

Epping Anglicans

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

Our Mission: Gather, Grow, Go

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - NAIDOC Week
5 July 2026

Sunday at St Alban's

(Liturgical Colour Green)

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Brian Haywood / Preacher: Bill Walton, Assistant Minister

@ 10.00am

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

Reader: Sue Armitage / Preacher: Bill Walton, Assistant Minister

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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Newsletter: 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 9 July

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom (*link on back page*)
10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing - all welcome.

Friday 10 July

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

Thursday 16 July

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

Saturday 18 July

10am **Mission Morning** in the main hall. All are invited to attend and hear Ian and Theano Ratcliff speak on their time in Kenya.

Tuesday 21 July

10.30am Memorial Service for Jane Chapman.

Wednesday 22 July

10am Everyday English Classes resume after the school holidays.

Saturday 25 July

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 26 July

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

Mothers Union will not be meeting in July.

Help wanted needed!!!

If you can help with any of the following positions, please speak with The Rector.
AV - Zoom operators are needed. This can be just once a month. Training included.
Morning tea volunteers - after 8am and 10am Sunday services.

We welcome **Mustard Seed Christian Childcare** who will commence outside school hours care in the lower hall from TOMORROW Monday 6 July, during the school holidays.

Mustard Seed exists to help local churches reach their communities with the good news of Jesus Christ, and to provide high quality, Christian early childhood education and childcare.

When Mustard Seed is operating, the gates will be closed for added security of the children. If you need access during the hours of their operation, please contact the office. We look forward to a great relationship with their team.

Ian Ratcliff - a former parishioner and chorister at Saint Alban's, and his wife **Theano** have written about their journey of faith that has taken them to work with **SIM Australia and Banda Health in Nairobi, Kenya** in *The Parish Magazine* (pages 42 - 44). While they are on home assignment in Australia they will be spending time with us at Saint Alban's and we will be able to hear about their work and time in Kenya over the past two years.

- ♦ **Saturday 18 July** all members of the parish and guests are invited to a **Mission Morning** in the Hall.
 - ♦ **Sunday 19 July** Ian will be the preacher at the 8am and 10am Services.
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An Afternoon of Music for Pleasure

Sunday 26 July
at 2pm
here at St Alban's

Paul Weaver will be playing the **piano** and **Emily Horspool** on the **clarinet**.

Music by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, Saint-Saens, Finzi, Joplin and more

Donations are invited to support the work of Rough Edges.

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

Church: Chaplains at Macquarie Hospital, North Ryde; Anglican Retirement Villages; LifeWay Lutheran Church Epping. Anglican Aid - 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 - please continue to pray for those in need in our parish - there are many who are unwell, and the prayers of the congregation are greatly appreciated.

Pray for those who are sick in mind or body or spirit; pray that they will be free from anxiety, pray that God's grace will give them comfort. Pray for all who minister to them and care for them in their need.

Pray for each of our congregations that they may flourish and enable us to reach out to our communities to share our faith and the message of the love of God.

The World Council of Churches prayers for the people affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela:

"Our prayers are for all those who have lost loved ones, for all who have been injured, and for the safe recovery of those still missing. We pray for the people of Venezuela, for whom the devastation of this natural disaster compounds current challenges in their country. We invite all churches and all people of faith and goodwill to lift up the people of Venezuela in their prayers, for the condolence of the bereaved, the restoration of the missing to their families, for the healing of the injured, and for the recovery of the nation."

Prayer for the Week: Loving Creator, during this NAIDOC Week, we celebrate the rich cultures and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We pray for a time of unity and understanding, asking for the grace to listen, learn, and walk together in respect and harmony towards justice, reconciliation and healing, across our nation. We pray for freedom, health, and opportunity for all, especially First Nations peoples, and for the wisdom to build a shared future, honouring the past, as we walk forward together. Amen.

Those recently deceased: Reverend Jane Chapman died on 24 June 2026. A memorial service will be held at St Alban's on Tuesday 21 July at 10.30am.

Anniversary of Death: Maureen Greenhalgh 6/7; Janet Edwards 7/7; Arch Horsley 9/7; Edward Murray 10/7; Brian Hastings 10/7; Robert Kimber 11/7.

Mission of the Month - The House of Welcome

The House of Welcome at Granville assists and supports **refugees** and **asylum seekers** in the areas of housing, employment, community connection as well as case work. It provides shelter, a resource/referral centre, medical and legal support, and assistance in finding emergency and permanent accommodation, gaining employment, and enrolling in English classes.

The Saint Alban's Pastoral Care Committee has actively supported The House of Welcome during the past several years, among other national and international refugee organisations. For further information, please refer to the display on the Narthex board or visit www.houseofwelcome.org.au

There are a few ways you can financially assist The House of Welcome. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'The House of Welcome' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'The House of Welcome'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account - please use tag 'The House of Welcome', or donate funds directly at www.houseofwelcome.org.au/donate

Giving in offertories and donations to May 2026

Offertories and donations totalled \$88,948 against a budget of \$80,150, placing us \$8,798 ahead. This is also \$16,005 (22%) 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.

This encouraging improvement gives us confidence to begin exploring 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 increase in giving and greatly encouraged by it. We pray this momentum will continue, helping us remain faithful in the Parish's mission through the rest of 2026 and into 2027.

The Wardens.

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=VGpWNXRMcFJLYXVWeVB3N0pzQnpSUT09>

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.
