

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

1 March 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Elizabeth Jenkins / Preacher: *The Reverend Paul Weaver*

@ 10.00am

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

Reader: Sue Armitage / Motet: Come, O Jesus, come to me - Luigi Cherubini
Preacher: *The Reverend Paul Weaver*

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

Chinese Congregation (Lower Hall)
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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Chinese Congregation Pastor	Simon Pei
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What's coming up at St Alban's...

TODAY Sunday 1 March

Lenten Bible Study in the Seminar Room at 1pm.

Tuesday 3 March

7.30pm Bible Study at North Epping will resume. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853.

Wednesday 4 March

10am Everyday English Classes

Thursday 5 March

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

12.00pm **RLT Women's Discussion Group** will be held at Margaret Pearson's home. New members are very welcome. Enquiries to Christine Murray on 0418 241 372.

Sunday 8 March

Preacher at 8am and 10am Archdeacon Brett Hall

Tuesday 10 March

MU meeting at 1.30pm in the Seminar Room

Thursday 19 March

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

Sunday 22 March

Annual General Meeting following the 10am service

Saturday 28 March

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Many of the regular helpers are currently away so extra hands, of all ages, would be greatly appreciated.

Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Making of Palm Crosses in The Seminar Room from 9.30am will be a working bee to make Palm Crosses for the following day, Palm Sunday. We would be very grateful to those who can assist. No experience necessary – tuition given. A small pair of scissors would be helpful equipment. Enquiries: Margaret Cummins 9680-4865.

Sourcing of Palms - we are looking for a source of palm branches - Please let Margaret know if you have access to palms.

Sunday 29 March

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

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish will be held on Sunday 22 March 2026. Please find the relevant information on the church porch noticeboard.

Nomination forms for Wardens, Parish Councillors, Synod Reps and Parish Nominators are available at the back of the church and are required by 15 March 2026.

Lenten Devotion and Bible Reading Plan for 2026 - The Rector has prepared a plan for 40 days of reading through the Gospel of John. Please pick up your copy from the church porch.

The **March Newsletter** is now available with more details of the activities within the parish and beyond.

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

World Day of Prayer on THIS Friday 6 March, to be held at All Saints Anglican Church North Epping. It starts at 10am and this year's country of focus is Nigeria. Morning Tea will be served afterwards.

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

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. ABM - Mission of the Month

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

In addition: Please pray for Pastor Kian and Assistant Minister Bill this week while they are in Makassar, South Sulawesi, Indonesia, as Pastor Kian teaches at Jaffray Bible School.

Prayer for Lent: Lord God, throughout this season of Lent, I ask for your guidance to walk this path of spiritual discipline. Grant me the strength to commit to daily prayer and reflection, to read and meditate on your word, to commit to almsgiving, and increasing acts of kindness and service. Open my heart to the quiet whispers of your voice. During these 40 days, let me reflect on the life and sacrifices of your Son, Jesus Christ, and emerge from it renewed in spirit and commitment to your calling. Amen.

Anniversary of Death: Frances Page 1/3; Allan Griffith 2/3; Arthur Osborne 3/3; Ethel Goff 3/3; Lillian Gibson 3/3; Mavis Bradey 6/3; Marjorie Wilkinson 7/3

Those recently deceased: Robert (Bob) Dickinson passed away Thursday 19/2/26. His funeral will take place at Northern Suburbs Crematorium on Monday 9 March at 2pm in the South Chapel.

Mission of the Month

ABM AID Lent appeal 2026 - Give Water, Give Life

Lent is a time of the desert, of wandering in a spiritual wilderness. It is also a time in which we come to recognize the importance of **water** and its place as the **source and sustainer of life**.

Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are basic human rights. They should be available to everyone, everywhere – but they aren't. ABM AID works with local partners to provide communities in **Kenya, Vanuatu, Myanmar and other places** around the world with clean water.

This Lent, your generosity can bring the lifegiving gift of clean water to vulnerable people. With your support, we work with trusted Anglican partners to bring clean water, safe toilets and essential hygiene facilities to people who need them.

For further details, please refer to the Missions display on the narthex board, or visit website www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/lent2026/

There are a few ways to financially support ABM and AID and their partners during Lent this year. Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory envelope, or in a plain envelope marked 'ABM Lent'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use the tag 'ABM Lent', or donate funds directly at www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/lent2026/



Lenten Quiet Day of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd, to be held at St John's Birchgrove on Saturday 7 March. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

More details are on the porch noticeboard.

Bush Church Aid (BCA) Collection Boxes

March is BCA box opening time. Please bring in your BCA boxes for the March count. They may be left at the church office or placed in the offertory bag, or handed to the duty parishioner at any service. If you would like to become a supporter of BCA please contact the parish office and a collection box will be sent to you. Boxes are opened and proceeds forwarded to BCA half yearly.

Mission of the Month donations received in January

\$335.00 = Bush Church Aid

This amount has been donated through the Parish accounts and do not include donations made by parishioners directly.

Total Givings for 2025 as at December

Giving and donations: \$189,849 / Budget: \$206,760 / We are behind by: \$16,911

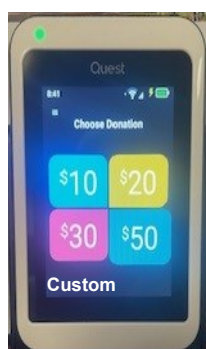
However giving and donations were up 1% on the last year which is a very promising trend which we would like to see continue into 2026.

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. If you wish give 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.



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.

Zoom details for Services available by Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFpLYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09>

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.
