

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.

PALM SUNDAY
13 April 2025

**8.00am Blessing of the Palms
and Eucharist with Hymns**

Reader: Brian Haywood
Preacher: The Rector

**9.10am The Blessing of the Palms and Ecumenical Procession
will commence outside Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church**

10.00am Choral Eucharist
Also available by zoom

Reader: Amy Taylor
Preacher: The Rector

10.00am Spark Sunday School in The Loft
(above the Main Hall)

6.00pm Taizé
The Reverend Paul Weaver

Join the 10am Service by Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?
pwd=VGpWNXRMcFilyXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82516182389?pwd=VGpWNXRMcFilyXVWeVB3N0pzQnpsUT09)

Passcode 389867 if required.

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).

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.

Morning tea: Let us continue our fellowship commenced during our service by joining together over morning tea in the Main Hall after each of the 8am and 10am Services. Everyone is very welcome.



Easter Day

Easter is a wonderful festival; a time of celebration. If you are coming to the Service of Light on Easter morning, please remember to bring something to ring, blow or bang.

Also remember the Easter party will be held between the end of the 5.30am service and beginning of the 8.30am service. If you are coming to the 8.30am service, why not come earlier and join in!

There is no need to bring food as everything has already been purchased. A monetary donation will be appreciated.

Please remember to wear something GOLD or WHITE for the Easter service you are attending. As of Easter Day, the emphasis of our liturgies changes from introspection to joyous celebration. The confession returns to the earlier position, the Gloria is sung and we stand for the Thanksgiving Prayer and to receive the sacrament.



Battery Candles for Easter morning

As well as ordinary wax candles on Easter morning at 5.30am, there will be battery candles available at \$3 each.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate to the cost of the Easter flowers, it would be very much appreciated. Please place your donation in an envelope and mark it Easter Flowers and place it in the offertory box or hand it to Denise at the office or Jan Boyley.

Easter Clean-up

On **Saturday 19 April** (Easter Eve), we will once again gather to clean up the church, and get it looking its best for our Easter Day celebrations.

We will commence with a short service of Morning Prayer at 9am.

There are different jobs needing to be done (a list will be available), so there will be ways for all of us to assist. Morning tea will be provided.

TAIZÉ PRAYER - TONIGHT

Palm Sunday 6.00pm at St Alban's Church

The ecumenical Community of Taizé, France, has developed a reflective approach to prayer and worship together, incorporating scripture, prayers, a time of silence, and the singing of simple worship songs based on scripture and traditional words. Over the years, many Christians from different denominations have found this meditative approach to worship meaningful and helpful. For 30 years now, there have been regular Taizé services held in Epping, with St Alban's in Pembroke Street as the host church in recent years.

You are invited to share in these services on the second Sunday of April, June, August, October and November. There is a service TONIGHT at St Alban's, Palm Sunday, at 6,00pm. The service is about 40-45 minutes in length, and all are welcome. If you would like any further information, you can ring Rev. Paul Weaver on 0408-285776.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Monday 14, Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 April

7.45pm Holy Week Eucharist with Reflection

Doris Awad (Monday), Laura Devine (Tuesday) and Amy Taylor (Wednesday)

Thursday 17 April Maundy Thursday

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

7.45pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist with Serving One Another

Friday 18 April Good Friday

9.30am Service of Readings and Hymns with Communion

Followed by Hot Cross Buns and refreshments

Saturday 19 April Holy Saturday

9am Morning Prayer

Followed by the Easter clean-up and morning tea

Sunday 20 April Easter Day

5.30am Easter Day The Service of Light and Eucharist

Followed by the Easter party

8.30am Easter Day Festival Choral Eucharist

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

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish on 30 March 2025 the following were appointed or elected:

Wardens

Elizabeth Jenkins (Rector's Warden),
Noel Christie- David and David Tait (People's Wardens)

Members of Parish Council

Ken Bock, Margaret Cummins, Glyn Evans, Christine Murray, Peggy Sanders,
Amy Taylor, Gillian Taylor, and John Williams

Parish Treasurer

Shane Christie-David

Parish Nominators

Glyn Evans, Ruth Shatford, Peggy Sanders, and James von Stieglitz

Parish Synod Representative

Doris Awad (Gillian Taylor continues in this role as her term is not yet complete)

