

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.

Sunday after Ascension

HARVEST FESTIVAL

29 May 2022

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Brian Haywood

President: Bishop Ross Nicholson

Preacher: Christopher Lawn

10.00am Eucharist

Also available by zoom

Reader: Christine Murray

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Preacher: Christopher Lawn

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389>

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). *A password isn't required.*

Please keep your computer or phone on "mute" during the service.

To mute/unmute your phone, press *6

Please stay online for a time of fellowship.

Morning Tea

Please stay for morning tea after each of the 8am and 10am services.



*In Covenant with the communities of the Roman Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford,
Epping Uniting Church and West Epping Uniting Church*

Thoughts for Prayer & Reflection

The June issue of Thoughts for Prayer & Reflection is now available. This has been produced by the Pastoral Care Committee, using the Lectionary as a guide. We hope you will find this helpful in your daily journey.

Sunday School is on TODAY!

10am The Loft

Today's anthem at 10am

"Oh Won't You Sit Down" is a traditional African American spiritual anthem. As characteristic of many spirituals, this work is built on call-and-response pattern.

Oh Won't You Sit Down brings the optimism and hopefulness. Direct and faith-filled, this song has evolved serving various Christian traditions in the years since it was originally created.

With the unifying spirit and powerful message, this spiritual is the Gospel in song, proclaiming life out of death and inviting all to sit together at the "Welcome Table."

Douglas Wagner, a native of Chicago, Illinois, is an internationally recognized composer and arranger. Wagner, previously a high school music teacher, now devotes himself to composition. He is an award winning composer, has served many denominations as a church musician, and is currently the Editor of the Music Press choral catalog.

More than 3,000 titles of his music have been published since 1973, including works for choir. Well over fifteen million copies of his music have been sold to date.

An Aboriginal Prayer for Truth and Hope by Brooke Prentis 2020

May the God of all wonder who set the stars in the sky,
bless you with relentless unsettledness –
that drives you to seek truth.

May the God of all justice who gave motion to the rivers,
bless you with righteous anger –
that drives you to seek freedom for all.

May the God of all love who placed laughter in the kookaburra,
bless you with the friendship –
that looks like the love where one lays down their life for another.

May the God of all comfort who determined the height of the mountains,
bless you with tears from shared pain and mourning –
that shows you hope.

Now with wonder, righteous anger, sacrifice, and lament –
Go in truth, justice, love, and hope –
to Change The Heart of Australia.

Church:

Northbridge - St Mark; Lavender Bay - Christ Church;
North Sydney - St Thomas; Anglican Youth Works
The Cathedral Parish of St Alban's Griffith
The Bishop of Bathurst and his Diocese
Christian Community Aid (*Mission of the Month*)

In our World and Community:

Pray for our country and our new Government: may all those who have been elected to our federal parliament serve the common good, and govern for all Australians with wisdom, honesty, integrity and compassion.

Pray for the continuing Covid situation: the ill, the fearful, and those who are caring for them. Pray for members of our Parish who have Covid, may they recover fully.

Pray for the many places of unrest, conflict, and humanitarian crises: for the men, women and children suffering the emotional and economic miseries of conflict and oppression; those who are mourning the loss of loved ones; the displaced, the homeless, the hungry and the refugees. Pray for peace and hope, and that there will be leaders with the strength and resolve to bring a peaceful end to conflict.

Pray for the parents, families and communities mourning the senseless loss of their children and teachers in yet another school shooting in America.

Pray for our Parish: inspire us to follow the example of the disciples in feeding those who hunger for the good news of salvation. Pray that we will each be encouraged and nourished to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in our community.

For Ascension:

Lord Jesus Christ, right before your Ascension into heaven you told your apostles to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me. Amen

Week of Prayer for Reconciliation 27 May - 3 June:

Reconciliation as Love in Action - Jesus calls us, empowers us, and actually commands us to love one another. Jesus said: *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* John 13.34-35

Love, like Reconciliation, must involve taking action. *Common Grace*

Anniversary of Death:

Peter Hauff 29/5; Martin Hardman 29/5; David Deall 30/5; Doris Cummins 30/5;
Miriam McWhite 31/5; Benjamin Taylor; George Daniels; Maude Arnold;
Merle Lawlor 1/6; Kathleen Preston 1/6; Percy Evans 1/6;
Jameson Read 1/6; Buller Lambert 3/6; Olive Lambert 3/6

Harvest Festival TODAY

in support of Christian Community Aid

Thank you for all your donations of food for the display in the church today as part of our celebration of Harvest Festival, and for the cash donations. All the food donations will be taken to Christian Community Aid at Eastwood following the services today.

You are reminded that all non-perishable food placed in the hessian bag in the narthex, or left at the church office, is being given to Christian Community Aid throughout the year. Please continue to assist those people living in our local community who are in need.

For more information about CCA, please refer to the display on the narthex board, or visit www.ccas.org.au



Mission giving

Below are the list of donations from the parish from mission givings for January to April 2022 which have now been forwarded to the various mission groups.

ABM	\$706.00
ABM Easter	\$480.00
ABM Tonga	\$210.00
Act 4 Peace Ukraine	\$1235.00
Anglicare Flood Appeal	\$1150.00
Anglicare Chaplaincy	\$320.00
Bush Church Aid	\$354.00
Bush Church Aid March box opening	\$307.00
Christian Community Aid	\$101.00

Prayers for the people of Ukraine, and for the people of Russia

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen.

We also recognise the suffering of Russian soldiers and citizens who have been drawn into a war not of their making. May they display courage in their convictions and calls for peace. May they look to you as a source of comfort in the face of tyranny and the hardships that will flow from their government's actions.

