

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

TWELTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
16 August 2026

Sunday at St Alban's *(Liturgical Colour Green)*

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Doris Awad / Preacher: Bill Walton

@ 10.00am

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

Reader: Jane Bryant / Preacher: Bill Walton

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

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

Wednesday 19 August

10am Everyday English Classes

12noon-2pm Chinese Alpha Course

Thursday 20 August

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing - all welcome.

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

Friday 21 August

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

Next Sunday 23 August

13th Sunday after Pentecost. Preacher: The Rector

Saturday 22 August

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Come along and join in with others helping to maintain our grounds. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Sunday 30 August

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

Change to our Service Sheets

today you will receive the Service Sheet and a separate sheet with the Collects, Readings and the Hymns. Feel free to take the Readings sheet home, if you leave the Service Sheet in the porch on your way out it will be used again next week.

Communion Service in Commemoration of the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea

Saturday 5 September, at 11am here at St Alban's, followed by lunch in the Hall.

Please join with members of parishes across Sydney and ABM supporters as we host this service and lunch. The Martyrs were clergy, teachers, and medical staff serving as missionaries who were killed as they attempted to stay with the people they had been serving as the war came to New Guinea. Here at St Alban's we feel a close association as two of the Martyrs were parishioners here for a time; we honour them in our Martyrs' Chapel, and in a window on the northern wall, and more recently in the acceptance of a 'Reconciliation Necklace' - the story of which is told in the Chapel.

Breakfast and Morning Tea:

After our 8am and 10am services we have combined Church Fellowship over refreshments - if you would like to contribute there is a collection box on the serving counter.

Office arrangements - Denise (our Parish Administrator) will be going away on six weeks leave commencing 12 September. If you have any items for upcoming bulletins or the October newsletter, would you please send them to Denise asap. This will greatly help the parishioners covering her position while she is away.

St Anne's Ryde, celebrating 200 years and having an Open Day on Saturday 22 August:

Before we were our own Parish we were one of St Anne's Branch Churches. As a member of St Anne's recently wrote:

"Long before Epping became the busy suburb we know today, it was known as East Carlingford - part of the parish of St Anne's Ryde. In 1892, the Rector of St Anne's, The Reverend Henry Ham Britten, travelled from Ryde to conduct the first recorded church service in Epping (in Robert Hilliard's simple hall in Essex Street). Getting from Ryde to Epping wasn't easy. As the district grew, so did the need for a permanent church.

Just four years later, in 1896, the foundation stone was laid for a new church named St Alban's, East Carlingford. It quickly became the centre of a growing Christian community, and by 1900 it had become its own church district..... Looking back, it's wonderful to see how God used St Anne's to help establish churches across the northern suburbs.

Rather than keeping everything in one place, the parish sent people, leaders and resources so new communities could flourish. Today we're thankful for our friends at St Alban's Epping and for more than 130 years of gospel ministry that began with a small gathering in a humble hall. It's a reminder that healthy churches don't just grow—they help others grow too. What a wonderful legacy of God's faithfulness across generations."

St Anne's is celebrating their history with an Open Day Saturday 22 August 10am - 3pm, recitals, talks and historic items on display - see the details on the Notice Board or <https://www.stannes.org.au/>

Ecumenical Service and Lunch

Wednesday 2 September, at 11am at Our Lady Help of Christians Oxford Street, Epping - celebrate the Season of Creation, Living Water with our ecumenical neighbours and friends. Please see the details on the Notice Board.

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

Church: Eastwood - St Philip; Ermington - St Mark; Gladesville - Christ Church; Epping Presbyterian Church; Macquarie Community Church. CBM - Mission of the Month.

For Your Prayers for the Month are included in the Monthly Newsletter. Please refer to these to include in your prayers. **In addition** - there continue to be a number of people from the parish who are in need of our prayers - pray for those who are sick, facing surgery, recovering from surgery or hospitalisation. Pray that knowing God's grace will be a comfort to them and their family and carers.

Pray for our Parish as a whole - all our congregations and ministry groups. Pray for our Rector, for our Ministry Team, and our Student Ministers. Pray for our Wardens and our Parish Council as it meets again this week, as they consider the needs of this parish to be able to faithfully continue God's work and the spreading of his gospel. Pray for Saint Anne's Ryde as they celebrate their 200 years of ministry.

Prayer for the Week: Gracious Father, be with us in all that we do and say, that we might be faithful members of our church community, helping to make her holy and strong for your glory's sake. Amen

Those recently deceased: Joan Forsythe, who has been in care and was a long term parishioner, passed away on 6 August. Details of her funeral will be available once they have been arranged.

Anniversary of Death: Barbara Bell 16/8; Mary Bien 16/8; Frank Horley 16/8; Noreen Kemp 16/8; Thomas Gray 17/8; Brian Sculley 17/8; Don Craig 17/8; Bessie Couch 18/8; Elaine Currey 18/8; Vera White 19/8; Gail Simpson 19/8; Vera Richardson 20/8; Aaron Simmons 20/8; Gladys Hughes 22/8; Ovidiu Demetrescu 22/8

Giving in offertories and donations to June 2026

Offertories and donations totalled \$111,896 against a budget of \$96,180, placing us \$15,716 ahead. This is also \$23,252 (26%) higher than at the same time last year.

These figures do not include giving from the Indonesian and Chinese congregations, as their offerings support their own ministry resources.

It is encouraging that this improvement has continued, which gives us confidence to explore increasing staff days to support the growth God has graciously given our church, and to address other areas of need in the Parish. The Wardens are thankful for this positive result in giving and continue to be greatly encouraged by it. We continue to pray that this momentum will continue, helping us remain faithful in the Parish's mission through the rest of 2026 and into 2027. The Wardens

Mission of the Month - CBM Australia

CBM Australia is part of an international Christian development organisation devoted to improving the lives of people with disabilities in the poorest places on earth. **Poverty and disability go hand in hand** creating a cycle of inequality, isolation and exclusion that leads to the most **extreme forms of poverty**. Throughout its 118-year history and over 48 years in Australia, CBM (formerly Christian Blind Mission) has developed proven community-based programs that help millions of people benefit from real, lasting change.

Please refer to the display on the narthex board, the August newsletter, or visit website www.cbm.org.au for further information.

There are a few ways for you to financially support CBM in their global ministry during these times of crisis. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'CBM' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'CBM'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the St Alban's account - please use tag 'CBM', or donate funds directly at <https://my.cbm.org.au/donate>

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=VGpWNXRMcFpYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpSUT09>

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.