We give thanks for their willingness to serve the Parish in this way, and we ask that they receive the support of the parishioners. The minutes (unconfirmed) of the AGM are on the notice board. These minutes will be confirmed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Church:

Northbridge - St Mark; Lavender Bay - Christ Church;
North Sydney - St Thomas; Anglican Youth Works
West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church
Fr Paul and the people of the Parish of St George's Paddington
Anglican Board of Mission (Mission of the Month)

In our World and Community:

Pray for the people of Myanmar, for all those who are mourning, those who still searching for family and friends, and those who are displaced – losing their homes and their livelihoods. Pray that the people will receive emergency relief and know the love of caring people.

Pray for all who are suffering in areas of conflict; pray that leaders will work for the common good and justice rather than for their own power; and that there will be peace so that people can receive the aid they need and rebuild their lives.

Pray for our nation's leaders and for our country as we prepare to vote; ask God to guide us with wisdom, and give us courage follow Jesus' call to love our neighbours as ourselves. Pray for those seeking to become our political representatives in the parliament, may the campaigning be conducted with respect and tolerance.

Pray for our Rector Phil, and pray that he will receive the help he needs to lead and grow the church. Pray for Denise and all those preparing for our services over Holy Week and Easter. Give thanks for all who contribute to beautify our church; enhance our liturgy with music and singing; read; and all who through their actions serve one another. Pray for all who will come to our services at this time that they may find here a welcoming community of faith.

Pray for our children and teachers on school holidays, and pray for all those who are travelling at this time, may they be kept safe on the roads.

Pray for patience, grace and healing for those from our parish community who are in need, and all who are suffering in mind, body or spirit. Give them comfort in knowing God's grace and the compassion and kindness of all who care for them.

Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sin, show me how I can honour you and bring glory to your name, by walking in the way of Jesus. Give me grace and mercy as I try and fail, guidance when I'm not sure which way to go, and wisdom to trust you in all things. For your love brings light and life to all who seek it; may I walk with you through this Holy Week and beyond. Amen.

Anniversary of Death:

Marie Davis 13/4; Jeff Brownlow 13/4; John McIntyre 13/4; Jo Moen 14/4;
Maurie Vane 15/4; Ronald Bunker 15/4; Bill Jeffery 15/4; Possum Boyd 16/4;
Olivia Rubera 16/4; Joan Hayes 16/4; Arthur Boyd 16/4; Ronald Pike 17/4;
Charlie Rudd 18/4

St Alban's is open during the week

for prayer and reflection, when the office is open.

Mission of the Month donations received in March and April

\$453 = ABM (March)

\$250 = ABM Good Friday (April)

This amount has been donated through the Parish accounts and do not include donations made by parishioners directly to each mission or the BCA Boxes.

Men's BBQ

Will not be held this Month

Garden Maintenance:

Saturday 26 April 2025

9.30am to 12noon.

Extra hands, of all ages, would be so helpful.

Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.



Fellowship

Each Sunday in our services at the Lord's Table we celebrate fellowship with God and fellowship with each other. We have the opportunity after our services to continue that fellowship over breakfast or morning tea in the parish hall. If you are not in the habit of joining your fellow parishioners in the hall after services, please think about doing this and enjoying some additional time as part of the church family.

After the 8am service breakfast is served, even if you don't attend the 8am service come early (around 9am – 9.15am) and have some breakfast and fellowship before the 10am service. Please invite another member of the congregation to join you in the hall for breakfast/morning tea.

Prayer for Peace and Hope in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Myanmar

As war, violence and unrest continue in many areas of the world including the Middle East, Ukraine and Myanmar as a parish we remain committed to pray for all those caught up in the misery and dislocation caused, suffering the loss of loved ones, homes and livelihoods. We pray for the soldiers and citizens drawn into wars not of their making; and we pray for the children traumatised and suffering from disease and hunger. We pray for leaders who will seek the cessation of war, the restoration of peace and the rebuilding of community.

Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, our days are in your hands; we lift up all those who are victims of violence and injustice, that you might surround and uphold the men, women and children caught up in war, violence and unrest. Empower your Church and all humanitarian workers to bring hope and healing to the wounded, relief to the suffering, and comfort to those who mourn. We pray that you would soften the hearts of all those leaders involved in these conflicts, that they would be led to work for justice and lasting peace for their people, these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Good Friday Gift 2025
Bringing Hope to the Holy Land
Anglican Board of Mission

ABM (Anglican Board of Mission – Australia) and AID (Anglicans in Development) invite you to support their Good Friday Gift appeal, which continues the Lenten tradition of sacrificial giving and compassion.

ABM and AID have supported the **Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem** for many years through the Lent, Good Friday and Easter appeals, through funded projects and through various emergency appeals. Against a background of many challenges, the church is very active in its ministry. It owns and operates a number of **social outreach institutions** including hospitals, clinics, kindergartens, and schools with the aim of providing better healthcare and education to local communities, especially those on very low incomes.

In the city of Zarka, Jordan lies **Saviour School**. Founded in 1955, the K-12 school educates over 250 students. It is the only school in the city offering an inclusive education for children who are **blind or visually impaired**. In a world of chaos, Saviour School is a haven of safety and learning for the children who need it most.

But the school's facilities need repair and Dua'a Bisharat, the headmistress, is asking us for help. The school's outdoor area is old and broken. Children trip over holes and cracks during playtime, injuring themselves. Water pools after rain, causing the surface to become slippery and dangerous. This space, used for children's games, assemblies, graduations and events, is now 70 years old and does not meet safety standards and desperately needs renewal.

For further details, please refer to the Missions display on the narthex board, or visit <https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/good-friday-2025/>

The Diocese of Jerusalem needs \$30,000 to meet the costs of repairing the outdoor area and installing solar panels. With your contribution, together, we can fill this gap! There are a few ways to contribute:

- Donate funds directly at <https://www.abmission.org/appeals/appeals-major/good-friday-2025/> (scroll to end of webpage)
- Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag 'ABM Good Friday Gift'.
- Place your gift the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory envelope (please write 'Good Friday Gift' next to the stamped date), or in a plain envelope marked 'ABM Good Friday Gift' - deposit the envelope in the collection box or offertory plate at Saint Alban's.
- Drop off your monetary donation to the Church office on Tuesday or Thursday morning; or leave it in the Church office letterbox any time; or mail a cheque to the church office at PO Box 79 Epping 1710 – please make the cheque payable to the St Alban's account and attach a separate note that the funds are intended for the ABM Good Friday Gift.



WHAT'S ON...

Monday in Holy Week 14 April

Office closed

7.45pm HOLY EUCHARIST with Reflection by Doris Awad

Tuesday in Holy Week 15 April

9.00am Staff Meeting

7.45pm HOLY EUCHARIST with Reflection by Laura Devine

Wednesday in Holy Week 16 April

7.45pm HOLY EUCHARIST with Reflection by Amy Taylor

8.30pm Choir practice

Maundy Thursday 17 April

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

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

7.45pm HOLY EUCHARIST - Serving one another

Good Friday 18 April

9.30am Service of Readings and Hymns with Communion

Saturday in Holy Week 19 April

9.00am Morning Prayer

Easter clean-up

Morning tea

**If you are a NEWCOMER, to St Alban's,
we would like to make contact with you.**

To do this please scan the QR code and we will be in touch.



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 02 9876 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 abuserreport@safeministry.org.au



EFTPOS Terminal

St Alban's has now made it even easier to make a donation by installing a 'Tap and Go' machine which is placed at the back of the church. Simply select an amount for your once-off donation and tap your debit or credit card. There are four set amounts - \$10, \$20, \$30, \$50 or a custom amount where you can choose your own number (up to \$99). If you would like to donate more than \$99, please tap twice.

Pick which amount you would prefer then tap your card.

Next Sunday Services

EASTER DAY

See page 3 for details

The **Thursday 9.30am and 10.30am Healing Services** will not take place on 24 April (week after Easter) and will resume the following week, 1 May 2025.

Bulletin notices: Please send items to be considered for next Sunday's bulletin by **WEDNESDAY at 2.30pm** to the office.



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

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 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. Otherwise, the offertory box is located in the aisle at each service and brought forward for the blessing of the gifts. We also have an EFTPOS terminal at church for a once-off donation.

Parish Directory

Parish Office

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