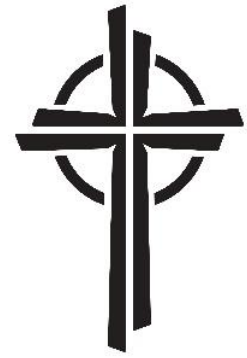


# St Alban's Monthly Newsletter

## JUNE 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 7 June – Second Sunday after Pentecost**

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

*Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui*

#### **Sunday 14 June – Third Sunday after Pentecost**

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

*Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui*

#### **Sunday 21 June – ST ALBAN'S DAY**

9.30am 130<sup>th</sup> Patronal Festival (one service only in the parish)

for all congregations

*Preacher: The Right Reverend Chris Edwards, Bishop of North Sydney*

#### **Sunday 28 June – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

*Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui*

## ***What's on at St Alban's during June***

### **Wednesday 3, 10, 17 and 24 June**

Everyday English Classes at 10am.

### **Thursday 4, 11, 18 and 25 June**

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

### **Thursday 4 and 18 June**

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

### **Thursday 4 June**

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

### **Friday 5 June**

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

### **Saturday 6 June**

2pm to 4pm. Members of St Alban's and EPIC are warmly invited to join in a Service of Prayer and Commissioning as Julie returns to South East Asia for her second term. A CMS (short) commissioning service will be followed by a time to mingle and eat together. Contributions to the afternoon tea are welcome.

### **Tuesday 9 June**

**St Alban's Mothers Union** warm winter lunch on Tuesday 9 June, 12 pm at Gwen Davidge Pavilion, ARV Castle Hill. All are welcome but would need to contact Jan Boyley 0449 274 876 or Elizabeth Jenkins 0403 792 967 by Sunday 7 June for catering purposes.

### **Thursday 18 June**

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 27 June**

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

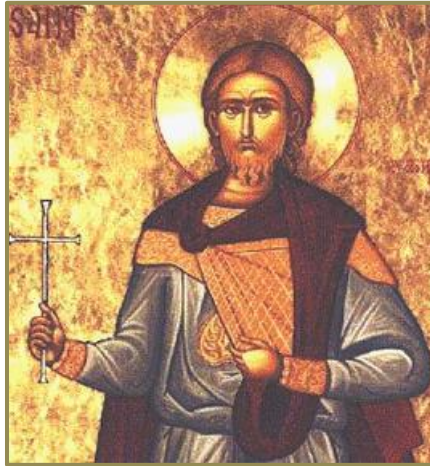
11am-1pm Indonesian Prayer Meeting in Seminar Room.

### **Sunday 28 June**

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

Dates for 6pm <b>Taizé Services</b> during 2026 are: June 14, August 9, October 11 and November 8
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# St Alban's Patronal Festival



**Sunday 21 June 2026**  
**9.30am**  
***(one service only)***

**Preacher: Bishop Chris Edwards**

A celebratory luncheon will be held  
in the Parish Hall afterwards.

All three congregations will be joining  
(English, EPIC and Chinese).

A plate to share (cultural dish), or a cake or slice for dessert would be much appreciated. Please be mindful of reheating and cleaning restraints.

Please leave your name and dish you will bring  
on the list on the church porch noticeboard.

## **Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection for June 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 July, would you please let the Parish Office know. The deadline for the July Newsletter is Tuesday 23 June.

**The Parish Magazine May - July** is available in the porch of the Church and on the parish website. There is much interest to read in the magazine, please feel free to share the magazine with your friends.

The deadline for contributions for the next edition is 3 July 2026. Please contact the editor Julie Evans via email [julie.evans@ihug.com.au](mailto:julie.evans@ihug.com.au) or via the Parish Office. Photographs are also welcome.

**Ian and Theano Ratcliff** have written about their journey of faith that has taken them to work in **Nairobi, Kenya** (pages 42 - 44) in *The Parish Magazine*.

Shortly they will be on home assignment in Australia and we will have an opportunity to hear more about their work and time in Kenya over the past two years. The St Alban's Mothers Union will be hosting a brunch, to which **all parishioners (men and women) and guests are invited**, on **Saturday 18 July**.

Look out for more details in due course in the Bulletins and on the Church Notice Board.

## **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 our 130th year under Saint Alban give thanks for all the men and women and the clergy who have faithfully served God, and built a fellowship of faith in this place. Give thanks and pray for our Rector Phil in his leadership of this parish; 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. 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.

#### Pray for EPIC (Indonesian Congregation)

- Give thanks for new people who have joined EPIC in the last couple of 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 Jesus Christ, you are the Prince of Peace. Strengthen the bond of peace among us and in our troubled world. Change the hearts of all who make war; touch the wounds of all who are afflicted by war. Let the light of your love shine in all the dark places of our world and hasten the day when all peoples may dwell in peace with justice. Amen.

#### **Anniversary of Death**

Benjamin Taylor; George Daniels; Merle Lawlor 1/6; Kathleen Preston 1/6; Percy Evans 1/6; Jameson Read 1/6; Buller Lambert 3/6; Olive Lambert 3/6; Christopher Christie-David 5/6; Bill Peverell 5/6; Robin Allman 5/6; Mary Levers 6/6; Ann Coe 9/6; Pat Nossiter 12/6; Lyn Farrant 12/6; Lillian King 13/6; Stan Gilling 14/6; Robin Friend 15/6; Henry Lunney 15/6; Enid Telfer 16/6; Margaret Durie 16/6; Sheilagh O'Hara 17/6; Robin Arnold 18/6; Susan Telfer 18/6; Dorothy Boys 18/6; Wilmar Watson 18/6; Brian Fletcher 18/6; Ted Lambert 19/6; Graham Hoskin 20/6; Stanley Lambert 20/6; Lucy Payens 20/6; Jim Pragnell 20/6; Frank Fountain 21/6; Reg Partington 21/6; Honor Darling 22/6; Raymond Burke 26/6; John Jeffery 27/6; Dorothy Gilling 27/6; Harold Graham 28/6; Eric Nyholm 29/6; Elaine Bardsley 30/6

## 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 138 long-term development projects across 34 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](http://anglicanaid.org.au)

There are a few ways you can financially assist Anglican Aid. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'Anglican Aid' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'Anglican Aid'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account (please use tag 'Anglican Aid'), or donate funds directly at [anglicanaid.org.au/donate](http://anglicanaid.org.au/donate)



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### Calling All Knitters

Our Mothers Union Group regularly visits the Maternity Wards at Norwest Private, The San and Royal North Shore Hospitals. Each mother is given a gift. There is a need for knitted booties for newborn babies up to 6 months of age. Blue, pink, cream or white colours are fine.

Mothers Union would appreciate donations of booties, or baby socks and bibs and singlets as summer gifts.

Inquiries please call Jane Bryant 0432 258 737.



## **"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](mailto: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.

## **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.

## PARISH STAFF

**Rector:** The Reverend Philip Lui 0413 396 435 - phil@eppinganglicans.org.au

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**Parish Administrator:** Denise Pigot 98763362 - office@eppinganglicans.org.au

**Music Director:** Chris Czerwinski 0452 557 695  
krzysztof\_czerwinski@yahoo.com

**Student Ministers:** Doris Awad - doris.awad@student.moore.edu.au  
and 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 0402 119 004 – karihewitt94@gmail.com

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