

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

22 March 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Giles Rowling / Preacher: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

@ 10.00am

AGM to follow service

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

Reader: Meredith Lawn / Preacher: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

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
Assistant Minister (part-time)	Bill Walton - bill@eppinganglicans.org.au
Honorary Senior Associate	The Reverend Paul Weaver 0408 285 776 paul@eppinganglicans.org.au
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Student Ministers and Children's Ministry Workers	Aimee and David Wong
Indonesian Congregation (EPIC) Pastor	Kian Holik - kian@eppinganglicans.org.au
Chinese Congregation Pastor	Simon Pei
Caretaker	Kari Hewitt - karihewitt94@gmail.com

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

TODAY Sunday 22 March

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to commence promptly at 11.45am.

Lenten Bible Study in the Seminar Room at 1pm.

Wednesday 25 March

10am Everyday English Classes

Thursday 26 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

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

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.

Palm Sunday

Next Sunday (29 March) at the 8am Service the 'Blessing of the Palms' will occur during the Service; before the 10am Service **we will gather outside Our Lady Help of Christians Church (OLHC), 29 Oxford Street, at 9.20am to commence a short liturgy of the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, at 9.30am**; we will join with members of the Catholic Parish of Epping and Carlingford and the Epping Uniting Church - we will then walk together singing 'All Glory, Praise and Honour' led by our Choir to Epping Uniting Church and the return to Saint Alban's.

Please come early and join in this shared time of prayer and praise, to begin a most sacred time of our common Church year.

- **9.20am gather at OLHC**
 - **9.30am Short Liturgy begins followed by Procession**
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Passover Meal - Maundy Thursday 2 April at 6pm in the Old Sunday School Room. If you are able to help with preparations, please let the office know.

Cost has been increased to \$20 per head. More details are in the March Newsletter.

RSVP to office@eppinganglicans.org.au / 9876 3362 or leave your name on the list on the noticeboard.

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

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

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



The flowers in the church today are in loving memory of
Max Boyley from his wife Jan and the family.

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

Church: Beecroft - St John the Evangelist; Macquarie - St George and St Dunstan. LifeWay Lutheran Church Epping. 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 our Annual General Meeting, giving thanks for those who will be elected or appointed to various roles; and as they agree to serve within the parish, pray that they will serve with integrity and faith, working collaboratively to support the Rector, staff and the congregation, and grow God's kingdom with love and humility, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Continue to hold in your prayers all the places where there is war, violence and upheaval; pray for the people in their fear and uncertainty, pray for comfort for those who are suffering and those who are displaced, and ask for protection for the innocent, the mothers, the children and the elderly; pray for guidance and wisdom and compassion for leaders and decision-makers.

Prayer for Lent: Lord God, throughout this season of Lent, I thank you for your guidance as I walk this path of spiritual discipline of daily prayer and reflection, reading and meditating on your word, and increasing acts of kindness and service. Your voice has been opening my heart, renewing my life and letting me reflect on the life and sacrifices of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

Anniversary of Death: Max Boyley 19/3; Stanley Evans 22/3; Bruce Martin 23/3; John Bellamy 26/3; James Poole 27/3; Denis Barrett 27/3; Bill Carr-Boyd 28/3; Catherine Rutherford 28/3

FOR YOUR DIARY:

On **Sunday 26 April at 2.00pm**, there will be a Concert in the Parish Hall presented by Paul Weaver and members of the Wilson family, as a **Tribute to Bruce Wilson**, who contributed so much to the musical life of the parish. More details later.

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. 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/

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.

Safe Ministry

The Parish of St Alban's with St Aidan's Epping NSW is committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people, particularly within its own community. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact the Rector, The Reverend Phil Lui on 09876 3362 or email phil@eppinganglicans.org.au You can also contact the Diocesan Safe Ministry Team on 02 9265 1604 email info@safeministry.org.au or to report abuse 1800 774 945 email abusereport@safeministry.org.au

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.

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.
