

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.

Sunday after Ascension

Seventh Sunday of Easter

12 May 2024

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Elizabeth Jenkins

President: The Reverend Phil Lui

Preacher: Bishop Chris Edwards

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Also available by zoom

Reader: Rema Gnanadickam

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10.00am Sunday School in The Loft

(above the Main Hall)

Amy Taylor, Children's Ministry Worker

Join the 10am Service by Zoom:

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Passcode 389867 if required. If you are dialling in, the number is: 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.

Morning tea

Please stay for morning tea and fellowship in the Main Hall after each of the 8am and 10am services. Everyone welcome.



*In Covenant with the communities of the Roman Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford,
Epping Uniting Church and West Epping Uniting Church*

Phil's Letter

Good morning to you all. I wanted to speak about a few items:

Firstly, I wanted to use this opportunity to thank the farewell committee who organised Ross and Jenny's farewell last week. Particular thanks to:

Gillian Taylor, Elizabeth Jenkins, Margaret Cummins, Penelope Thompson, Meryl Smith, Christine Murray and Anne Lawson.

They did an extraordinary amount of work behind the scenes and I'm sure you could all feel the thought and love that went into all the details of the day. Thanks should also go to Peggy who crafted a wonderful service and David who MC'd the luncheon. On behalf of the parish Denise has organised gifts to express our collective gratitude.

I also want to thank everyone who came to last week's service and lunch, and for supporting Ross and Jenny over their seven years here. They are a dear brother and sister in Christ to me and so your expressed love and appreciation for them is deeply valued by myself.

Secondly, I want to thank Bp Chris Edwards for appointing me to the role of acting rector of our parish, until a permanent rector is appointed. I do love you all and so it is my aim to hold this office with great solemnity and joy and to do my best for you, under God, by this strength, wisdom and guidance.

Thirdly, with all humility, I want to be forthright with you all and ask now for your help and support for the church and myself. We are going from two full-time clergy to one and yet it needs to be our goal to maintain our current growth momentum, not just the status quo. Over the next few weeks and months I hope to articulate concretely how I and the parish will need your help and I will value your individual thoughts and wisdom along the way.

Yet for now, I thought I would share with you familiar words God says to Joshua after Moses dies. Words that have reverberated in my heart richly over the past week:

⁷ "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:7-9)

Welcome to our regional bishop The Right Reverend Chris Edwards, who is our preacher today.

Bp Ross and Jenny Nicholson's Farewell Service zoom recording

If you missed out on being here last Sunday, or would like to watch it again, here is the zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/93L8Yt1-RaTZ6Dy1FUbdHCMWuvEIYS0DvUS_AAqxOBX_iUCwiSjyC6PaGSct_L1J.uWQIKI65jkxxtgfE

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Church:

Shore School; Willoughby - St Stephen; Willoughby Park - St John & St James; CMS (Chinese Anglican Church) in Northern Region
The Cathedral Parish of St Alban's Griffith; The Bishop of Bathurst and his Diocese
Christian Community Aid (Mission of the Month)

In our World and Community:

Pray that in all the areas where there is war and conflict there will not be an escalation of the conflict and oppression. Pray that world leaders will strive for peace instead of war. Pray for all the innocent being affected by conflict and war, particularly the young and the old who are suffering in these humanitarian crises. Pray that God's justice and peace may reign. Pray for support and safety for those providing humanitarian aid in areas of conflict – may they be enabled to continue to provide food, water, and medicines; comforting the bereaved; and calming the anxious.

Pray for those known to us and those in our parish community who are ill, facing surgery, the frail, and those who are confused, anxious and fearful. Pray for medical staff, nursing home staff, families and friends, those who provide care, those who sit with the dying, and those who comfort the grieving. May they each know God's healing and calming spirit, and feel sustained and supported.

Pray for Christian Community Aid, and other organisations serving the needy of our community. Pray for those who are finding it difficult to feed their families and pray that we may be a compassionate community providing assistance as we are able.

Pray for our parish, for God's guidance in all we do in his name, and for a renewed vision and commitment of ourselves to the ministry of the parish:

- pray for Phil as he undertakes his increased role in the parish as Acting Rector, and pray for Becky and the family;
- pray for Amy, our Children's Worker, her assistants, and our children in the Sunday School;
- pray for the parish nominators, Ruth, Meryl, Peggy, Glyn and James; and for Bp Chris and the diocesan members of the Nomination Board as they seek to discern God's will for our parish. Pray that we may find a faithful pastor, and an encourager to equip us for our ministry.

