

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sea Sunday

12 July 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

(Liturgical Colour Green)

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Gloria Walton / Preacher: Bill Walton, Assistant Minister

@ 10.00am

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

Reader: Meredith Lawn / Preacher: Bill Walton, Assistant Minister

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)

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

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Sea Sunday is a global day of prayer uniting congregations to remember seafarers and their families, recognising those who face dangerous conditions and isolation to transport the goods we rely on. We also remember the organisations which support them particularly the Mission to Seafarers and their Chaplains who minister to them in many ports providing counselling, advocacy and prayer.

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

Thursday 16 July

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing - all welcome.

6.30pm **Men's BBQ Group** will be held in The Old Sunday School Room (behind the Parish Office).

Friday 17 July

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

All welcome.

Saturday 18 July

10am **Mission Morning** in the main hall. All are invited to attend and hear Ian and Theano Ratcliff speak on their time in Kenya (see below).

Tuesday 21 July

10.30am Memorial Service for Jane Chapman.

Wednesday 22 July

10am Everyday English Classes resume after the school holidays.

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.

Next Sunday 19 July: Preacher at 8am and 10am - Ian Ratcliff. There will be a retiring collection to support Ian and Theano in their work with SIM Australia.

Ian Ratcliff - a former parishioner and chorister at Saint Alban's, and his wife **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). While they are on home assignment in Australia they will be spending time with us at Saint Albans' and we will be able to hear about their work and time in Kenya over the past two years.

Saturday 18 July all members of the parish and guests are invited to a **Mission Morning** in the Hall.

Archivist - A **BIG** thank you to Brian Haywood who has been the parish archivist for many years. We appreciate all the work he has done for the safekeeping of our documents and records.

We welcome Edward Lawn who has volunteered to take on this new role. Thank you Edward.

We welcome **Mustard Seed Christian Childcare** who commenced outside school hours care in the lower hall last Monday and are here every week day during the school holidays.

Mustard Seed exists to help local churches reach their communities with the good news of Jesus Christ, and to provide high quality, Christian early childhood education and childcare.

When Mustard Seed is operating, the gates will be closed for added security of the children. If you need access during the hours of their operation, please contact the office. We look forward to a great relationship with their team.

An Afternoon of Music for Pleasure

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.

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

Church: Evangelism and New Churches; Arden Anglican School; Epping Presbyterian Church; Macquarie Community 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 in need in our parish - those recently bereaved, those who are sick in mind or body or spirit; pray that God's grace will comfort them. Pray for all who minister 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.

Continue to keep in your prayers the people affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela for whom the devastation of this natural disaster compounds current challenges in their country. Pray for Ian and Theanno Ratcliff and their family as they travel within Australia to connect with friends, family and partners while on Home Assignment; and pray for God's provision so that they can return to the field in early August.

Prayer for the Week: Almighty and loving God, we pray for the brave seafarers and fishers who labour across the oceans to sustain the world. We thank you for their vital work and the sacrifices they make being far from home. Lord, be their safe harbour, protect them from danger, grant them calm waters, and provide peace to the families who wait for their safe return. We also pray for those who minister to them in ports worldwide, being beacons of hope, offering welcome, refuge, and practical support. May Christ, the calming presence on every sea, bless and keep all who travel the oceans. Amen.

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

Anniversary of Death: Winifred Jayatilleru 12/7; Lilian Wright 15/7; Betty Baxter 15/7; Kathleen Harvey 16/7; Warren Gray 16/7; Terence Mayhew 17/7; Iris Brown 18/7

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

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.
