

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

19 July 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

(Liturgical Colour Green)

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Giles Rowling / Preacher: Ian Ratcliff, SIM Australia

@ 10.00am

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

Reader: John Thompson / Preacher: Ian Ratcliff, SIM Australia

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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Welcome

Today we welcome Ian Ratcliff who will be preaching at 8am and 10am. We also welcome his wife Theano and children Ollie and Trinity.

Ian, who a former parishioner and chorister at Saint Alban's, and Theano have written about their journey of faith that has taken them to work with **SIM Australia and Banda Health in Nairobi, Kenya** in *The Parish Magazine* (pages 42 - 44). They are currently on home assignment in Australia and we will be able to hear about their work and time in Kenya over the past two years.

There will be a retiring collection to support Ian and Theano in their work with SIM Australia.

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

Wednesday 22 July

10am Everyday English Classes resume after the school holidays.

Thursday 23 July

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing - all welcome.

Friday 24 July

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

Saturday 25 July

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Come along and join in with others helping to maintain our grounds. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Sunday 26 July

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

An Afternoon of Music for Pleasure

NEXT Sunday 26 July at 2pm here at St Alban's

Paul Weaver will be playing the **piano** and **Emily Horspool** on the **clarinet**.

Music by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Saint-Saens, Finzi, Joplin and more

Donations are invited to support the work of Rough Edges.

Name Tags: if you don't have one and would like a name tag, please see Gloria at the welcome table who will organise one.

This week the liturgical colour is GREEN. If you have a new name badge, feel free to change the colour, but it's also fine to keep it white as a neutral colour since what's most important is being able to know your name.

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 **August**, would you please let the Parish Office know. The deadline for the August Newsletter is Tuesday 21 July.

TODAY: Oxford Movement Evensong

The Parish of Christ Church St Laurence (812 George St, Haymarket) extends an invitation to a Festival Evensong, Procession, and Benediction on
Sunday 19 July at 6.30pm.

This service will commemorate Oxford Movement Sunday, giving thanks for the liturgical tradition within Anglicanism.

The service will be followed by light refreshments.

No RSVP required. All welcome.

Mission of the Month - The House of Welcome

The House of Welcome at Granville assists and supports **refugees** and **asylum seekers** in the areas of housing, employment, community connection as well as case work. It provides shelter, a resource/referral centre, medical and legal support, and assistance in finding emergency and permanent accommodation, gaining employment, and enrolling in English classes.

The Saint Alban's Pastoral Care Committee has actively supported The House of Welcome during the past several years, among other national and international refugee organisations. For further information, please refer to the display on the Narthex board or visit www.houseofwelcome.org.au

There are a few ways you can financially assist The House of Welcome. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'The House of Welcome' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'The House of Welcome'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account - please use tag 'The House of Welcome', or donate funds directly at www.houseofwelcome.org.au/donate

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

Church: Macquarie Park, The Bridge Church; Soul Revival Church, Kirrawee; LifeWay Lutheran Church. The House of Welcome - 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 - please continue to pray for those requesting our prayers and those in need in our parish - those who are sick in mind or body or spirit; pray that God's grace will comfort them and lessen their anxiety. Pray for all who minister to and care for those in need.

Pray for each of our congregations that they may flourish, and enable us to reach out to our communities to share our faith and the message of the love of God.

Pray for Ian and Theano Ratcliff and their family as they continue their time on Home Assignment, and as they prepare to return to the field in Kenya in early August. As we uphold them, and the people they serve, in prayer, pray also that they will receive the funds they need for their living costs in Kenya.

Prayer for the Week: God of love you have sowed the seed of your Gospel in our hearts. We pray that we may be the good soil and our lives bring forth the abundant fruits of your kingdom. Amen.

Those recently deceased: Reverend Jane Chapman died on 24 June 2026. A memorial service will be held at St Alban's this Tuesday 21 July at 10.30am. This service will also be available via zoom.

Those being married at St Albans: Lekan Bayode and Claudia Widjaja on Friday 24 July 2026 at 3pm

Anniversary of Death: Geoff Clarke 19/7; Charles and Bell Knight 21/7; Eileen Armstrong 21/7; Marjorie McLardie 22/7; Phyllis Robinson 23/7; Ronald Peel 23/7; John Couch 24/7; Jenny Peebles 24/7; Myrtle Evans 25/7; May Aitchison 25/7

Safe Ministry

The Parish of St Alban's with St Aidan's Epping NSW is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people, particularly within its own community. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact the Rector, The Reverend Phil Lui on 09876 3362 or email phil@eppinganglicans.org.au You can also contact the Diocesan Safe Ministry Team on 02 9265 1604 email info@safeministry.org.au or to report abuse 1800 774 945 email abusereport@safeministry.org.au

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.

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

Giving in offertories and donations to May 2026

Offertories and donations totalled \$88,948 against a budget of \$80,150, placing us \$8,798 ahead. This is also \$16,005 (22%) 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.

This encouraging improvement gives us confidence to begin exploring 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 increase in giving and greatly encouraged by it. We pray this momentum will continue, helping us remain faithful in the Parish's mission through the rest of 2026 and into 2027.

The Wardens.

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.