Amen.

CLASSICAL FAVOURITES FOR PIANO

TODAY at 2pm
St Alban's Main Hall

Paul Weaver (Pianist) and Bruce Wilson (Duo Pianist)

Beloved music by Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, Debussy, Dvorak and more.

Donations invited to support the work of "Rough Edges" ministry of St John's Darlinghurst.



RLT

The next meeting of RLT Women's Discussion Group will be held THIS Thursday 2 June at 12.30pm at Judi's home. Please bring your lunch as usual.

Pentecost

NEXT SUNDAY 5 June

The exciting day when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the church is Pentecost. The early members were so enthusiastic for their faith as a result they were seen to have flames leaping from their heads.

Please wear something red, white or gold to display your enthusiasm.

We need some volunteers to read the first reading (Acts 2:5-21) on the Day of Pentecost at each of the services in various languages.

If you can read in another language, and would like to be involved, please add your name to the list which is available on the church noticeboard. On the list, you will be able to state which language you can read and which service you can attend. Readers stand and read from their pew, at the same time with others.

Further information will be sent to volunteer readers during the week.

Ecumenical Pentecost Service

Epping Uniting Church

Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 7.45pm

The annual Pentecost Service of the Epping Covenant churches will this year be held on Tuesday 7 June at 7.45pm at Epping Uniting Church. The preacher will be Pastor Lyn Graham (West Epping Uniting Church).

Please make every effort to be a part of this liturgy as Pentecost is a very important occasion in the Church's life. The service will also mark the annual signing of the Covenant linking our local churches in fellowship and shared activity.

The service will be zoomed using the following link <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/96860253996?pwd=OVBYdWFVU3l1aHZxRWFOQ1lxcmZUdz09>

Meeting ID: 968 6025 3996 Passcode: 316844

Supper will be provided following the service.



St Alban's Patronal Festival

26 June 2022

9.30am

Preacher: Archbishop Kanishka Raffel

Refreshments in the Parish Hall will be held afterwards.

A monetary contribution will be welcomed. There will be a box at the entrance to the hall.

Organ Concert at St Alban's

Sunday 12 June at 12 noon

Isabel, Enoch and Nicholas are young students of St Alban's Choir Director Chris Czerwinski. They will each perform pieces to introduce the pipe organ to visiting young piano students.

All welcome to attend.

SHOAH MEMORIAL SERVICE: A Christian Perspective on the Holocaust

A service of reflections, readings and prayer for Christians and all people of compassion to remember the terrible events of 1933-1945

Music by the Mater Chorale directed by Michael Deasey, and the Cantor of the Great Synagogue. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr Patrick McInerney, Australian Catholic Council for Interreligious Dialogue

THIS Tuesday 31 May 2022 at 6pm - The Great Synagogue, Sydney
(entry 166 Castlereagh Street)

Arranged by the Council of Christians and Jews NSW

Knitted Items - Rugs/Beanies/Scarves

Recently the Pastoral Care Committee learnt that St John's Darlinghurst/Rough Edges no longer wish to receive our hand knitted items for distribution. The Pastoral Care Committee have met and discussed possible recipients of the large number of items we have amassed, due to the fact that last year with the Covid lockdown we were unable to deliver anything. By the time the lockdown was lifted the weather was too warm and so we had stored them.



I am therefore pleased to let you know that Mission Australia at Hornsby are thrilled with what we have offered, and we are currently following up a couple of other leads to see if they are also interested.

So, bottom line, please don't stop knitting strips and squares, we will continue to have outlets that are wanting to assist their homeless/underprivileged clients during the cold winter weather.

Margaret Cummins

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 30 May

Office closed

Tuesday 31 May

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH

9.00am Staff meeting

11.00am Ladies Bible Study led by Jenny Nicholson via zoom (*link below*)

Wednesday 1 June

Justin, martyr at Rome

7.15am Prayer meeting via zoom (*link below*)

Thursday 2 June

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom (*link below*)

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Bp Ross Nicholson)

12.30pm RLT at Judi's home

Friday 3 June

Martyrs of Uganda / Janani Luwum, archbishop of Uganda, martyr /
John XXII, bishop of Rome, reformer

The link for the above zoom meetings is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389>

The Parish Magazine

The May to July 2022 edition is available at the back of the church, and on our Parish website (as are previous editions).

It is full of interesting events in our parish life, as well as another instalment of Doug Carruthers' fascinating history of our Choir and Church Music.

Pew Reflections
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Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22.12-22; John 17.20-26

In his apocalyptic vision, St John the Divine succinctly describes the Church's role: according to this 'testimony for the churches' it is to say, along with the Spirit, 'Come', that is, to invite people who are thirsty to 'take the water of life as a gift'. If I were to examine myself, would I find times in my life where I had invited the thirsty to drink the water of life? Or have I heard the Spirit myself and responded, but nevertheless kept quiet about it? How do I expect the Church to grow if I do not invite people to respond to the Spirit?



- .Jesus Christ, circled round by angel powers, let me hear the Spirit's voice and help me to offer water to the thirsty and invite them to drink, all for your Name's sake.
- .Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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Next Sunday Services

Day of Pentecost

5 June 2022

8am Eucharist at St Alban's

Preacher Bishop Ross Nicholson

10am Eucharist at St Alban's (*also streamed*)

Preacher Bishop Ross Nicholson

At the back of St Alban's
are enlarged service sheets and bulletins.
If you would like a copy, please ask the duty parishioners.



Office arrangements

The office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can still contact Denise on the office phone on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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, we are including the offertory made to the Parish by direct transfer.

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