

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

PALM SUNDAY - 29 March 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

8.00am Blessing of the Palms and Eucharist

Reader: Brian Haywood / Preacher: *The Reverend Paul Weaver*

Blessing of the Palms and Ecumenical Procession. Gather outside Our Lady Help of Christian's Catholic Church at 9.20am for a 9.30am start.

@ 10.00am

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

Reader: Christine Murray / Preacher: *The Reverend Paul Weaver*

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

Rector	The Rev'd Philip Lui 0413 396 435 phil@eppinganglicans.org.au
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What's coming up at St Alban's...

TODAY Sunday 29 March

Newcomers Lunch from 12noon. Please RSVP to Phil on 0413 396 435 if you would like to attend.
Lenten Bible Study in the Seminar Room at 1pm.

Wednesday 1 April

10am Everyday English Classes. Everyone is invited to join in for a special Easter celebration and morning tea at 11am.

Thursday 2 April

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing.

11.45am Lenten study with Reverend Barbara Howard in the Seminar Room

Passover Meal

Maundy Thursday 2 April at 6pm in the Old Sunday School Room.

A Passover Meal will be held before our Maundy Thursday service to help orientate our minds and hearts to Jesus' Passion during Holy Week. Celebrating a Passover Meal helps Christians better understand the biblical story of redemption that ultimately finds its fulfillment in Jesus. The themes of deliverance, sacrifice, and covenant point directly to Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God and deepen appreciation for the meaning of The Last Supper. Observing these symbols can strengthen faith by connecting The Lord's Supper to God's larger saving purposes throughout Scripture.

\$20 per head. Please RSVP to office@eppinganglicans.org.au / 9876 3362 or add your name to the list in the porch. Kindly organise payment before this event.

Easter Flowers - If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of flowers to decorate the church for Easter, it would be very much appreciated. You can send it to the office, EFT, hand it to Jan or put it in an envelope marked Easter flowers and place in the collection. Jan Boyley

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish last Sunday, 22 March, the following were appointed or elected:

Wardens: Elizabeth Jenkins (Rector's Warden), Noel Christie- David and David Tait (People's Wardens)

Members of Parish Council: Ken Bock, Glyn Evans, Meredith Lawn, Christine Murray, Peggy Sanders, Amy Taylor, Gillian Taylor, John Williams and Yosua

Parish Treasurer: Shane Christie-David

Parish Nominators: Glyn Evans, Ruth Shatford, Peggy Sanders, and James von Stieglitz

Parish Synod Representatives: Doris Awad and Gillian Taylor

We give thanks for their willingness to serve the Parish in this way, and we ask that they receive the support of the parishioners. The minutes (unconfirmed) of the AGM are on the notice board. These minutes will be confirmed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Parish Magazine: Deadline for contributions is 10 April 2026 Please contact the editor Julie Evans via email julie.evans@ihug.com.au or via the Parish Office

Thoughts for Prayer and Reflection: The April 2026 *Thoughts for Prayer and Reflection* is available in the porch and soon on the website.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Monday 30, Tuesday 31 March, Wednesday 1 April

7.45pm Holy Week Eucharist with Reflection

Aimee Wong (Monday), Gloria Walton (Tuesday), tbc (Wednesday)

Thursday 2 April Maundy Thursday

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

7.45pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Serving One Another

Preceded by Passover Meal

Friday 3 April Good Friday

9.30am Service of Readings and Hymns with Communion

Followed by Hot Cross Buns and refreshments

Saturday 4 April Holy Saturday

9am Morning Prayer

Followed by the Easter clean-up and morning tea

Daylight Saving ends - clocks are turned back one hour for an extra hour of sleep

Sunday 5 April Easter Day

5.30am The Vigil of Easter, Renewal of Baptism and Eucharist

Followed by the Easter party

8.30am Festival Choral Eucharist and Renewal of Baptism

Preacher: Assistant Minister Bill Walton (for both services)

We are planning to have all these services available on Zoom for those who cannot attend.

A Concert in Tribute to Bruce Wilson

Sunday 26 April at 2.00pm - St Alban's Parish Hall

Music for piano, flute, clarinet, bassoon, trombone and electric bass with members of Bruce's family and Paul Weaver. All welcome - Donations invited to Anglicare Sydney

More email changes

Please note Simon Pei now has a new email: simon@eppinganglicans.org.au
and Doris Awad also has a new email: doris.awad@student.moore.edu.au

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

Church: Eastwood - St Philip; Ermington - St Mark; Gladesville - Christ Church. LifeWay Epping Presbyterian Church; Macquarie Community Church. ABM Good Friday Gift - Mission of the Month.

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

Prayer for the Week: Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Anniversary of Death: Philip Beer 30/3; Jill Lonsdale 30/3; Joyce Rogers; Fred Rogers; Diana Bowman; Edward Carden; Lenore Carden; Gladys Ranyard; Valerie Woodman 1/4; Sheila Dummer 2/4
Grahame Doggett 4/4

Mission of the Month - Good Friday Gift 2026 - Anglican Board of Mission

ABM and AID (Anglicans in Development) invite you to support their Good Friday Gift appeal, which continues the Lenten tradition of sacrificial giving and compassion.

In the city of Salt, Jordan, the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf is a beacon of hope. Run by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, it is a school where Deaf, Deafblind and hearing children learn side by side.

Please support by placing your Good Friday Gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your ABM weekly offertory envelope, in a plain envelope marked 'Good Friday Gift' or EFT to the St Alban's account - please use the tag 'Good Friday Gift', or donate funds directly at <https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/goodfriday2026/> (more details in the April Newsletter).

Chrism Eucharist (Chrism Mass) is an annual Holy Week liturgy where a Bishop blesses the three holy oils which may be used in sacraments - Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing the Sick - and involves the renewal of clerical vows.

The Service will be held on **Wednesday 1 April 2026**, 11am at Saint James King Street with Bishop Michael Stead presiding. Members of the parish are welcome

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.

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=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.
