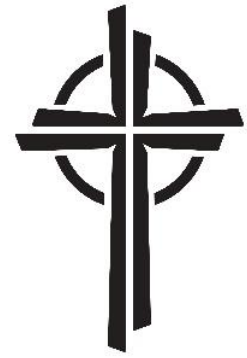


St Alban's Monthly Newsletter

JULY 2026



Sunday at St Alban's

8.00am Eucharist

@ 10.00am

Also available by zoom

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

Services this month

Sunday 5 July – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost and NAIDOC Week

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Assistant Minister Bill Walton

Sunday 12 July – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost and Sea Sunday

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: Assistant Minister Bill Walton

Sunday 19 July – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost and Mission Morning

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Ian Ratcliff

Sunday 26 July – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

What's on at St Alban's during July

Wednesday 1, 22 and 29 July

Everyday English Classes at 10am.

Please come to the Church Hall on Wednesday 1 July at 11am for a Celebration of Cultures with our Everyday English Students. There will be morning tea with food from different countries. Our students would love to practise their conversation skills with real English speakers!

Thursday 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 July

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Thursday 2, 16 and 30 July

Fortnightly Bible Study at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853.

Thursday 2 July

12noon **RLT Women's Discussion Group** will be held at Jill Gumbley's home. New members are very welcome. Enquiries to Christine Murray on 0418 241 372.

Friday 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 July

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

Thursday 16 July

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

Saturday 18 July

Mission Morning – all welcome to hear Ian and Theano Ratcliff (see page 4)

Saturday 25 July

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Extra hands, of all ages, are always helpful. Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

11am-1pm Indonesian Prayer Meeting in Seminar Room.

Sunday 26 July

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

2pm **Piano and clarinet concert** in the main hall (see page 4)

Dates for 6pm Taizé Services during 2026 are: August 9, October 11 and November 8

MU will not be meeting in July.

NAIDOC Week 2026 Sunday 5 - Sunday 12 July

Celebrating 50 Years of Deadly

NAIDOC Week is a soul-deep celebration for Mob - a time to feast on the joy and pride of culture, connect with community, and honour the strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Even in years marked by hardship and upheaval, NAIDOC Week remains a powerful reminder of survival, resilience, and the ongoing achievements of First Nations Peoples.

NAIDOC Week began as a movement for justice, growing out of the 1938 Day of Mourning when Aboriginal leaders, including William Cooper, gathered to protest injustice and call for the rights and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Today, it remains a time of celebration, remembrance, advocacy, and action.

This year's NAIDOC Week theme is 50 Years of Deadly. In Aboriginal communities, deadly is a term of high praise. It describes something or someone as excellent, inspiring, strong, and worthy of celebration. More than a compliment, it is a language of resilience and pride that honours the gifts, leadership, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

So when we celebrate 50 Years of Deadly, we honour the Elders, advocates, artists, leaders, and communities who have carried this movement forward, and we recognise the many ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to stand strong despite ongoing racism, injustice, violence, and the silencing of their voices.

As Christians, this theme echoes the invitation of Philippians 4:8:

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."

Sea Sunday 2026 - Sunday 12 July

Sea Sunday in Australia is celebrated on Sunday 12 July 2026. It is a global day of prayer, reflection, and fundraising dedicated to supporting the hundreds of thousands of seafarers who face isolation, danger, and months away from home to deliver the goods that sustain global economies.



The Mission to Seafarers exists to provide hope and renewal to seafarers. Ships don't bring us goods, people do: seafarers. The seafarers job exposes them to some of the most dangerous, lonely and isolating conditions to bring us more than 99% of our merchandise. MTS Chaplains provide counselling, advocacy and prayer.

This Sea Sunday MTS asks that we join churches worldwide to pray for and support the 1.9million seafarers who face isolation, danger, and hardship every day. **Help us be Harbours of Hope** this Sea Sunday. Just as a harbour offers safety, provision, and hope to ships in distress, the church is a spiritual and practical harbour for those in need.

“Just as our Lord welcomed the stranger and cared for the vulnerable, so too can His people become Harbours of Hope for those who labour far at sea.”

Saturday 18 July and Sunday 19 July Mission Mornings

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 commencing at 10am. Everyone is welcome to come along and support Ian and Theano and join in with a delicious morning tea. *More details to come.*

Sunday 19 July Ian will be the preacher at the 8am and 10am Services. *There will be a retiring collection for SIM Australia to support Ian and Theano in their work.*

Ian and Theano have asked us to pray - *Praise God for the many ways in which He has blessed our ministry and sustained our family during our first term in Kenya. Praise God for the opportunity to connect with so many friends, family and partners while we are on Home Assignment. Pray for God's provision so that we can return to the field in early August.*



An Afternoon of MUSIC FOR PLEASURE

Sunday 26 July 2026 at 2.00pm

St Alban's Parish Hall, 3 Pembroke Street, Epping

Paul Weaver – Piano and Emily Horspool - Clarinet

Music by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Saint-Saens, Finzi, Joplin and more

Donations are invited to support the work of “Rough Edges” – ministry of St John's Darlington to people in need around Kings Cross.

Cash donations can be made at the concert, or you can use the Rough Edges website to make your donation.



Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection for July 2026 is now available.

Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection is produced within the parish with a thought and prayer for each day of the month, as well as weekly prayers.

The July Newsletter

Our Newsletters give more information on what is happening at St Alban's. If you know of a parish event coming up during August, would you please let the Parish Office know. The deadline for the August Newsletter is Tuesday 28 July.

For Your Prayers

Parishes in our Mission Area

Beecroft, St John the Evangelist; Eastwood, St Philip; Gladesville, Christ Church; Macquarie, St George and St Dunstan; North Epping, All Saints; Ryde, St Anne; Soul Revival; West Ryde, St Columb; North Ryde, St John; Bridge, Trinity Chapel

Ecumenical Churches in our Area

Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford; Uniting Church Parishes of Epping and West Epping; Epping Presbyterian Church; Epping Baptist Church; and Epping Congregational Church.

Pray for our whole Parish

As we celebrate the growth of our parish give thanks and pray for our Rector Phil in his leadership; and give thanks and pray for each of our congregations and their leaders - Pastor Kian (Indonesian congregation) and The Reverend Simon (Chinese congregation). Pray for our Assistant Minister, Bill; our Student Ministers Doris, Gloria, Aimee and David - giving thanks for their commitment, and asking for God to guide them in their studies. Give thanks, and pray for our Parish Administrator Denise, our Music Director Chris and the organists and choir - and all those who minister and worship with us. Pray for guidance and vision for our Wardens and Parish Council as they seek to enable and manage the growth of the parish, and address all the issues related to the maintenance and use of our buildings. Ask God to help us each to see how our talents, resources and time may be used to his glory - may we all be guided and inspired to 'gather, grow and go' together.

Give thanks and pray for Mustard Seed Christian Childcare as they commence outside school hours care in the parish. Pray for the leaders and the children and their families who will be reached through this Christian early childhood education and childcare..

Pray for EPIC (Indonesian Congregation)

- Give thanks for new people who have joined EPIC in recent months.
- Pray for the Indonesian parishioner students who are facing exam weeks and end of term, so they can be successful in their study and assessments and bring glory to our God.

- Pray for those who are returning to Indonesia for good at the end of July upon finishing their studies such as Juli, Iin, Ryan and Leya (Anna). Please do pray that they can bring their training and preparation here to bless the people and churches in Indonesia.
- Pray for EPIC's weekend away at the end of July, that it may be smooth and safe and everyone can learn what it means to be a Christian when they are returning to Indonesia.

Pray for Chinese Congregation

- Give thanks for those who are joining in faith as this congregation grows as part of Saint Alban's parish
- Give thanks and pray for the opportunities to learn together in the Bible Study groups.

Pray for Peace in our World: Lord, we pray for world peace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for countries to find diplomatic solutions that will bring harmony between nations, and for wars, conflicts and oppression to end. We pray for your continued grace and goodness to overflow in this world so that humans can live alongside one another respectfully, allowing for mutual flourishing. In our country we pray for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and we pray for their Elders in their leadership of their communities. Amen.

Anniversary of Death: Luverne Morse; Jack Harms; Maureen Liverside; Lawrence Ho; Leo Illhook 1/7; Agnes Grey 2/7; Raymond Irving 4/7; Alison Nicholls 4/7; Maureen Greenhalgh 6/7; Janet Edwards 7/7; Arch Horsley 9/7; Edward Murray 10/7; Brian Hastings 10/7; Robert Kimber 11/7; 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; Geoff Clarke 19/7; Charles and Bell Knight 21/7; Eileen Armstrong 21/7; Marjorie McLardie 22/7; Phyllis Robinson 23/7; Ronald Peel 23/7; John Couch 24/7; Jenny Peebles 24/7; Myrtle Evans 25/7; May Aitchison 25/7; Betty Dempster 26/7; Helen Cooper 27/7; John Nossiter 27/7; Marion Hadley 27/7; Norm Pacey 28/7; Stanley Keough 29/7; Graham Croker 30/7; Annette Sheather 30/7; Margaret Sim 31/7

"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.

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.

Its impact in the fiscal year 2023 – 2024 includes:

- 3,858 casework appointments delivered
- 85 people supported with secure housing nightly across 17 properties
- 278 clients provided with intensive casework support, including 74 clients experiencing domestic & family violence
- 49 new clients assisted with employment
- \$87,819 invested in rent and tenancy support
- 35+ meetings held with political representatives.

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

Volunteers Needed: Share Your Gifts and Serve!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to get involved, meet others, and contribute to our parish community? We believe everyone has unique gifts and talents, and we have many opportunities for you to put them to use for God's glory.

We are currently seeking volunteers for the following ministries:

- **Welcoming Team:** Greet fellow parishioners and visitors, helping everyone feel welcome and at home.
- **Hospitality Team:** Assist with breakfast or morning tea on a Sunday.
- **Tech/Media Team:** Assist with zoom and presentation slides during services.
- **Maintenance Team (including Garden Maintenance):** Help keep our church a safe and welcoming physical environment.
- **Flower Guild:** Help beautify the church with others capable people.

How to Get Involved: If you're interested in any of these roles or want to learn about other opportunities, we'd love to connect with you. Please contact the Parish Office (details on back page). Your time and talents are a blessing to our church.

Zoom details for Sunday 10am Service

<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.

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.

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