Prayer for this week of Prayer for Christian Unity

God, Who is Spirit, Who is Christ, You call us into community. A community for the common good, a community of oneness in our diversity. People from every nation, tribe, culture, and language. Unite us as we seek to live out your love. You call us from the comfort of our familiar circles and call us to be loving neighbours, to go where our neighbour is, to help them in their need and let them help us in ours. We are your family a part of your kin-dom of humankind, each a beloved sibling to share in grace. Bless us with your wisdom, that we may walk and work together. United we pray. **Amen.**

Anniversary of Death:

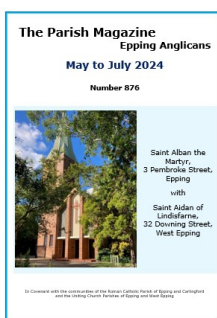
Mary Arnold 9/5; Keith Robey 9/5; Marcia Donald 9/5; Ken Eason 10/5; Garth Ewart 11/5; Barry Jenkins 11/5; Rita Keough 11/5; Roy Ranyard 12/5; John Burke 12/5; Dorothy Horsley 12/5; David Quinlan 13/5; Fred Mussett 14/5; Maurice Simmons 14/5; Ken Armitage 14/5; Julie Hardman 14/5; Mary Cadman 14/5; Christina Telfer 15/5; Philip Hill 15/5; Bill Futcher 16/5; John Warton 17/5; Alma Adams 17/5; John Bardsley 18/5; James Jones 18/5

Mothers Day:

This Sunday we are celebrating Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts and Carers. Those who are or have been special people in our lives and we want to honour them, and give thanks for all that they do and have done for us.

We remember too, and pray for, those for whom mothering has been difficult, and all for whom the celebrations of this day are painful.

The memorial flowers today are in loving memory of
Mary Rose Arnold
from the Arnold Family.



The Parish Magazine

The May-June-July edition of *The Parish Magazine* is now available. This great edition includes a report and photos of the Farewell Eucharist and Lunch.

Make sure you collect your copy TODAY.

Harvest Festival in support of Christian Community Aid (Mission of the Month)

Please support the work of Christian Community Aid as our Mission of the Month, culminating in Harvest Festival to be held at Saint Alban's on **Sunday 26 May**.

CCA is a non-denominational not-for-profit community service organisation that has been delivering services in the Epping and Eastwood area for over 58 years. Its focus is to be "problem solvers and game changers combating against poverty, violence, discrimination, and inequality. United we work for the health, wellbeing, education, safety, and financial stability of every person in our community."

For more information about CCA, please refer to the display on the Narthex board, or visit website www.ccas.org.au



There remains high demand on the **CCA Community Hub's Pantry** by families in need. Donations of **non-perishable food** are welcome for the Parish's celebration of Harvest Festival on Sunday 26 May. Tinned and packaged food (no glass bottles or jars please) may be left at the office or in the church narthex **until Thursday 23 May**. Following the Festival all the donated food will be transported from the church display to Christian Community Aid.



So that CCA can make bulk purchases and buy perishable food as required, **cash donations** are also welcome. Use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'CCA' next to the stamped date) or a plain envelope marked 'CCA'. Alternatively transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account (please use tag 'CCA'), or donate funds directly at <https://ccas.org.au/make-a-donation/>

**Mothers Union
Tuesday 14 May
Seminar Room**

This month will be a Mothers Day theme, and we are asking people to bring along something that reminds them of their mother. It may be a handmade item, a piece of jewellery, or even a short story about their mother.

The meeting is open to anyone who would like to join us, not just mothers. Men are very welcome as well. The aim of Mothers Union is to provide spiritual and practical support to families and children throughout the world.

The Ecumenical Pentecost Service

for the Covenant communities of

The Roman Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford;
the Epping Uniting Church the West Epping Uniting Church
and the Anglican Parish of Epping

will be held

THIS TUESDAY 14 May 2024 at 5pm

to be followed by dinner

Preacher: The Reverend 'Oto V Faiva

West Epping Uniting Church, Cnr Carlingford Road and Orchard Street Epping

All welcome

There is no charge for dinner, although a financial contribution will be welcomed.



**Day of Pentecost at Saint Alban's
Sunday 19 May**

To help celebrate the Day of Pentecost you are encouraged to **wear something red**.

Reading: We are seeking volunteers for reading in any language other than English.

