

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.

16th Sunday after Pentecost 25 September 2022

8.00am Eucharist

Reader: Ruth Shatford
Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

10.00am Eucharist

Also available by zoom
Reader: Meredith Lawn
Preacher: The Reverend Phil Lui

4.30pm 'All in church'

The Reverend Phil Lui

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*

Phil's letter

What does it mean to be truly rich?

Some might say, it is to have a lot of money, others might say it is to be happy, but what does Jesus say it means to be rich? To show the pharisees and the Jewish leaders of day, what it means to be rich, Jesus tells a parable (Luke 16.19-31) of two men one exceedingly rich and the other exceedingly poor. They both die and the rich man goes to hell and the poor man goes to heaven. And discreetly the question that the parable encourages us to ask ourselves is "Who would you rather be?" And "Who is the rich person in the story?"

Although, the answer maybe simple, I personally find this passage confronts how I live my life and whether I live consistently with the truths revealed in this passage.

Furthermore this passage may confront you with questions about heaven and hell.

I look forward to going deeper into Jesus profound and deep words this morning.

TODAY after the 10am service
St Alban's Organ Scholars present:

A lunchtime recital at 11:45am



Music from Baroque, Romantic
and Contemporary periods.

A brief introduction to the music
will be made by the performers.

Length: 20 minutes.



Thoughts for Prayer & Reflection

The October 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

Sunday School will be in recess until 16/10.

Church:

Killara - St Martin; Lindfield - St Alban; East Lindfield - St Peter;
Pymble - St Swithun

West Epping Uniting Church; Epping Baptist Church
CBM (*Mission of the Month*)

In our World and Community:

Pray for our parish in our evangelism, outreach and hospitality, and particularly, at this time, for our afternoon service: be with those leading and those attending.

Pray for all those of our parish community who are ill, those undergoing operations and procedures, those suffering in mind or body, or close to death: pray for their families and their carers, may they experience God's love, peace and caring presence.

Pray for the many people suffering the miseries of conflict, oppression, famine, flooding, and other humanitarian crises: pray for those who mourn, the displaced, the homeless, the hungry and the refugees, may they receive aid and hope, and a place of safety.

In this Season of Creation we pray that with other Christians around the world, from across denominations, we will celebrate God's beautiful and precious Earth, and every living creature on Earth, and renew our shared commitment to preserving and restoring that beauty, and considering ways to inhabit our common home sustainably.

Prayer for this week

Loving God, Lord of heaven and earth, this earth, our home belongs to you, and is precious to you. Give us grace to love it as you do. Give us courage to give ourselves, as you do, for the good of all people and all of your creation. Strengthen us to stand, as you do, with the vulnerable poor. Give us wisdom to know when we have enough, and the voice to say "enough" to all that harms creation and hurts the poorest. This earth, our home, belongs to you. Amen

Recently deceased:

Paul Davis' memorial service will be held this Tuesday at 1.30pm at St Alban's

Anniversary of Death:

Iris Fatcher 25/9; Ronald Burgess 26/9; David Phillips 26/9; Anna Chelladurai 26/9;
Dorothea Graham 27/9; Charles Farrar 28/9; Elva King 28/9;
Noelle Brinsden 28/9; Bill Gough 29/9; Grace Harms; Ralph Esau;
Albert Thiele 1/10; John Jewell 1/10; Ruth Jurd 1/10

"All in Church" Sundays from 4:30pm-5:30pm

with casual play and fellowship starting at 4:10pm. Dinner will be included.
All people, from all ages are welcome to participate. Please be praying this would
advance God's kingdom, by reaching people in our community.

Help wanted!

Would you be willing to help cook a dinner for the All in Service? We would not need anything too special. Even if it was providing some pre-made frozen food to reheat would be delightful. If you are willing to help, there is a roster to write your name at the back of church. Enquiries: Rev'd Phil Lui.

Mission of the Month C B M A u s t r a l i a



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 110-year history including 30 years in Australia, CBM has developed proven community-based programs that help millions of people benefit from real, lasting change.

Currently over one billion people are **living with disabilities**, and they are **unduly impacted** during times of crisis and disaster. CBM's areas of work include:

- ◆ **Preventing blindness** - preventing and treating avoidable blindness such as cataract, river blindness and trachoma.
- ◆ **Ending poverty** - helping practically by providing aids and equipment, access to much-needed treatment, learning a skill and going to school.
- ◆ **Transforming lives of people with disabilities** - influencing communities, organisations and governments to change attitudes and policies so everyone is included.

For further details, please refer to website www.cbm.org.au

There are a few ways for you to financially support CBM in their global ministry during these times of crisis:

- ⇒ Donate funds directly at <https://my.cbm.org.au/donate>
- ⇒ Transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account – please ensure that you use the tag '[CBM](#)'.
- ⇒ Place your gift in the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your offertory envelope (please write 'CBM' next to the stamped date) or in a plain envelope marked 'CBM' and deposit in the collection box as you arrive for a service at Saint Alban's.
- ⇒ Drop off your monetary donation to the Church office on Tuesday or Thursday morning; deposit it in the Church office mailbox any time; or mail a cheque to PO Box 79 Epping 1710 – please make the cheque payable to the Saint Alban's account and attach a separate note that the funds are intended for CBM.

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.

Royal Recollections

As the Editor of *The Parish Magazine*, I would be happy to receive from parishioners a few lines, a paragraph or two, or a longer item, in which you share your recollections and memories of Queen Elizabeth II or King George VI. These recollections and tributes will be published in the next edition of *The Parish Magazine*. Perhaps you met the



Queen? Perhaps you saw her passing by but remember the occasion very well. Perhaps there is a particular event from her reign which you clearly remember and which made an impression on you.

