

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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9 June 2024

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Jane Bryant

President: The Reverend Paul Weaver

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Also available by zoom

Reader: Christine Murray

President: The Reverend Paul Weaver

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

10.00am Sunday School in The Loft

(above the Main Hall)

Amy Taylor, Children's Ministry Worker

6.00pm Taizé

The Reverend Paul Weaver

Join the 10am Service by Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?
pwd=VGpWNXRMcFilyXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFilyXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09)

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*

From Ross and Jenny Nicholson:

Greetings all, Jenn and I would like to thank you and the rest of the family at St Alban's for the wonderful farewell you gave us. We were very touched by the gracious and encouraging words and your gifts.

Our prayers will be for God's ongoing blessing upon you all. We feel very touched and blessed to have spent seven years as part of a lovely church family.

Our petition would be that you continue to pray for us and the people of St Paul's Cathedral Rockhampton. I feel thankful to God for the preparation that you all have contributed to for this next ministry of ours. May God richly bless you all.

Ross and Jenny

Taizé

Taizé will take place TODAY, 9 June, at 6pm. All are welcome to join in this time of reflective worship. Future Taizé services will be on the second Sunday of August, October and November at 6pm.

For further information please contact Paul Weaver on 0408-285776.

Equip Women Conference - Saturday 22nd June 2024

All women in our church (and female family members and/or friends) are invited to come to a Christian women's conference on Saturday 22 June from 10am-3pm (doors open 9:30am).

We are partnering with Epping Presbyterian Church to Livestream the conference together. Cnr Rawson and Bridge Streets, Epping.

The cost is \$30 pp (or \$10 for teens) and includes morning tea and lunch.

Register directly with the Epping Presbyterian Church link (<https://eppingpc.au/equip>) by Sunday 16 June to finalise catering.

Please talk to Becky Lui if you have any questions, or would like to help out with providing Morning Tea.

PA/Zoom Operator

We are looking for a person to monitor the PA and Zoom equipment for the 10am service.

Confidence required more than technical skill. Please let Phil know if you are interested.



St Alban's Patronal Festival

23 June 2024

9.30am

(one service only)

Preacher: Bishop Trevor Edwards

A luncheon will be held in the Parish Hall afterwards.

If you are able to make a pot of soup (including traditional, subcontinental or Asian style), or a cake or slice for dessert, please leave your name on the list on the church porch noticeboard.

Church:

Ryde - St Anne; West Ryde - St Columb; Chaplains at Macquarie Hospital, North Ryde; West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church
Anglican Aid (Mission of the Month)

In our World and Community:

Continue to pray for the people of Papua New Guinea, particularly all those impacted by the landslide in Kaokalam village in Enga province. Pray for those mourning the loss of family, home and livelihood. Pray that they will receive the assistance they need at this time.

Continue to pray for peace and the cessation of hostilities causing such humanitarian crises in our troubled world. Pray for aid for God's people in these places of conflict, war, deprivation and sorrow. Pray for leaders with the courage to bring about peace and justice.

Pray for families and communities affected by domestic violence, and those affected by suicide. Pray that people who are struggling, feeling lost or hopeless may find strength and resilience from the loving caring and support of others, and from a knowledge of God's love. Pray that professional services will be available for those in need.

Pray for those in our parish community who are ill, in hospital or in care, may they know God's love and feel sustained and hopeful. Pray for the fearful and the confused. Pray for all those providing care, those who sit with the dying, and those who comfort the grieving.

Pray that we will be seeking and listening to God's guidance for our parish, for a renewed vision and commitment of ourselves to the ministry of the parish: praying for Phil in his leadership; for Amy working with our children; for Chris, our organists and our choir enhancing our worship; for Denise and our Wardens in their administration of the parish; and for our Parish Council.

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.

