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.