Please share your memories. You could take a handwritten contribution to Denise in the Church Office or give it to me one Sunday before 10 October. Alternatively, you could email it to julie.evans@ihug.com.au

I look forward to receiving many contributions!

Julie Evans

Image from Australian Government website
<https://www.pmc.gov.au/her-majesty-the-queen>

BCA September Box Opening

It is box opening time again. Please bring in your BCA boxes ready for the September count. They may be left at the church office or placed in the Offertory Box at any service.

You may wish to consider two other ways to make your donations:

- BCA have a *Distance Giving Program*. This is a way to give regularly and securely by credit card. To set this up simply click on this link: www.bushchurchoaid.com.au/distance. More information is available by calling 9262 5017 or email sue@bushchurchoaid.com.au.
- Most bank accounts will allow you to set up a regular deposit to another account. The account details you need are: **BSB 032 008, Account Number 000706**.

You can of course continue using your BCA Box.

If you would like to become a supporter of BCA please contact the parish office and a collection box will be sent to you. Boxes are opened and proceeds forwarded to BCA half yearly. Cleared boxes are returned to the pigeon holes at the front of the church for reuse.

English As A Second Language (ESL)

What a great blessing as we have been planning to relaunch ESL at St Alban's. We have had a number of people keen to be part of the team. If you don't feel you could be a teacher, maybe you could be an assistant or a helper for morning tea, set up or some other need that will require practical assistance?

Our next step will be a meeting with Danielle MacGregor from Anglicare who will share with us some of the resources and training available for a successful programme. Please contact the office or Bishop Ross if you would like to help in this way.

Myanmar Lunch and Learn

Presented by ABM and St Alban's

Sunday 6 November in St Alban's Main Hall

12noon for 12.30pm

First hand stories from ABM pilgrims to Myanmar

Enjoy a light lunch of authentic Myanmar food with wine or fruit juice

FREE admission

For catering purposes please register by 31 October 2022 through TryBooking

www.trybooking.com/CCPWU

or St Alban's Office office@eppinganglicans.org.au / 9876 3362

For further information please contact Peggy Sanders 0413 481 854.

Anglicans Together Annual Dinner

Thursday 17 November 2022 at 7pm

Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, 169 – 171 Castlereagh St Sydney,

The Rt Rev'd Michael Stead, Bishop of South Sydney and Professor Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Divinity, Melbourne will engage in a conversation and discussion on the theme "Anglicans Together – is it possible or a pipe dream?", moderated by the Rt. Rev'd Genieve Blackwell, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Melbourne.

Tickets are \$75 each for members, and \$90 each for non-members, including a 2-course meal and tea and coffee. Seating is limited to 78 people; Make a group and book a table together, while this option is available. Purchase at: [https:// www.trybooking.com/CBKHQ](https://www.trybooking.com/CBKHQ). To join or renew Anglicans Together membership, go to their website.



Listen to the
Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

1 September – 4 October 2022

Each year the Season of Creation starts 1 September, the Global Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

All around the world, Christians are uniting to pray and take action for our common home. Many Anglicans use the Season of Creation – also known as Creation Time – to pray and celebrate with creation, focus on the story of Earth, and commit to a ministry of healing Earth. *"I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you"* (Ex 3:1-12)

Creator of All,

From your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your praise. By your Holy Wisdom you made the Earth to bring forth a diversity of creatures who praise you in their being. You called human beings to till and keep your garden. But we turn in on ourselves and away from our co-creatures. We fail to listen to the cries of the poor and the needs of the most vulnerable. We silence the voices of those who hold the traditions that teach us to care for the Earth. We close our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the Scriptures. Creation cries out as forests crackle, and animals alike flee the fires of injustice that we have lit by our unwillingness to listen. In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. Give us hearts to listen, enlighten us with your grace, and fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WHAT'S ON...

Monday 26 September

Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester

Office closed

7.45pm Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 27 September

Vincent de Paul, priest and worker with the poor

9.00am Staff meeting

10.00am Ladies Bible Study led by Jenny Nicholson via zoom (*link below*)

1.30pm Memorial service for Paul Davis

7.45pm Evening Bible Study with Bishop Ross.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84072186575>

Wednesday 28 September

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

7.30pm Choir practice

Thursday 29 September

MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

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

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

Friday 30 September

Jerome, priest and biblical scholar

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

RLT - The next meeting of RLT Women's Discussion Group will be held on Thursday 6 October at 12.30pm at Jill's home. Please bring your lunch as usual.

Office arrangements -

Denise will be away this Tuesday and Wednesday however the office will still be open on Tuesday (and also Thursday).

Bp Ross can be contacted on 0407 916 603.

COVID-19 and attendance at Services

Services of worship are open to all people. Due to COVID-19 still being present in the community, we recommend that those attending worship or other church activities:

- Be fully vaccinated;
- Stay at home if feeling unwell;
- Use hand-sanitiser regularly.

We also encourage parishioners to receive the extra booster.

We thank you for your consideration of others, while we no longer ask you to wear a mask while in the church building, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so.

Next Sunday Services
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation
2 October 2022

8am Eucharist at St Alban's
Preacher Bishop Ross Nicholson

10am Eucharist at St Alban's (*also streamed*)
Preacher Bishop Ross Nicholson

4.30pm 'All in Church'

Daylight Saving begins NEXT SUNDAY (2 October) at 2am.
Don't forget to put your clocks FORWARD one hour.



**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.

Parish Directory

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