

St Alban's Monthly Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2025



Sunday services this month

2 November – All Saints Day

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Michael Walsh, Voice of the Martyrs

9 November – Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost / Remembrance Sunday

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

Preacher: Chaplain David Schweinsberg

16 November – Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Sung Eucharist

23 November – Christ the King

8am Eucharist with Hymns / 10am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: The Reverend Kian Holik, Indonesian Church

30 November – First Sunday of Advent

8am Eucharist with Hymns /

10am Morning Prayer: Advent Readings and Hymns

Julian Leaser MP visit

Sunday School is held at 10am every Sunday in The Loft

What's on at St Alban's during November

Tuesday 4 November

7.45pm All Souls Eucharist

Preacher: Dr Ruth Shatford AM

Wednesday 5 November

Everyday English Classes at 10am

Thursday 6 November

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

7.15pm Bible Study at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853

Saturday 8 November

11am to 2.30pm Sale, Exhibition and Demonstration of Decorative Mosaics in St Alban's Hall. Funds will support ABM's Reconciliation Fund. Tea, coffee and light refreshments on sale. Enquiries: Jane Bryant 9894 0439

Wednesday 12 November

Everyday English Classes at 10am

Thursday 13 November

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

7.15pm Bible Study at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853

Sunday 16 November

Sounds of Young Hearts, co-founded by Jervis Lee, Isabel Li and Eukai Miao, will have a recital in the main hall at 12.30pm-1.15pm. Donations at the door (which will go to St Alban's).

Wednesday 19 November

Everyday English Classes at 10am

Thursday 20 November

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

6.30pm **Men's BBQ Group** will be held in The Old Sunday School Room (behind the Parish Office). BYO meat for the barby, drinks, some salad or sides, to share. Enjoy getting together with other men in the parish.

7.15pm Bible Study at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853

Saturday 22 November

9.30am Garden Maintenance. Extra hands, of all ages, are always helpful.

Enquiries: Gill McLennan 0411 957 270.

Wednesday 26 November

Everyday English Classes at 10am

Thursday 27 November

9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing by Zoom

10.30am Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

7.15pm Bible Study at North Epping. Enquiries to Ted on 0431 663 853

Newcomers Lunch

Sunday 30 November from 12noon.

Please RSVP to Phil on 0413 396 435 if you would like to attend.

Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection

for November 2025 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.





If you would like to volunteer to help out at the Carols, from building the stage to running food stalls, please let Phil Lui know.

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 Parish

Pray for our Rector Phil in his leadership; pray for our Wardens and the Parish Council, may we all be good stewards of God's bounty as we seek to grow the parish, and do God's will.

Pray for those who will be joining our parish as part of a team for ministry. Pray for all of us in our ministries, and that we may each contribute our skills, talents, time and finances as we are able, for the good of the parish and the furtherance of God's kingdom in our parish and the community around us.

Pray for our Children's Ministry Worker Doris and all our Sunday School leaders and our children. May they grow in their understanding of God's love for them and the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pray for those from our Parish who are in need

Pray that all from our parish community who are in need may know the comfort of God's healing grace: those who are ill, undergoing surgery, or in pain, and those who are confused or fearful. Give thanks for the knowledge and skills of the doctors and nurses, and pray for patience and compassion for all those who care for the sick, the elderly or the infirm.

Pray for those suffering domestic violence

Pray for those experiencing all forms of violence, may they be given courage, hope and practical help to break free from their abuse.

St George's Paddington

Give thanks for the appointment to Bishop Stuart Robinson to be the next Rector of St George's, commencing 25 January 2026. Pray for Paul Weaver in his ministry during the period leading up to Stuart's commencement of ministry. And pray both for Stuart and the parish as they prepare for this new period of worship, ministry and witness.

Pray for our World

Pray for all those who are suffering as a result of war and conflict, experiencing upheaval, fear and uncertainty in their lives. Pray for strength for all medical personnel and humanitarian workers trying to ease the suffering of others in difficult conditions.

Pray that the leaders of nations will work for peace and justice for all people, with the will and courage to seek diplomacy over destruction, and the wisdom to seek lasting peace. Pray for advocates, mediators and peacemakers, that they will be strengthened as they work for an end to the violence.

Pray for all mission agencies seeking to spread God's word and hope throughout the world; and pray for the work of ABM as it seeks to strengthen and sustain First Nations leadership within the Anglican Church of Australia.

Anniversary of Death for November

James Wright; Fred Bell; Beatrice Couch 1/11; Charles Johnson 1/11; George Lavis 1/11; Judith Johnson 1/11; Thelma Tagg 2/11; Gordon Howitt 2/11; Eugene Brayner 3/11; Margaret Holloway 3/11; George Walker 4/11; Alix Evans 7/11; Roma Baldwin 7/11; Sumitha Wickremesinghe 8/11; Myrna Burke 9/11; Sidney Loo Ching 11/11; Elizabeth Johnson 11/11; Agness Passe-de-Silva 11/11; Robert Englebrecht 11/11; Bill Dickinson 12/11; Doreen Brown 13/11; Edna Snyman 16/11; Shirley Bolton 16/11; Eileen Nicol 17/11; David Rien 17/11; Albert Abel 19/11; Margaret Lundie 21/11; Robert Wells 22/11; Mary Boulton 23/11; Reena Mathew 23/11; George Beattie 24/11; Brunhilde Novak 26/11; Daniel Smith 26/11; Ruby Gilling 27/11; Georgina Lisle 29/11; Marianne Hardin 30/11

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence

Each year, from 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to 10 December, World Human Rights Day, the 16 Days of Activism campaign calls for action against one of the world's most persistent violations of human rights – violence against women.