Prayer at the time of choosing a new Rector

Bountiful God, give to this parish of Saint Alban a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Prayer for the Week

O God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Anniversary of Death:

Buller Lambert 3/6; Olive Lambert 3/6; Brian Hardman 3/6;
Christopher Christie-David 5/6; Bill Peverell 5/6; Robin Allman 5/6;
Mary Levers 6/6; Francis Ewart 7/6; Ann Coe 9/6; Pat Nossiter 12/6;
Lyn Farrant 12/6; Lillian King 13/6; Robin Friend 15/6; Henry Lunney 15/6

Mission of the Month Anglican Aid

Anglican Aid is the relief and aid agency of the Sydney Anglican Church. It provides support to domestic and overseas activities including community based benevolent and welfare programs, school education, Christian leadership programs and emergency and relief programs.

Anglican Aid is currently involved in 142 long-term development projects across 39 countries. Christians in local partner organisations and churches are putting their faith into action and caring for the vulnerable.

For further information about Anglican Aid and its projects, please refer to the display on the narthex board, or visit website anglicanaid.org.au

There are a few ways you can financially assist Anglican Aid.

- Donate funds directly at anglicanaid.org.au/donate
- Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag 'Anglican Aid'
- Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your offertory envelope (please write 'Anglican Aid' next to the stamped date) or in a plain envelope marked 'Anglican Aid' and deposit the envelope in the collection box in church.
- Drop off your monetary donation to the Church office on Tuesday morning or Thursday morning; or deposit it in the Church office mailbox anytime; or mail a cheque to the church office at PO Box 79 Epping 1710 – please make the cheque payable to the Saint Alban's account and attach a separate note that the funds are intended for Anglican Aid.



We remain committed as a parish to pray for the people of Ukraine, the people of Israel and Palestine, and all those caught up in the misery and dislocation of war, violence and oppression including those soldiers and citizens who have been drawn into a war not of their making.

Prayer for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine

God of peace and justice, we pray for all the people caught up and drawn into wars and conflicts that are not of their making. The people of Ukraine, of Israel, and of Palestine – all who are suffering grief, violence, injustice and dislocation.

We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. Almighty and Everlasting God we pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Soften the hearts of all those involved in these conflicts, that they would be led to work for justice and lasting peace. Empower your Church to bring healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn. We pray these things in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Baptism Classes

Are you interested in being baptised? If so, Phil will be holding baptism classes soon where we will be looking at the gospel and what it means to follow Jesus.

If this is something you would like to do, please fill in a Connect Card and pass it to Phil, or place it in the parish office letterbox (located in the office door).

Fellowship

Each Sunday in our services at the Lord's Table we celebrate fellowship with God and fellowship with each other. We have the opportunity after our services to continue that fellowship over breakfast or morning tea in the parish hall. If you are not in the habit of joining your fellow parishioners in the hall after services, please think about doing this and enjoying some additional time as part of the church family.

After the 8am service breakfast is served, even if you don't attend the 8am service come early (around 9am – 9.15am) and have some breakfast and fellowship before the 10am service.

Please invite another member of the congregation to join you in the hall for breakfast/morning tea.

Fellowship is also enhanced by wearing your name badge. If you don't yet have a name badge for St Alban's think about ordering one through the Parish Office; and in the meantime wear any badge you have with your name it might be a conversation starter!

Engagement News

Malcolm and Meredith Lawn have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their son Christopher (former Youth Leader of this Parish) to Kayleigh Burns.



Mothers Union *Warm winter lunch*

Tuesday 11 June at 1pm

Gwen Davidge Pavilion at ARV Castle Hill

All ladies are very welcome, and please notify either Jan Boyley (0449 274 876) or Elizabeth Jenkins (0403 792 967) if you plan to attend.

Winter Organ Recital

Sunday 16 June at 11.45am

following the Choral Eucharist at St Alban's.

Pieces from J S Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms and Dupre.

Performed by Isabel Li and Enoch Pan.

