

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

19 April 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Doris Awad / Preacher: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

@ 10.00am

**Choral Eucharist and Commissioning of Wardens, Parish Councillors,
Parish Nominators, Synod Representatives and Honorary Parish Treasurer**

Also available by zoom (*details on page 4*)

Reader: Sue Armitage / Preacher: *The Reverend Phil Lui*

EPIC Indonesian Congregation (Old Sunday School Room)

Leader: *Pastor Kian Holik* / Preacher: *Assistant Minister Bill Walton*

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

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 Rev'd Paul Weaver 0408 285 776 paul@eppinganglicans.org.au
Parish Administrator	Mrs Denise Pigot 98763362 office@eppinganglicans.org.au
Music Director (on leave)	Chris Czerwinski 0452 557 695 krzysztof_czerwinski@yahoo.com
Student Ministers	Doris Awad - doris.awad@student.moore.edu.au Gloria Walton
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 - simon@eppinganglicans.org.au
Caretaker	Kari Hewitt - karihewitt94@gmail.com

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More information about Services and Events and other information about the Parish is in the Monthly Newsletter, which is available in the Porch, and on the website

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

Thursday 23 April

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Saturday 25 April

Garden Maintenance will NOT be taking place due to ANZAC Day.

Sunday 26 April

ANZAC Day observance

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

A Concert in Tribute to Bruce Wilson

Sunday 26 April at 2.00pm at St Alban's Parish Hall

Music for piano, flute, clarinet, bassoon, trombone and electric bass

with members of Bruce's family and Paul Weaver.

All welcome - Donations invited to Anglicare Sydney

Before The Throne

A Day of Prayer for the spread of the Gospel

**Sunday 3 May 2026 2pm to 3pm
at St Alban's**

Archbishop Kanishka Raffel invites you to join with other churches to pray together.

Mothers Day Stall

in aid of The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Sunday 3 May 2026 - This is an Anglican Board of Mission Project to help address climate challenges, food security, water tank installation, disaster preparedness and positive parenting.

Please support by cooking cakes, biscuits, slices, jams and chutneys etc to sell on 3 May after both services. Barbara Meintjes has kindly offered to sell her beautiful jewellery to support this project. Any inquiries to Jane Bryant (ABM Auxiliary) 98940439.



Office arrangements

Chris Czerwinski is currently on leave for a month. We are grateful to Meredith Lawn who is leading the choir in his absence.

Denise will be on leave Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May. If you have an item for the May Newsletter, would you please send it to her by this Tuesday.

Lighting a candle at St Alban's

The Pastoral Care Committee have organised cards (next to the votive candles) to send to loved ones in need.

*Lighting a candle is a prayer -
when you have gone it stays alight as a symbol of love and hope, of light and warmth,
uniting your prayers with the prayers of the whole Church of God.*

A booklet '*Guidelines for Funeral Service*'
has been produced as a caring initiative by our Pastoral Care Committee.
If you would like one, copies are available at the back of each church.
Also consider carefully if you have a will and if it is current.

F O R Y O U R P R A Y E R S

Church: Ryde - St Anne; West Ryde - St Columb; West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church. CCA- Mission of the Month.

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

In addition - pray for teachers, students and their families as they conclude the holidays and return to school. Pray for all places of learning that they may be safe places where all can thrive.

Prayer for the Week: Almighty God, we bring before you the newly elected Parish Council and Wardens under the leadership of Rector Phil. We ask you to grant them the spirit of wisdom and kindness as they are commissioned and as they meet together. Help them to serve faithfully and be aware of the challenges of three Congregations who may have varying expectations. May they work together in unity to spread the Gospel in Epping. Amen

Prayer written by Parishioner and Intercessor Margaret Foster

Anniversary of Death: George Perry 20/4; Dora Perry 20/4; Lily Daniels 20/4; Chitranganie 21/4; Manie Dwyer 22/4; Florence Contini 22/4; Don McIntyre 24/4; Beryl White 24/4; Marjorie Howe 25/4

Mission of the Month - Harvest Festival in support of Christian Community Aid

Please support the work of CCA, culminating in Harvest Festival to be held on **Sunday 31 May**. CCA has been delivering services in the Epping and Eastwood area for over 60 years. Its focus is to be "problem solvers and game changers combating against poverty, violence, discrimination, and inequality. United we work for the health, wellbeing, education, safety, and financial stability of every person in our community."

Donations of **non-perishable food** are welcome for Harvest Festival. Tinned and packaged food (no glass bottles or jars please) may be left at the office or in the church narthex **until Thursday 28 May**.

Cash donations are also welcome. Use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'CCA' next to the stamped date) or a plain envelope marked 'CCA'. Alternatively transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account (please use tag 'CCA'), or donate funds directly at <https://ccas.org.au/make-a-donation/>

"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.

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

Total Givings for 2026 up to February

Giving and donations: \$29,380 / Budget: \$35,720 / We are behind by: \$6,340
However giving and donations were up \$1,211 (4%) on the last year
which is a very promising start to the year.

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=VGpWNXRMcFpYXVVeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09>

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.