Towards the end of the month check the posters on the notice board. On Sunday 7 December we will mark 'DV Sunday' in our Parish.

New Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia

The Primate is the President of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia. In between Synods, he is also President of the Standing Committee of the General Synod which is elected by the General Synod to take responsibility for the affairs of the General Synod in between General Synod sessions.

The Primate is chosen by a Board of Electors, comprising diocesan bishops and representative clergy and laity.

Responsibility for each of Australia's 23 dioceses rests with the bishops and archbishops appointed to those roles.

The new Primate, commencing 1 November 2025, is the **Right Reverend Dr Mark Short**, Bishop of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, succeeding the Archbishop of Adelaide, The Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith.

Bishop Short graduated from Moore College in 1997 and later received his PhD from the University of Durham in England. Prior to becoming Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn he was national director of the Bush Church Aid Society, working in partnership with 17 Anglican dioceses and other Christian organisations across Australia to support gospel workers in remote and regional areas.

The Parish Magazine

The latest magazine, November 2025 to January 2026, is now available. This is published every three months. The Parish Magazine records recent events in the parish, gives details of parish activities and publishes articles of general interest and articles which set out opinions on a range of matters the subject of discussion within the Anglican Church community.

Would you like to contribute to the next edition of The Parish Magazine? The deadline for contributions is 9 January 2026. Please contact the editor Julie Evans via email julie.evans@ihug.com.au or via the Parish Office. Photographs of Parish events are also welcome.



Mission of the Month

Anglicare Toys 'n' Tucker Christmas Appeal 2025

Toys 'n' Tucker is an annual initiative by Anglicare through which supporters such as our Parish can share the joy of Christmas and demonstrate God's love by providing food and gifts for those who would otherwise go without.

Parishioners are invited to contribute new gifts and non-perishable food to this year's **Christmas hamper** program. Anglicare wants to reach out to more families this year, especially during these uncertain times. They aim to distribute 5,000 Christmas food hampers and 4,000 toy hampers to families in need this Christmas.

Suggestions for your donations include:

Food <i>Standard sizes are preferred to help fit everything in neatly.</i>	Gift ideas
• Christmas pudding • Tinned ham or chunky soup (450g) • Tinned salmon or tuna (415g) • Tea (100pk) • Coffee (100g) • Packet of biscuits (no chocolate biscuits) • Dried pasta (500g) • Pasta sauce • Long-life milk • Long-life custard • Tinned fruit and vegetables (425g) • Jam (500g)	• Pre-school ◦ Age-appropriate games ◦ Educational toys ◦ Picture books • Children ◦ Good-quality toys ◦ Outdoor games ◦ Sporting equipment • Teenagers ◦ Gift cards/vouchers ◦ Sporting equipment ◦ Toiletry packs

Please remember that all donations to Toys 'n' Tucker are to be **new and unused**. (Used clothing in good condition can be placed for recycling in the Anglicare collection bin at the church gate.)

Please assist by **avoiding:**

- glass jars, or anything fragile that may break in transit
- chocolate, as it is likely to melt
- wrapping gifts – unfortunately anything wrapped must be unwrapped prior to distribution.

Please leave your donations

- in the Toys 'n' Tucker crates in the narthex - the last day to leave donations in the church is **Sunday 30 November**.
- at the Parish office Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings - the last opportunity to leave donations at the office is **Tuesday 2 December, at 9am**.

Cash donations to Toys 'n' Tucker are also very welcome. There are a few ways for you to do this. Either use the 'Beyond the Parish' side of your weekly offertory (please write 'Toys n Tucker' next to the stamped date) or use a plain envelope marked 'Toys n Tucker'. Alternatively, transfer funds electronically to the Saint Alban's account - please use the tag 'Toys n Tucker', or donate funds directly at [**toysntucker.org.au/donate/**](http://toysntucker.org.au/donate/)

If you would like to know more, please visit [**www.toysntucker.org.au**](http://www.toysntucker.org.au)

Through Toys 'n' Tucker you can share the joy of Christmas with people in need!

Mission of the Month donations received this year

\$400.00 = Anglicare Chaplaincy (January)
\$585.00 = BCA (February + ongoing donations)
\$242.10 = BCA February box opening
\$878.00 = ABM (March and April + ongoing donations)
\$749.20 = CCA (May)
\$300.00 = Anglican Aid (June)
\$685.00 = House of Welcome (July)
\$425.00 = CBM (August)
\$300.00 = Act for Peace (September)
\$325.00 = Banksia Women and Rough Edges (October)
\$330.05 = BCA September box opening

These amounts have been donated through the Parish accounts and do not include donations made by parishioners directly.

**Zoom details for Sunday 10am Service
and Thursday 9.30am Reading, Reflection and Prayers for Healing**

<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. If you wish give 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.

PARISH STAFF

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