(Teacher: Chris Czerwinski)

Stay back after the 10am service and enjoy music being performed by our talented Organ Scholars.

The Choir Loft

Hopefully the air conditioning was installed into the Church Choir Loft yesterday. It didn't go ahead the previous week due to bad weather. The old heaters had stopped working as had the fans, so hopefully today the choir loft will be much more comfortable.



The church is difficult to heat and cool. We are hoping this new unit will work efficiently during winter and summer, and that the choir will be kept warm during these cold months.

If you would like to donate towards the purchase of the air conditioner, the church account details are on the back page of this bulletin or you can place your donation in the offertory box (or hand in at the parish office) in an envelope marked 'air conditioner'.

The Reno Team



If you are good with general repairs and would like to help maintain St Alban's buildings, Phil Lui would like to hear from you.

We have a few very capable people already working on projects and would like more to be on the team as there is so much to do.

Men's BBQ

Thursday 20 June 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.



Garden Working Bee

Saturday 22 June 2024.

Every 4th Saturday of each month from 9.30am to 12noon.

Extra hands would be so helpful.

Enquiries: Gill McLennon 0411 957 270.



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Reflections
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1 Samuel 8.4-11, 16-20; Psalm 138;

2 Corinthians 4.13—5.1 [2-5]; Mark 3.20-35



Whoever does the will of God is Christ's brother and sister and mother. By discerning God's will and doing whatever it is God wants us to do, we draw not just close to Jesus, but have a living relationship with him, as close as a sibling-sibling or parent-child one. What a wonderful gift we are offered.

- God, help me do so your will, drawing closer and closer to your Son, Jesus.
- Give thanks for the work of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.

Text: Robert McLean @ Anglican Board of Mission, 2024.

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 10 June

Office closed

Tuesday 11 June

BARNABAS, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

9.00am Staff meeting

Wednesday 12 June

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

10.00am ESL classes

7.30pm Choir practice

Thursday 13 June

Antony of Padua, missionary and preacher

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Friday 14 June

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.

Office helpers

Denise is looking for more helpers in the Parish Office. The duties include answering the phone, speaking with those who come in for help, help the clergy, pick up mail from the post office and general office duties including stopping at 10.30am for a well earned coffee break!

If you are available on a Tuesday or Thursday morning from 9am to 1pm (or part of these hours), please email her on office@eppinganglicans.org.au. or phone on 9876 3362.

"IN THE LOOP" - Communication and Prayer

Many members of the parish will be aware of our system of rapid communication to inform parishioners, by email, when a situation of need has occurred within the parish, such as emergencies, funerals, illness or other significant events. This enables a group of concerned people to pray for members of the congregation and their loved ones, in times of particular need.

If you would like to ask for prayer through "In the Loop", contact Barbara Meintjes as below. If you are sharing information or asking for prayer for someone else, it is important to have their agreement, and to let Barbara know that you have their agreement. If you wish to join the group of parishioners who are "In the Loop", please contact Barbara Meintjes on barbarameintjes@hotmail.com.

Members of "In the Loop" are asked to be discreet in their use of information they receive. At all times the use of information in "In the Loop" will be at the discretion of the Clergy.

Next Sunday Services
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

16 June 2024

8am Eucharist with Hymns

President: The Reverend Phil Lui
Preacher: The Reverend Paul Weaver

Preacher: **10am Choral Eucharist**
(also available by Zoom)

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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

Parish Office

Address - 3 Pembroke Street Epping 2121 (PO Box 79 Epping 1710)

Phone - 9876 3362

Acting Rector	The Reverend Philip Lui 0433 456 987 phil@eppinganglicans.org.au
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Parish Administrator	Mrs Denise Pigot 98763362 office@eppinganglicans.org.au
Children's Ministry Worker	Amy Taylor 0402 063 133 youthstalbans@gmail.com
Music Director	Chris Czerwinski 0452 557 695 krzysztof_czerwinski@yahoo.com

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