At both services on the Day of Pentecost during the reading from Acts 2 when the disciples were 'filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages...' it has been our practice to have members of the congregation join in part of the **reading in languages** other than English. **All join in at the same time from their seats – and the effect is a wonderful sound of a mixture of languages.**

We will provide the details of the reading (Acts 2: 5-13) and a link where you will be able to access an online a version of the reading in a chosen language. Please sign up TODAY: there is a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard. If you would like to discuss this please be in touch with Peggy Sanders 0413 481 854, psanders@ozemail.com.au

Men's BBQ Thursday 16 May at 6.30pm

The Men's BBQ is happening every third Thursday of the Month.
BYO meat for the barby, drinks, some salad or sides, to share.
Enjoy fine dining, good company and an uplifting time.



BRUNCH (free) Saturday 25 May 2024 St Alban's Main Hall at 10am

Speaker: Suzanne Coleman, who works with Umthomobo Wempilo (Well of life in Zulu). Wempilo is seeking to make the Gospel known to sex workers and other vulnerable women. This is an Anglican Aid project.

This is an outreach to all women, organized by St Alban's Mothers Union.

Come and join us and bring a friend.

If you are attending, please put your name on the list on the church noticeboard.

A Concert of Piano Solos and Duets

Paul Weaver (Pianist) and Christopher Wagstaff (Duo-Pianist)
Music by Mozart, Bach, Debussy, Schumann, Bizet and others
to remind us of the WORLD OF CHILDREN

*Music composed by the young, for the young, about being young
- a concert for the young at heart, and those who remember their childhood days.*

St Alban's Anglican Church Hall, Pembroke Street, Epping
Sunday 26 May at 2.00pm - No booking required

Donations are invited to the "Rough Edges" ministry of St John's Church Darlinghurst.
Donations can be made on the day, or through the Rough Edges website.



*The Concert will also be presented at Alan Walker Village,
Carlingford,
on Sunday 2 June at 2.00pm.*

Donations are invited to Christian Community Aid, Eastwood.

Garden Working Bee

Next Saturday 25 May 2024.

Every 4th Saturday of each month from 9.30am to 12noon.
Extra hands would be so helpful.

Enquiries: Gill McLennon 0411 957 270.



St Alban's Bookmarks

In 2023 for the celebration of the Centenary of the church building, a set of bookmarks were produced depicting some of the windows in the church. These are still available. Please enquire at the Parish Office. \$2.50each or 5 for \$10.00

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 13 May

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Office closed

Tuesday 14 May

MATTIAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

9.00am Staff meeting

5.00pm Ecumenical Pentecost Service at West Epping uniting Church

Wednesday 15 May

7.15am Prayer meeting via zoom (*link on front page of bulletin*)

7.30pm Choir practice

Thursday 16 May

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

6.30pm Men's BBQ

Friday 17 May

Phil's day off

Bulletin notices

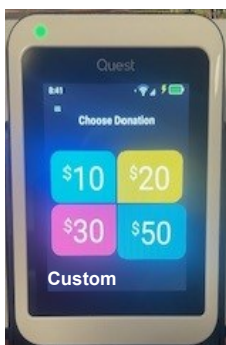
Please send items to be considered for next Sunday's bulletin by
WEDNESDAY at 2.30pm to the office.

Postage Stamps

Thank you to all those who have been bringing in used postage stamps – they are much appreciated by ABM and BCA as they are a source of funds for mission.

Please remove them from envelopes and parcels, but do try to leave at least 1cm around each side of the stamp(s), and try to avoid trimming too close to the edge of the stamp. There are members of the parish who are willing to do the trimming and sorting if they are left in the orange box in the porch. Both Australian and International stamps are very welcome.

If you have Stamp Albums you would like to donate please talk to Peggy Sanders (psanders@ozemail.com.au) as being kept in the album they are far more valuable to ABM and BCA than out of the album, and are a generous gift. Likewise, if you have stamps in perforated sheets, it's best to leave them in that format.



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.

Next Sunday Services

DAY OF PENTECOST

19 May 2024

8am Eucharist with Hymns

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

10am Choral Eucharist

(also available by Zoom)

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

At the back of St Alban's
are enlarged service sheets and bulletins.
If you would like a copy, please ask the duty parishioners.



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 some of your giving to go 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. Otherwise, the offertory box is located in the aisle at each service and brought forward for the blessing of the gifts.

We also have an EFTPOS terminal at church for a once-off donation.

Parish Directory

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